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An unusual prophesy is given to Ezekiel while he was confined in a prison camp in Mesopotamia. Yahweh tells Ezekiel to take two sticks, the Hebrew implies wooden rod or pole, certainly larger than walking sticks, and inscribe on them “For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions” and on the other stick inscribe “For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions.”

Then Ezekiel is to go to his fellow Jews with the sticks in hand. When the children of his people were to ask for an explanation of this action; then he was to say, “See, I am taking the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel who are in his company; and I will put it on the stick of Judah and make them one stick, and they will be one in my hand.”

Yahweh then caused the two sticks to merge into one stick.

Then Yahweh said, “See, I am taking the children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will get them together on every side, and take them into their land. And, I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king over them all: and they will no longer be two nations, and will no longer be parted into two kingdoms.” And, “David my servant shall *be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.”¹

This prophesy can only be fulfilled following the resurrection of David and the return of the Messiah. The new Millennium will have started and the Kingdom of Elohim will be a reality in the land promised to Abraham.

From what is stated, it is evident that there are peoples, alive today, that are the descendants of both Judah and Ephraim and that they both are accompanied by various groups of other Israelites, called “their companions”, and the population count of these “peoples” is more than large enough to form a new nation.

The purpose of this article is to present a short history of the two named peoples and specifically identify “Ephraim and his companions.”

Abraham

Almost 4 millennia ago, a man named Abram was born in Ur, a town in the southern part of Mesopotamia. Abram’s birthplace was in the southern part of what is now Iraq -- close to the confluence of the the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, where together they flow into the Persian Gulf.

When he was a very young man, his father moved the family several hundred miles northwest to a place called Haran, in Assyria, what is now the northern or Kurdish portion of Iraq.

When Abram was seventy-five and after the death of his father, Yahweh called Abram and instructed him to leave his home, saying, “take your wife, Sarai and journey to the southwest, to a land called Canaan.”

For his obedience, Yahweh promised that Abram’s descendants would become an exceptional people, very large in number, his name would be great and that through him all nations would be blessed.²

Abraham collected his family, his wife Sarai, her handmaid, Hagar, his servants and his nephew Lot. Together they journeyed with Abraham to Canaan. Yahweh instructed Abraham to settle there.

Abraham and Lot both had a considerable number of sheep, goats, camels and oxen. Due to a drought, the land could not support their combined herds. They parted with Lot going to the southern edge of the Dead Sea, to a town named Sodom and Abraham eventually migrated to Egypt.

Upon Abram’s return to Canaan he learned that Lot had been taken captive by four tribal leaders and

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was being held in the Jordan Valley. So he assembled 318 armed and trained men. All of them were sons of his servants. They chased the enemy as far as the northern reaches of Canaan. In a superb tactical maneuver he surrounded the tribal villains, defeated them and freed Lot.

That evening, Melchizedek, brought bread and wine. He was the king of Jerusalem, the priest of Yahweh Elohim. They met together, ate together and Abram gave a tenth of all of his bounty to Melchizedek.

In the night, Yahweh appeared to Abram in a dream, saying, "Let your eyes be lifted to heaven, and see if the stars may be numbered; even so will your seed be. And he said to him, I am the Yahweh, who took you from Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land for your heritage. Then he said, Take a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a sheep of three years old, and a dove and a young pigeon. Cut them in pieces and lay them on the ground."

All these he took, cutting them in two and putting one half opposite the other, but not cutting the birds in two.

Then he said to Abram, "Truly, your seed will be living in a land which is not theirs, as servants to a people who will be cruel to them for four hundred years; But I will be the judge of that nation whose servants they are, and they will come out from among them with great wealth." ³

"As for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; at the end of a long life you will be put in your last resting-place."

After sunset when it was dark, he saw a smoking fire and a flaming light which went between the parts of the bodies.

In that day Yahweh made an agreement with Abram, and said, "To your seed have I given this land from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. All of the inhabitants will be in the hands of your descendants."

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* your Yahweh Elohim! Walk before Me and be perfect. I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly, and you shall be a father of many nations. Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham. For I have made you a father of many nations."

"I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be an Elohim to you and to your seed after you. And I will give the land to you in which you are a stranger, and to your seed after you, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. And I will be their Elohim. You shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you. Every male child among you shall be circumcised." ⁴

Abraham took all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his silver; every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins in the same day. Abraham *was* ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. All the men of his house, that were born in the house, and bought with silver were circumcised with him. ⁵

Isaac

Sarah became pregnant and gave birth when she was ninety, and gave Abraham a son when he was one hundred years old, at. Abraham gave to his son, to whom Sarah, had given birth, the name Isaac. When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as instructed by Elohim.

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Later Elohim put Abraham to the test, and said to him, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. He said to him, Take your son, your dearly loved only son Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah and give him as a burned offering on one of the mountains of which I will give you knowledge.

Abraham got up early in the morning, and made ready his ass, and took with him two of his young men and Isaac, his son, and after the wood for the burned offering had been cut, he went on his way to the place of which Elohim had given him word. On the third day, Abraham, lifting up his eyes, saw the place a long way off. Then he said to his young men, Keep here with the ass; and I and the boy will go on and give worship and come back again to you. And Abraham put the wood for the burned offering on his son's back, and he himself took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them went on together.

Then Isaac said to Abraham, "My father."

Abraham replied, "Here am I, my son."

Isaac asked, "We have wood and fire here, but where is the lamb for the burned offering?"

And Abraham said, "Elohim himself will give us the lamb for the burned offering: so they went on together."

When they came to the place of where Elohim had instructed; Abraham made the altar and put the wood in place on it, and having made tight the bands round Isaac his son, he put him on the wood on the altar.

And stretching out his hand, Abraham took the knife to put his son to death.

Suddenly, Yahweh appeared and said, "Let not your hand be stretched out against the boy to do anything to him; for now I am certain that the fear of Elohim is in your heart, because you have not kept back your son, your only son, from me."

Lifting up his eyes, Abraham saw a ram fixed by its horns in the brushwood: and Abraham took the sheep and made a burned offering of it in place of his son.

Yahweh then spoke a second time, Saying, "I have taken an oath by my name," said Yahweh, "because you have done this and have not kept back from me your only son. I will certainly give you my blessing, and your seed will be increased like the stars of heaven and the sand by the seaside; your seed will take the land of those who are against them; your seed will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth, because you have done what I gave you orders to do." 6

Then Abraham went back to his young men and they went together to Beer-sheba, the place where he was living.

When Isaac was forty years old, Abraham said to his chief servant, the manager of all his property, "take an oath before Yahweh, the Elohim of heaven and the Elohim of the earth, that you will go to wife for my son Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I am living; but that you will go into my country and to my relations and get a wife there for my son Isaac."

The chief servant made an oath to Abraham that he would journey to Mesopotamia, to the town of Nahor Abraham's brother and find a wife for Isaac. He then took ten camels laden with jewelry and precious gifts and traveled to the town of Nahor.

The chief servant found a beautiful young virgin named Rebekah. When he explained his task to her she took him to her home where he presented his case to Laban, Rebekah's brother, and Bethuel, her

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mother. They called Rebekah in and asked if she wanted to travel to Canaan and become Isaac's wife?

Rebekah replied, "I am ready."

Then both Laban and Bethuel gave Rebekah their blessing, saying, O sister, may you be the mother of thousands and ten thousands; and may your seed overcome all those who make war against them.⁷

Jacob and Esau

After having been married for twenty years, Rebekah yet had no children. Isaac made prayer to Yahweh for his wife; and Yahweh gave ear to his prayer. Rebekah became pregnant. The children were fighting in her womb, and she said, If it is to be so, why am I like this? So she put her question to Yahweh.

Yahweh said to her, Two nations are in your body, and two peoples will come to birth from you: one will be stronger than the other, and the older will be the servant of the younger. When the time came for her to give birth, there were two male children in her body.

The first came out red from head to foot like a robe of hair, and they gave him the name of Esau. After him, his brother came out, gripping Esau's foot; and he was named Jacob.

When the boys were fully grown and Esau became a man of the open country, an expert bowman; but Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac's favorite son was Esau, because Esau's meat was excellent to his taste: but Rebekah had more love for Jacob.

One day Jacob was cooking some soup when Esau came in from the fields with a great hunger.

And Esau said to Jacob, "Give me a full meal of that red soup, for I am overcome with need for food."

Jacob said, "First of all give me your birthright. "

Esau said, "Truly, I am at the point of death: what profit is the birthright to me?"

Jacob said, "First of all give me your oath"

Esau did so, and he gave him his oath, handing over his birthright to Jacob.

Then Jacob gave him bread and soup; and Esau took food and drink and went away, caring little for his birthright.⁸

Then came a time of great need in the land, like that which had been before in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, at Gerar.

Yahweh came to him in a vision and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I will give you knowledge: stay in this land, and I will be with you and give you my blessing; for to you and to your seed will I give all these lands, giving effect to the oath which I made to your father Abraham."

"I will make your seed like the stars of heaven in number, and will give them all these lands, and your seed will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth; Because Abraham gave ear to my voice and kept my words, my rules, my orders, and my laws. "

So Isaac continued to live in Gerar.⁹

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Jacob Purloins the Birthright

Isaac grew old, his vision failed and he knew his death was near. He sent for Esau, his firstborn, and said to him, "My son."

Esau replied, "Here am I."

Isaac Continued, "See now, I am old, and my death may take place at any time. So take your arrows and your bow and go out to the field and get meat for me; And make me food, good to the taste, such as is pleasing to me, and put it before me, so that I may have a meal and give you my blessing before death comes to me. "

Now Isaac's words to his son were said in Rebekah's hearing. Then Esau went out to get the meat.

Rebekah said to Jacob, her son, "Your father said to your brother Esau in my hearing, Go and get some roe's meat and make me a good meal, so that I may be full, and give you my blessing before Yahweh before my death. "

She Continued, "Now, my son, do what I say. "

"Go to the flock and get me two fat young goats; and I will make of them a meal to your father's taste: And you will take it to him, so that he may have a good meal and give you his blessing before his death."

Then Jacob said to Rebekah, his mother, "But Esau my brother is covered with hair, while I am smooth. If by chance my father puts his hand on me, it will seem to him that I am tricking him, and he will put a curse on me in place of a blessing. "

His mother said, "Let the curse be on me, my son: only do as I say, and go and get them for me."

So he went and got them and took them to his mother: and she made a meal to his father's taste.

Rebekah took the fair robes of her oldest son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob, her younger son. Then, she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. She gave into the hand of Jacob, her son, the meat and the bread which she had made ready.

Jacob came to his father, and said, "My father"

Isaac said, "Here am I, who are you, my son?"

Jacob said, "I am Esau, your oldest son; I have done as you said: come now, be seated and take of my meat, so that you may give me a blessing. "

Isaac said, "How is it that you have got it so quickly, my son?"

Jacob answered, "Because Yahweh your Elohim made it come my way."

Then Isaac said, "Come near so that I may put my hand on you, my son, and see if you are truly my son Esau or not. "

Jacob went near his father Isaac.

His father put his hands on his son, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

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Isaac did not make out who he was, because his hands were covered with hair like his brother Esau's hands: so he gave him a blessing.

Then Isaac asked, "Are you truly my son Esau?"

Jacob replied, "I am."

Isaac said, "Put it before me and I will take of my son's meat, so that I may give you a blessing."

And he put it before him and he took it; and he gave him wine, and he took a drink.

Isaac said to him, "Come near now, my son, and give me a kiss."

Jacob came near and gave him a kiss; and smelling the smell of his clothing, he gave him a blessing, and said, "The smell of my son is like the smell of a field on which the blessing of Yahweh has fallen. May Elohim give you the dew of heaven, and the good things of the earth, and grain and wine in full measure. Let peoples be your servants, and nations bow down before you, become master over your brothers, and let your mother's sons go down before you. a curse be on everyone by whom you are cursed, and a blessing on those who give you a blessing. "

When Isaac had come to the end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob had not long gone away from Isaac his father, Esau came in from the field.

He made ready a meal, good to the taste, and took it to his father.

Esau said to him, "Let my father get up and take of his son's meat, so that you may give me a blessing."

Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?"

He said, "I am your oldest son, Esau."

In great fear Isaac said, "Who then is he who got meat and put it before me, and I took it all before you came, and gave him a blessing, and his it will be?"

Hearing the words of his father, Esau gave a great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Give a blessing to me, even to me, O my father! "

He said, "Your brother came with deceit, and took away your blessing."

Esau cried, "Is it because he is named Jacob that he has twice taken my place? for he took away my birthright, and now he has taken away my blessing."

Then he implored his father, "Have you not kept a blessing for me?"

Isaac answering said, "But I have made him your master, and have given him all his brothers for servants; I have made him strong with grain and wine: what then am I to do for you, my son?"

Esau said to his father, "Is that the only blessing you have, my father? give a blessing to me, even me!"

And Esau was overcome with weeping.

Then Isaac his father made answer and said to him, "Far from the fertile places of the earth, and far from the dew of heaven on high will your living-place be. By your sword will you get your living and

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you will be your brother's servant; but, when your power is increased his yoke will be broken from off your neck."

So Esau was full of hate for Jacob because of his father's blessing; and he said in his heart, The days of weeping for my father are near; then I will put my brother Jacob to death.

When Rebekah, hearing what Esau had said, sent for Jacob, her younger son, and said to him, "It seems that your brother Esau is purposing to put you to death. So now, my son, do what I say: go quickly to Haran, to my brother Laban; And be there with him for a little time, till your brother's wrath is turned away; Till the memory of what you have done to him is past and he is no longer angry: then I will send word for you to come back; are the two of you to be taken from me in one day?"¹⁰

Then Isaac sent for Jacob, and blessing him, said, "Do not take a wife from among the women of Canaan; But go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father, and there get yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. And may Elohim, the Ruler of all, give you his blessing, giving you fruit and increase, so that you may become an army of peoples. And may Elohim give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed, so that the land of your wanderings, which Elohim gave to Abraham, may be your heritage."

So Isaac sent Jacob away: and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramaean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. And sojourned with Laban, for twenty years.¹¹

Jacob Blessed by Yahweh

Jacob, coming to a certain place, made it his resting-place for the night, for the sun had gone down; and he took one of the stones which were there, and putting it under his head he went to sleep in that place. And he had a dream, and in his dream he saw steps stretching from earth to heaven, and the angels of Elohim were going up and down on them. And he saw Yahweh by his side, saying, I am Yahweh the Elohim of Abraham your father, and the Elohim of Isaac. I will give to you and to your seed this land on which you are sleeping.

Your seed will be like the dust of the earth, covering all the land to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south: you and your seed will be a name of blessing to all the families of the earth. And truly, I will be with you, and will keep you wherever you go, guiding you back again to this land; and I will not give you up till I have done what I have said to you.

Jacob, awaking from his sleep, said, "Truly, Yahweh is in this place and I was not conscious of it."

A great fear came on him, and he said, "This is a set-apart place; this is nothing less than the house of Elohim and the doorway of heaven."

Early in the morning Jacob took the stone which had been under his head, and put it up as a pillar and put oil on it. And he gave that place the name of Bethel. And Jacob said to himself, "This stone which I have put up for a pillar will be the house of Elohim."¹²

Jacob in Paddan-aram

Jacob continued his trek to a spring in Paddan-aram not far from the home of Laban, his mother's brother. While he was asking several shepherds about Laban a young woman arrived with her father's sheep. He removed the rock covering the spring so that she could water her flock. When he asked her name she said that she was Laban's daughter, Rachel. When he told her that he was Jacob, the son of Rebekah, Laban's sister, she immediately took him to her father where he was warmly welcomed.

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Jacob stayed with Laban and his family for a month then Laban asked Jacob if he would consider working for him. Jacob quickly replied that he would work for Laban for seven years if his wages included Rachel as his wife.

After the seven year work agreement was completed, Laban, arranged a grand wedding party for his future son-in-law. During the party he substituted Leah as the bride. When Jacob awoke the next morning he was shocked and angered that he had been tricked. However, Laban quickly soothed Jacob by saying that by custom the elder daughter must be married first and that Jacob could have Rachel, for his wife, by agreeing to an additional seven year employment commitment. Jacob agreed and within a week a second wedding was arranged.

After the birth of Joseph, his eleventh son, Jacob said to Laban, Let me go away to my place and my country. He had worked as Laban's servant for fourteen years when he approached Laban for permission to leave with his wives their handmaidens, his sons and daughter. Laban asked Jacob what he wanted for wages. Jacob said that he would take only the spotted, striped and black sheep and goats; and, Laban would keep all of the pure white animals. Laban knew that he had been greatly blessed through Joseph's efforts and agreed to this covenant.

During the fourteen years Jacob had learned much from his crafty father-in-law as well as skill and knowledge of animal husbandry. For the next few years, through clever breeding, all of the stronger animals were stripped, spotted or black. So Jacob's wealth was greatly increased; he had great flocks and women-servants and men-servants and camels and asses.

After more than twenty years of Jacob working for his uncle, Laban, and being blessed with much wealth, many flocks, both Leah and Rachel as wives, their handmaidens and concubines, eleven sons and a daughter he decided to return to his home in Canaan.

Jacob left during the night time, fearing that Laban would forswear his covenant and prevent his leaving. Laban's sons went to their father and accused Jacob of thievery because Jacob had taken such a great flock, Laban gathered his manservants and pursued Jacob for seven days. At Gilead Laban camped before confronting Jacob. In a dream that night Yahweh warned Laban to do no harm to Jacob.

The next day Laban overtook Jacob and accused him of leaving without notice. Jacob soothed Laban's ill feelings and they made a peace covenant. Together they built a mound of witness stones and vowed in their lifetime to never again to contend with each other.

Jacob's Name is changed to Israel

Jacob continued on the way to Canaan. When evening came and before going out to face his estranged brother Esau on the morrow he went of by himself to meditate and pray. He was confronted and challenged by a strong being.

Then Jacob was by himself; and a man was fighting with him till dawn. But when the man saw that he was not able to overcome Jacob, he gave him a blow in the hollow part of his leg, so that his leg was damaged. And he said to him, Let me go now, for the dawn is near. But Jacob said, I will not let you go till you have given me your blessing.

Then he said, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel: for in your fight with Elohim and with men you have overcome. Then Jacob said, What is your name? And he said, What is my name to you? Then he gave him a blessing. And Jacob gave that place the name of Peniel, saying, I have seen Elohim face to face, and still I am living.¹³

Note: Israel means "to strive with El, to overcome with El, (then) to rule with El"

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Joseph Sold into Egypt

After a very emotional reconciliation with Esau, his brother, Jacob, with his family, flocks and servants continued his journey.

When they journeyed from Beth-el, and while they were still some distance from Ephrath, the pains of birth came on Rachel and she had a hard time in delivery of her second son. She delivered, named him Ben-oni: but his father gave him the name of Benjamin. So Rachel came to her end and was put to rest on the road to Ephrath *which is Beth-lehem*.

And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, at Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had been living. And Isaac was a hundred and eighty years old. Then Isaac came to his end and was put to rest with his father's people, an old man after a long life: and Jacob and Esau, his sons, put him in his last resting-place.

Jacob continued to live in the land of his father, in the land of Canaan.

The love which Israel displayed for Joseph was greater than for the rest of his children. Joseph was conceived late in life. Israel had a long multi-colored coat made for him. Because of this his brothers knew that Joseph was dearer to his father than all the others and they were full of hate for him.

Then Joseph had a dream, and he gave his brothers this account of it. We were in the field, getting the grain stalks together, and my grain kept upright, and yours bowed down on the earth before mine. His brothers said to him, are you to be our king? will you have authority over us? And because of his dream and his words, their hate for him became greater than ever.

Later he had another dream, and gave his brothers an account of it, saying, I have had another dream: the sun and the moon and eleven stars gave honor to me. When he gave word of it to his father and his brothers; but his father protesting said, What sort of a dream is this? am I and your mother and your brothers to go down on our faces to the earth before you? His brothers were full of envy; but his father kept his words in mind.

Now his brothers went to keep watch over their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, Go now, and see if your brothers are well and how the flock is; then come back and give me word. So he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

A man saw him wandering in the country, and said to him, What are you looking for? And he said, I am looking for my brothers. Please give me word of where they are keeping their flock. And the man said, They have gone away from here, for they said in my hearing, Let us go to Dothan. So Joseph went after them and found them at Dothan.

When they saw him coming a long way off. They made a secret design against him to put him to death. Saying to one another, see, here comes this dreamer. Let us now put him to death and put his body in to one of these holes, and we will say, An evil beast has put him to death: then we will see what becomes of his dreams.

But Reuben, hearing these words, got him out of their hands, saying, Let us not take his life. Do not put him to a violent death, but let him be placed in one of the holes. This he said to keep him safe from their hands, with the purpose of taking him back to his father again.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they took off his long coat which he had, and they took him and put him in the hole. Now the hole had no water in it. Then seating themselves, they took their meal.

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Looking up, they saw a traveling band of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead on their way to Egypt, with spices and perfumes on their camels.

Judah said to his brothers, What profit is there in putting our brother to death and covering up his blood? Let us sell him to these Ishmaelites for a price, and let us not put violent hands on him, for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers gave ear to him. When a caravan of traders from Midian came by they pulled Joseph out of the hole, then sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty bits of silver. The Midianites took him to Egypt.

When Reuben came back to the hole, Joseph was not there. He was devastated and filled with grief. He went back to his brothers, and said, “The child is gone; what am I to do? ‘

Then, they took Joseph's coat, and put on it some of the blood from a young goat which they had killed. They took the coat to their father, and said, We came across this; is it your son's coat or not? When he saw that it was, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast has put him to death; without doubt Joseph has come to a cruel end.

Jacob, giving signs of grief, put on haircloth, and wept for his son day after day. All his sons and his daughter came to give him comfort, but he would not be comforted, saying with weeping, I will go down to the underworld to my son. So great was his father's sorrow for him.

In Egypt the men of Midian sold Joseph to Potiphar, a captain of high position in Pharaoh's house. ¹⁴

Jacob Bequeaths Blessings

Years later, through a series of inspired situations, Joseph rose up very high in the Egyptian ruling community. He became, in essence, the Interior Minister, the Commerce Minister and advisor to Pharaoh. ¹⁵

There was a famine in Canaan and Jacob sent ten of Joseph's brothers down to Egypt to purchase grains. They were required to present themselves and bow before Joseph to complete their purchase. Joseph did not immediately reveal himself to them but tricked them into going back to Canaan and returning with his younger brother.

When they returned with Benjamin, Joseph welcomed them as brothers. When the Pharaoh learned of Joseph's family he ordered horses, carts and servants to journey to Canaan and move Jacob's entire tribe to the land of Goshen, in Egypt. ¹⁶

When Jacob was one hundred and forty-seven years of age, he became ill and knew he was close to death. Joseph was called to his father's side and he brought his two small sons Manasseh and Ephraim. When he arrived Israel gathered his strength and sat up in his bed.

Then, Jacob said to Joseph, “Elohim, the Ruler of all, came to me in a vision at Luz in the land of Canaan, and gave me his blessing, And said to me, Truly, I will make you fertile and give you increase and will make of you a great family of nations: and I will give this land to your seed after you to be their heritage for ever. Your two sons who were born in Egypt before I came here, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, in the same way as Reuben and Simeon are. Any other offspring which you have after them, will be yours, and will be named after their brothers in their heritage.”¹⁶

Then Israel, looking at Joseph's sons, said, “Who are these?”

And Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom Elohim has given me in this land.”

Israel said, “Let them come near me, and I will give them a blessing.”

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Now because Israel was old, his eyes were no longer clear, and he was not able to see. So he made them come near to him, and he gave them a kiss, folding them in his arms.

Israel said to Joseph, "I had no hope of seeing your face again, but Elohim in his mercy has let me see you and your children."

Then Joseph took them from between his knees, and went down on his face to the earth.

Then taking Ephraim with his right hand, Joseph put him at Israel's left side, and with his left hand he put Manasseh at Israel's right side, placing them near him.

Israel, stretching out his right hand, put it on the head of Ephraim, the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands on purpose, for Manasseh was the older.

Then he gave Joseph a blessing, saying, "May the Elohim to whom my fathers, Abraham and Isaac, gave worship, the Elohim who has taken care of me all my life till this day. The angel who has been my savior from all evil, send his blessing on these children: and let my name and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac, be given to them; and let them become a great nation in the earth."

Now when Joseph saw that his father had put his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it did not seem right to him; and lifting his father's hand he would have put it on the head of Manasseh.

Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this is the older; put your right hand on his head. "

But his father would not, saying, "I am doing it on purpose, my son; he will certainly become a nation and a great one; but his younger brother will be greater than he, and his seed will become the fullness of nations."

So he gave them his blessing that day, saying, "You will be the sign of blessing in Israel, for they will say, May Elohim make you like Ephraim and Manasseh; and he put Ephraim before Manasseh."

Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now my death is near; but Elohim will be with you, guiding you back to the land of your fathers."¹⁷

Conclusion

Repeatedly, because of the obedience and faith of their ancestors, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been blessed with great populations, fertile lands and multiple nations. Since the principal or special blessing was placed on Joseph and his sons Manasseh and Ephraim, in order to identify these peoples we need to search for the peoples who have received the greatest portions of wealth, bounty of the heavens, prosperous lands and consistent victory over their enemies.

The tiny nation named Israel, in the middle-east hardly qualifies as a people numerous as the "stars of heaven and the sand by the seaside" nor as a single group have they been a "blessing to all the nations of the earth." Therefore, for the fulfillment of this prophesy we must look elsewhere.

In the last four centuries it has been obvious that it is the English speaking peoples who have multiplied in population and garnered the major portion of the blessings from Elohim. These peoples though less than six percent of the world's population possess ninety percent of the worlds wealth.

With that in mind we can ask who is the elder nation and who is the younger, who will be greater than his older brother? The obvious answer is, as nations go, the British are the elder and the Americans are the younger.

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Some may halt at the statement that the USA is greater than the UK, but examine the magnificent outpouring of wealth and prosperity from Elohim that the younger brother has received. It is true that during the zenith of the British Commonwealth the “sun never set on the British Empire.” However, since the advent of the Second World War it has been the United States of America that has influenced, dominated, even controlled the direction of the English speaking peoples, and much of the world. Just as the original capital and center of governmental influence of the ten northern tribes of Israel was in Samaria of Ephraim, in the latter days, the center of governmental influence of the “Lost ten tribes” is in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, modern day Ephraim.

As for the “fullness” or as some translations assert “multitude” of nations. (Genesis 48:19) the Hebrew term “Maloe [=fullness] HaGoyim [=the nations] could be translated into English as “many troops”, a large number of people; it could even be translated as “many colonies” or “multiple states”, as in the “United States.” As an etymological example, translate “many united states” into Hebrew.

Additionally it is the USA (Ephraim) that is today vexing Israel (Judah) over Palestinian statehood and the expansion of Jewish settlements surrounding Jerusalem. And it is Judah that is vexing the USA (Ephraim) by demanding their right to expand their communities as they see fit.¹⁸

Why is this important?

To understand the end time prophecies of the Bible and the countries who are named, you must be able to identify the peoples who are involved. Ephraim appears, by name, multiple times in the prophetic books of the Bible and is the subject of much of end-time prophecy writings. On our website we will compare current events with Biblical prophesy and show where the Unites States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and other modern day English speaking peoples are fulfilling the words written in this Book of Truth.

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