



WHO IS REALLY ISRAEL?

To understand who is really Israel we must understand one important aspect of what YHWH told Israel through the covenant given at Mt Sinai.

YHWH clearly told Israel (all 12 tribes) what the Nation of Israel's Punishment for Disobedience would be in Deuteronomy. 28:64-68 .

1. The people would be scattered among all nations throughout the world.
2. They would worship and serve other gods.
3. They would have no repose (peace) nor resting place for their feet (be on the move; migrate).
4. They would have anxious minds (anxiety; fear; worry; wishful thinking), eyes failing or weary with longing (to desire something unattainable; crave for), and sorrow of being (to have self-pity).
5. They would be in constant fear, suspense, and dread.
6. They would have no assurance of their future (complete uncertainty).
7. They would go back to Egypt once again; Egypt as an example of slavery, hardship, and turmoil found in the world.

After Israel under king Solomon departed from the covenant YHWH told Solomon that the kingdom would be divided into two parts.

1Ki 11:9 Therefore יהוה was enraged with Shelomoh, because his heart had turned away from יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, who had appeared to him twice,

1Ki 11:10 and had commanded him concerning this word, not to go after other mighty ones. But he did not guard what יהוה had commanded.

1Ki 11:11 And יהוה said to Shelomoh, "Because you have done this, and have not guarded My covenant and My laws, which I have commanded you, I shall certainly tear the reign away from you and give it to your servant.

1Ki 11:12 "Only, I do not do it in your days, for the sake of your father Dawid. Out of the hand of your son I shall tear it.

1Ki 11:13 "Only, I shall not tear away all the reign but give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant Dawid, and for the sake of Yerushalayim which I have chosen."

Scripture then refers to these two parts as the House of Israel or House of Ephraim as one part and the other part as the House of Judah.

The House of Israel held the Northern regions of the land of Israel and had its capital at Samaria. The House of Judah dwelt in the southern part of the land and had its capital at Jerusalem.

Both developed as separate kingdoms under different kings and both experienced the punishments for departing from YHWH's covenant as HE had declared in Deut 28:

For example both of these kingdoms were scattered throughout the world. One important difference however was that the House of Judah (today's Jews) kept their



identity. They were distinctly seen to be 'Jews' wherever they lived around the world. However the House of Israel / Ephraim lost their identity as Israelites and became assimilated into the peoples of the nations into which they were scattered.

THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL

Understanding about the Two Houses of Israel in scripture is one of the most important things that a believer should have after repentance and receiving salvation. Without proper understanding of the Two Houses of Yahweh's Word, a believer cannot properly connect the first Covenants of YHWH with the Renewed Covenant that Yahshua ratified. This is exactly why false teachings and false religious doctrines have thrived in Christianity for centuries.

Today YHWH is changing this.

“I can never be too thankful to the Almighty that in my youth he used the late Professor Wilson to show me the difference between the TWO HOUSES. The very understanding of this difference is the **KEY** by which almost the entire Bible becomes intelligible, and I cannot state too strongly that the man who has not yet seen that Israel of the Scripture is totally distinct from the Jewish people, is yet in the very infancy, the mere alphabet, of Biblical study, and that to this day the meaning of seven-eighths of the Bible is shut to his understanding.”

By Prof Charles A L Totten

In II Kings 17:1-40 we read that due to their sins of idolatry and whoredom, the House of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom were sent into exile as captives of the Assyrian Empire.

The beginning of the exile of the numerous populated ten tribes of the North began in 745 B.C. E. when YHWH raised up the Assyrians to invade the Northern Kingdom, the House of Israel. Throughout the following years, Assyrians deported huge masses of Israelites into Assyrian held lands, making them labourers within the Assyrian Empire. Yahweh's punishment was then fulfilled upon the House of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and they:

1. Were rejected by Yahweh (Jeremiah 3:8, Hosea 9:17).
2. Were invaded and taken captive by the brutal Assyrians (II Kings 17:23).
3. Their lands of the Northern Kingdom would be resettled by Assyrian captives taken from other lands (II Kings 17:24).



4. They would be scattered among the nations (Deuteronomy 4:27; Ezekiel 36:21).

These Israelites were initially scattered among Assyrian held lands. After the Assyrian Empire declined, they began to migrate further away from Assyrian lands. Some of these Israelite refugees moved north towards Southern Russia. Others moved across Asia and established the Parthian Empire which existed at the same time as the Roman Empire.

When the Parthian Empire collapsed many of these Israelites moved North and finally toward the European areas to eventually settle.

Later various nations of this European region became powerful and set ships all over the world to other countries to claim lands for themselves. For example the Portugese then the Spanish, the Dutch, the French, the British and so on all claimed other lands as their own after their ships travelled the world.

In this way the Israelites from the Northern kingdom became scattered in the nations, they would accept the cultures and adopt heathen religions of these nations. These Israelites would intermingle and intermarry with the people of these nations and have mixed offspring. They would so thoroughly assimilate that they became called Gentiles. [These are the same 'gentiles' that Paul write to and about in his letters].

It was also in this way that they became "invisible" or 'lost' to the view of the world. Over succeeding generations they continued to move from lands to lands to eventually migrate throughout all the world (Hosea 9:17).

Yet all this was in fulfilment of the Promise that YHWH made to Avraham that his 'seed' would be more than the sand of the seashore and more than the stars in the heavens. In other words Avraham's 'seed' would be so great that it could never be numbered.

5. They would lose their identity as Israelites, and their conscience would be seared (Hosea 7:8, 8:8).

6. The Israelites would not return to their land in Israel as the House of Israel, or the ten tribes, until their hearts returned to Yahweh (Deuteronomy 4:29-31), and the prophecies of restoration would be fulfilled Ezekiel 37:21-22; Hosea 2:22-23).

(Hosea's three children tell us what would happen to the House of Israel)



Many people still today do not believe that these two houses of Israel exist. They believe that all the tribes of Israel have already come back together.

One such idea is that during the times of Ezra and Nehemiah all the tribes returned. However a careful reading of the scriptures shows that although a very small number from the House of Israel did return at that time they were in such small numbers that they could not be said to be a tribe; the majority who returned were from the House of Judah (that is were Jews). They even returned to the cities of JUDAH and not to the northern cities.

So if the House of Israel, the ten tribes of Northern Israel have literally fulfilled the Avrahamic Covenant promise to multiply greatly, these Israelites would have to become like the sand on the seashore, so many that they cannot be measured or counted as stated in the Avrahamic Covenant (Genesis 15:5). This they have done.

The population difference between the House of Israel and the House of Judah from ancient times to modern day has always been such that the "Jews" (House of Judah) have always been smaller in number than the House of Israel Israelites. This means that the House of Judah cannot possibly fulfil Gen.15:5 on its own.

Unfortunately today most Christians and even most Jews think that Israel is the Jews and the Jews are Israel. In fact Israel is made up of Jews (those from the tribes of Judah & Benjamin) as well as those whose family lineage is from the 10 tribes of the Northern kingdom.

YHWH said that at the end of the punishment of the northern kingdom and the House of Judah HE would raise up again a remnant from both houses to reform His nation of royal priests – the nation of Israel. From this nation He will then reach all people of the nations of the world.

This again indicates that the reuniting of the House of Israel and the House of Judah will only happen when the punishment or discipline of YHWH is over. This was not over during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. From the prophetic actions of Ezekiel given to us in chapter 4: and the decree by YHWH that it could be increased by seven times (Lev 26:) we can deduce that this discipline only came off the House of Israel in about 1995-6 to 2000AD.

It is only in these days that YHWH is preparing both the House of Judah as well as the House of Israel/Ephraim to be reunited into a new Restored Israelite Nation to fulfil His work.



If, as some believe, these two houses have come back together at some time far in the past, then:

1. Why do we have Yahshua Messiah still teaching in His parables about the two houses coming back together (eg the Prodigal son).
2. Why do we have Yahshua's disciples still addressing their letters to the 12 tribes of Israel scattered abroad? (James 1:1) These cannot just be Jews as they are only 2 tribes.
3. If the prophesy of Ezekiel 34:12-25 is correct which states after YHWH gathers His sheep from all the places where they have been scattered they will be in the land of Yisrael under ONE shepherd (king – ie Yahshua) who will feed them and they will have a **covenant of peace**. If all 12 tribes have been re-gathered as some claim why do we not see the one king over them and a time of peace in the land. The fact that there is neither one king nor a time of peace yet indicates that the re-gathering of the 12 tribes has not yet happened.

WHY ISRAEL MUST BE REUNITED:

There are three threads of understanding which need to be understood to begin to understand the plans and purposes of YHWH. These are

1. The 2 houses of Israel
2. The responsibilities of the Firstborn in families of Israel
3. The function and place of the Melek Tzadik priesthood.

YHWH's plans DO NOT INCLUDE AN ORGANISATION CALLED THE CHURCH!!

YHWH's plan is to reunite a remnant from these two houses of Israel into His royal priesthood nation and then to reach all the nations of the world through this priesthood. This is the role of the Melek (kingly/royal) Tzadik (priestly/ righteous) priesthood that Yahshua Messiah is the High Priest of.

This priesthood must have some from the House of Judah returning to YHWH and some from the House of Israel/Ephraim returning to the covenant of Torah because Ya'akov gave the rulership (royalty) to Judah when he blessed his sons. However Ya'akov gave His RIGHT HAND blessing for righteousness to Ephraim his adopted son from Joseph's family! The RIGHT HAND blessing is always for the firstborn or the one that YHWH chooses in a family to operate in the role of the righteous firstborn position. Part of this responsibility is to teach the family about the Torah and how to live it correctly.

Both these Houses have only one part of the requirements to form the Melek – Tzadik priesthood. It is this unity that has to take place before Israel is restored and the rest of mankind can see and come into YHWH's kingdom.