

## Israel, the Head of the Nations

**When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. Deut. 32:8**

Israel is the standard by which God measures the nations. It is the standard of His eternal order, in accordance with which God has created his nation. His plan for this world is incorporated in Israel. Therefore, he has also planned the future according to this standard. So we amazingly recognize that the heavenly city will be measured according to human measurement (*Rev 21:17*). Should it not be the other way round? After all, human beings were created in the image of God and the ark according to the heavenly model. Here, in Revelation however, we have human measurement. It is the earthly Israel: The 12 gates of the heavenly Jerusalem carry the names of the tribes of Israel and the 12 cornerstones the names of the 12 apostles, that are all Israelite. The number of the tribes of Israel 12 (thousand) also determine the length, the width and the height of the new Jerusalem, and its wall is twelve times twelve (thousand) furlongs long. Also, it has twelve gates, through which the people go to find access to God's city through the twelve tribes of Israel.

### Israel, the Root that Bears you

Paul knew about this secret. He therefore admonished the Gentile Christians not to boast against Israel. However, the church has done exactly that.

Romans 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if you boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee!... Verse 24: For if thou were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more shall these, who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! The natural branches have the same nature as the olive tree, the wild ones do not.

Therefore, Israel receives Jeshua (Yeshuah) on the basis of God's covenants, the Gentiles

however by affiliating themselves with Israel. Here we find a difference:

**The Gentiles will become enlightened, but Israel will become glorified.**

See Luke 2, where Simeon prophesies in the temple about Yeshuah. Verse 30:

Because my eyes have seen your salvation, (verse 31:) which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; (verse 32:) a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel!

In this way it is possible for the Gentiles to have a part in the covenants, they share the joy with Israel.

And again he says, Rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people. Romans 15:10:

The root (Israel) carries the branches (the Christians). But what is this root? Substitute-theology proclaims that Yeshuah is meant by this and shows a deep misunderstanding in regards to the covenants, which God has made with his people. These have a deep meaning.

I, Yeshuah, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. Revelation 22:16:

Yeshuah is at the same time the root (origin) and the offspring (descendant) of David. The root has therefore two aspects: an earthly one, the people of Israel, and a heavenly one, God's promises. One belongs inseparably to the other, just like body and soul. The fruit from this tree is Yeshuah. So the root is the visible demonstration of God's work in this world, in which the heavenly combines itself with the earthly. To separate the two would mean nothing less than an attempt to eliminate the covenant. This would show a spirit of the Antichrist. It would reveal the spirit and the workings of the adversary. Even if all Jews don't believe in Yeshuah, they still belong to the root just the same. A tree also consists to a large part of dead wood and dead bark. Only a thin layer under the bark lives and grows. Nevertheless, the whole tree

is considered alive. However if the dead bark and the wood were to be separated from the living part, the tree would die. It is therefore clear: The people of Israel are the root, even if the majority of them are not in the faith today.

## Israel, Head or Tail

Since the destruction of the temple in the year 70 AD, Israel has always been the tail among the nations. The curse was fulfilled as Moses had predicted it.

Deut. 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments... that all these curses shall come upon thee... Verse 43: The stranger...will be the head, but you will end up being the tail.

But because the light cannot shine under the bushel, Israel cannot fulfill its commission as a light to the nations from this position. It must first reside under the blessing itself. Moses said in Deut. 28:1

It shall come to pass if thou will hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God...that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth... Verse 13: And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail.

But Israel can only fulfill its commission to be a blessing to the nations, once it obeys God from the whole heart. But as long as Christians from the Gentile nations want to be the head themselves they displace Israel to the position of the tail and with it into the position of the curse. The Christians, who, in accordance with Roman 11, are grafted into the olive tree of Israel and consequently inseparably connected with its destiny, will share the same fate as God's people. It is therefore impossible for them to reach their goal without God's people. More is at stake here than merely blessing Israel to be blessed in return. What is at stake here is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for Israel. This is the prerequisite for the end time service of Israel to the nations, which will lead to the reconciliation of this world with God. This service is reserved for Israel. Therefore

John 4:22 says: Salvation is of the Jews.

At the time of the return of Yeshuah Christ the church will have been through the rapture. The Gentiles will then turn to Israel to learn more about God. So Israel, like Jonah, will finally take on her task after all, even if she now still resists God.

## Israel Last

Many Christians believe that Israel will be the last people to accept the gospel. This opinion is fundamentally wrong. Israel was the first people to accept the gospel. Even the objection, that only a part of the people believed, is irrelevant, because that was also the case with other people. But it will only be Israel that will be saved as a whole people in the end time judgment.

Romans 11:25 The fact that Israel has been partially blinded until the fullness of the Gentiles has come is only a temporary measure until (see verse 26) all of Israel will be saved.

It will be fulfilled then that Abraham's promised descendants will become a blessing for all nations.

And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people like dew from the Lord, like a shower upon the grass... The Gentiles will cling to them to learn more about God. Micah 5:7

In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you. Zechariah 8:23

That is why God is expecting us to be pleased with the election of Israel (not to be envious) and to petition for his salvation.

Rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people Rom 15:10

Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye,

praise ye, and say, Oh Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel! Jeremiah 31:7

## The Jew First

Scripture says in Ex. 4:22: ...Israel is my son, even my first-born. But among the twelve tribes, Judah is the head.

Gen. 49:8: Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise! Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before you.

The gospel does not just come from the Jews, it is also meant for the Jew foremost and only afterwards for the nations.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Chapters 13-23 of the Acts report to us extensively the trips of the apostles Paul (Saul). Even though he called himself expressively the apostle to the Gentiles he always preached to the Jews first, wherever he went, usually right in their synagogues. It was as a side effect that many Gentiles, whose heart was open, came to the faith in the God of Israel through these sermons. These fundamental truths have been lost as a result of the substitute-theology that the church has now taken up the place of Israel. The Christians from the heathen nations have not replaced Israel as the head, but have been affiliated with him and in this way have become co-heirs (not "in place of" heirs) of the promises and the son-ship. We abundantly know the sad effect of this church history, in which the Gentiles have made themselves the head over Israel. As long as the church was still interconnected with the root, it had an explosion-like growth. Soon after however, a Christianity now distorted, could only be spread by force. Today, God is asking us to restore his orders and to make the service for Israel a first priority again. Especially in witnessing and giving testimony for the Jewish Messiah, Yeshuah, it must be true again today: The Jew first.

## House of Judah & House of Israel

The realization about the position of the Jews in God's Kingdom has increased strongly among Christians in recent years. That is why they support the repatriation of Israel because they recognize the fulfillment of the prophetic word. Regarding Ephraim however they know little or nothing at all. Therefore, they simply interpret Ephraim as a synonym for Israel, which in turn they equate with the Jews. This causes many scriptures to be vague and misunderstood. Scripture always distinguishes clearly between Judah and Ephraim. Why is this? After the death of Salomon, Israel was divided into two kingdoms: In the south, Judah and Benjamin made up the kingdom of Judah (the head), the ten tribes in the north called themselves the kingdom of Israel (after the people of Israel), which in scripture is also called Samaria after its capital, or Ephraim.

## Ephraim the First-Born

I (God) am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. Jeremiah 31:9

The Northern empire of the ten tribes is also called Ephraim frequently in scripture, because he is considered the first-born of Israel and thereby the first among the ten tribes.

For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the prince; but the birth-right was Joseph's. 1. Chronicles 5:2

It was actually Ruben and Simeon who were the first and second born, but Jacob put Ephraim and Manasseh in their place.

Gen. 48:3 And Jacob said unto Joseph... Verse 5: And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh,... are mine, as Ruben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

The blessing of Moses confirms this too.

Deut. 33:16 ...for the good will of him who dwelt in the bush; let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph who was separated (consecrated) from his brethren.

Verse 17: His glory is like the firstling of his

bullock, and his horns are like the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim and that they are the thousands of Manasseh!

The Northern empire of Israel first fell away from God and was carried off. Now, Ephraim is longing for his God.

Jer. 31:18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, like a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; turn me back, and I shall be restored; for thou art the Lord, my God.

Do we sense God's deep affection towards his first-born? He promises the return of Ephraim.

Hosea 11:8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I hand you over, Israel? How shall I make thee as Adma? How shall I make you like Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within me; my compassions are kindled together. 9. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim, for I am God and not man, the Holy One in the midst of thee, and I will not utterly destroy. Verse 10. They shall walk after the Lord; he shall roar like a lion; when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west (from the sea).

## Judah and Ephraim

The prophetic word speaks of different times for a return and distinguishes between Judah and Ephraim on many occasions. Christians usually don't know this differentiation and then misunderstand many of the predictions about the repatriation of Israel, which they interpret as referring to the Jews. Because of this lack of clarity, the time dimension of the restorations becomes blurry too. Based on this the wrong conclusions are derived. In this way

Ezekiel 39:28 does not just apply to the Jews but to the whole house of Israel, meaning all of the twelve tribes. It must therefore be fulfilled later.

Ezekiel 39:28: Then shall they know that I am the Lord, their God, who caused them to be led into captivity among the nations; but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them there any more.

Just like the dispersal in the past, so now the restoration is taking place gradually and at different times. Therefore Isaiah speaks not only of the present repatriation of the Jews, but also of a later one under the reign of the Messiah, that will also involve the ten tribes.

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand for an ensign of the peoples; to him shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious. 11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath and from the coastlands of the sea. 12. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Here Isaiah is speaking not only of the Jews but especially also about the ten tribes, meaning Ephraim. This repatriation won't happen through the Christians however, but through the Jews.

Jeremiah 3:12 Go and proclaim these words towards the north and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel... Verse 17: At that time they shall name Jerusalem the throne of YAHWEH... 18. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance unto your fathers.

Only now the tribes yet at enmity, will be unified to a people again.

The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. Isaiah 11:13

The reunited people of Israel will become a

mighty weapon in God's hand in the fight against the powers of darkness.

Zechariah 9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against Thy sons, O Greece, and made thee like the sword of a mighty man.

## Recognize the Signs of the Time

Jeremiah 8: 7: Yea the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the law of the Lord.

The glory of God, dispersed with the people of God among the nations, is now returning with the people of Israel back to Jerusalem. It is high time for Christians to abandon the un-biblical traditions of the pseudo-Christian paganism and to return to God's order and the root Israel. These signs are absolutely clear:

- 1948 The formation of the state Israel.
- 1967 The re-capture of Jerusalem, which is more and more becoming the burdensome stone for all nations.
- 2001 God's trumpet call on September 11.
- 2003 The last Jews leave Iraq.
- 2004 Until now 60% of all UNO resolutions have been against Israel.  
There are more and more messianic Jews.

## Lost Jews

Ezekiel 37:12: Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Today, in the course of the restoration of Israel, God is revealing to many people their Jewish origin, that was withheld from them by their ancestors for fear of persecution. Here a few details:

- 80% of those that convert to Judaism are of Jewish origin.
- In Portugal there are approximately one million Marrans, which are Jews who were forced into Catholicism.
- It is estimated that in Moslem countries there are millions of secret Jews.

- In Mexico there are many descendants of Spanish Marrans etc.

## The Lost Ten Tribes

Because the fate of the ten tribes is mysterious, a lot has always been speculated about it. The Ephraim teaching is prevalent in the Anglo-Saxon world, where most of the ten tribes are also suspected to exist. This theory postulates that they would have settled in Europe. To prove this, some Bible verses are quoted, as well as certain speculations about the origin of country names like for example Denmark, which would be the tribe of Dan, or Brit-ish, that is read as man of the covenant. From England, the tribes would then have immigrated to America. It is also presumed by some that they might be the present-day Christians. That is typical substitute theology, because it puts the Christians in the place of Israel and is therefore refuted by most Jewish-messianic teachers. According to the prophetic word, the ten tribes will come back to Israel from the north (Jer 3:12). By north, the area of the Assyrian or Babylonian empire is meant here, because these always invaded Israel from the north (Jer 1:14). It was to this area that the tribes were carried off. The actual empires lay in the east however. The geographic north is called the "uttermost parts of the north" in scripture (Eze 38:6). Consequently this eliminates the western countries and thereby the Ephraim teaching. The Jewish organization AMISHAV has looked in the east for the tribes and found them. Generally the terminology used is the "lost ten tribes". They were not lost however, only hidden to us. They themselves know who they are. The evidence that proves their origin is mounting. Here are some of the facts.

## The Kashmiri of Cashmere (5-7 million):

- They look different than the peoples there.
- Even though they are Moslems, they have sympathy for Israel and the Jews.
- They bear many of the Hebrew tribe and city names of ancient Israel.
- A part of them call themselves the sons of Israel.
- Their historians are convinced that they descended from Israel.

## Shinlung B'nei Menashe

Manipur, Indian-Burmese border:

- They believe, that they descended from Manasseh.
- They are praying to the God of Manasseh.
- They bless young boys on the 8th day (instead of circumcision).
- They practice the brother marriage and prohibit incest.
- They follow the Ten Commandments exactly.
- They want to return to Israel.
- Some of the surrounding peoples call them "the ten tribes".
- They have oral traditions of biblical events.
- They celebrate the Biblical feasts.

**The Patanes** Afghanistan (6-7 million) and Pakistan (7-8 million):

- They look like they sprung out of the pages of the Bible.
- They resemble the Afghan Jews.
- They wear beards and even side curls.
- The British called them Mountain-Jews. Officially they are Moslems, but their manners and practiced beliefs are Israelite.
- The Moslems circumcise their boys at age thirteen, the Patanes on the eighth day after birth.
- Wine is prohibited for Moslems and their sacred day is Friday.
- The Patanes celebrate the Sabbath, on which they ignite candles and drink wine.
- The Moslems pray in the direction of Mecca, the Patanes partially in the direction of Jerusalem.
- During bad trials, they smear blood on their doorposts.
- They wear amulets engraved with Hebrew texts like the names of the tribes of Israel.
- They have manners and laws that are similar to the biblical ordinances.
- They use the shield of David (the star of David in a circle).
- They heed the biblical purity laws for women.
- They practice the brother marriage.
- They don't eat meats cooked in milk.
- They are clearly not related to the peoples

around them but seem to originate in quite another region.

- They called themselves sons of Israel in earlier times.

## The Chiang-Min northwest China

- They see themselves as a people, that came from a far western region.
- Their oral tradition says that they descended from Israel.
- They believe in God, whom they fear.
- They prohibit idolatry with the death penalty.
- They had early books. Sanctification and purity are very important to them.
- Before making sacrifices they wash themselves and change their clothes.
- The elders and priests lay their hands on the head of the sacrifice.
- The blood must be sprinkled on the corners of the altar.
- They believe in a future sacrifice that will end all sacrifices.
- The innards of the sacrificed animals are burned; the priest gets the thighs, the shoulder and the breast.
- During sacrifices 12 flags are set around the altar.
- They smear the doorposts with blood.

Even if Judah has gotten the scepter, Ephraim as the first born of God is still the heir. This we should consider carefully, because God won't pass on his heritage as long as the main heir of the promises is not in Israel. Without the heir there is no inheritance. At this realization the words from Jer 31:7 become a commission for us: Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations!

**Publish ye,  
praise ye, and say,  
O YAHWEH, save thy people,  
the remnant of Israel!**

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