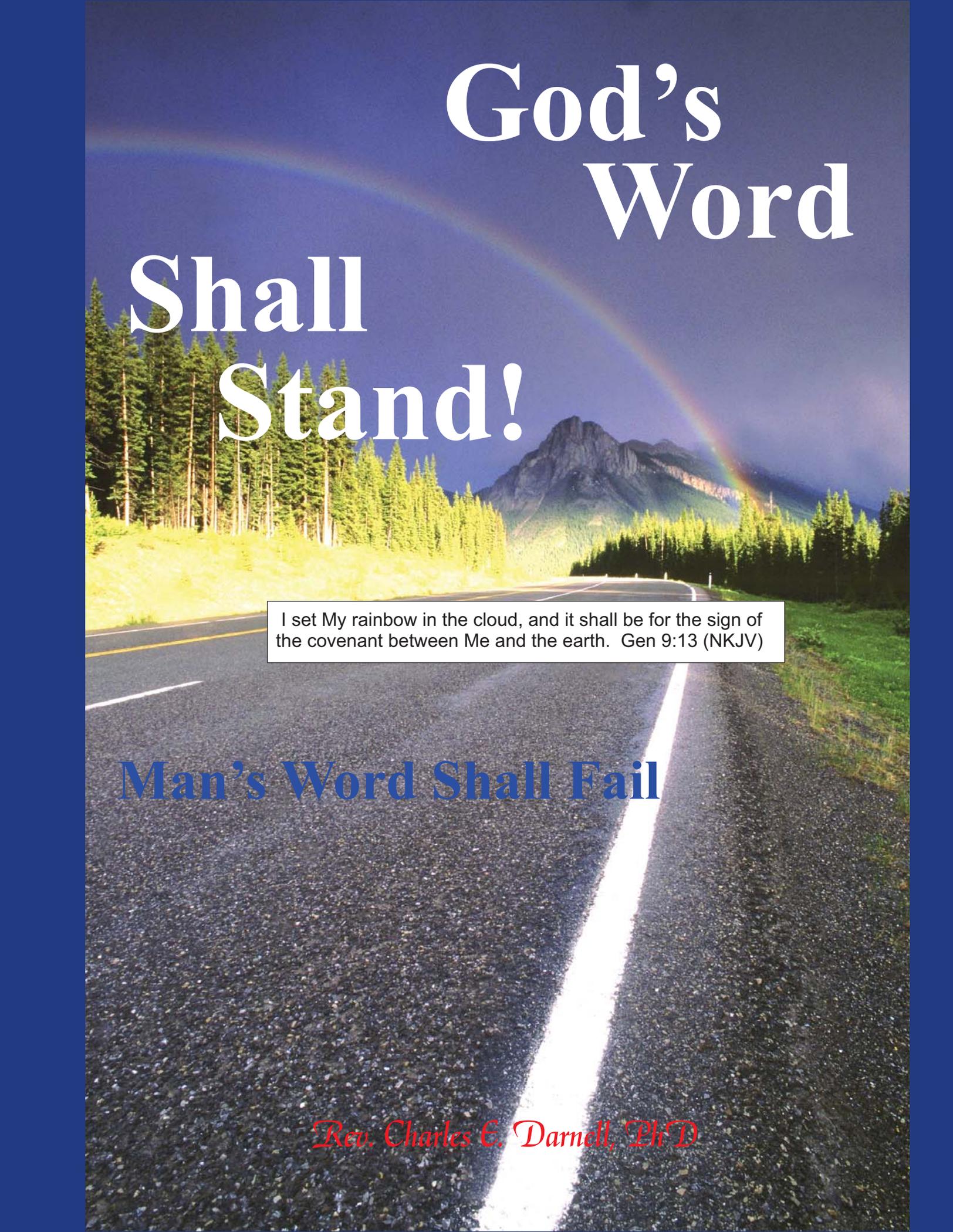


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The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God stands forever!

A true statement! I really want to start this booklet with the middle verse of the Bible. The middle verse is Psalms 118:8, *⁸It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.*

This is a case study of what the Bible clearly says! God is in charge! Presidents and kings do not matter! Israel is the reason we need to understand end time prophecy! The world has been misled and deceived by Satan! Learn from God's Word!

Proverbs 19:20-29, *²⁰Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days. ²¹There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless **the Lord's counsel—that will stand.** ²²What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar. ²³The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil. ²⁴A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. ²⁵Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge. ²⁶He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach. ²⁷Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge. ²⁸A disreputable witness scorns justice, And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity. ²⁹Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.*

There are some very important statements made in these verses. Notice in verse 20 that we are to listen to counsel and receive instruction. The next phrase explains to us the reason for us to listen and that is; so we may be wise in our latter days. We can accept our latter days as being two fold. This could be on a personal level and mean as we grow older; or, it could be on a national level and mean the end times of the age of the Gentiles and the beginning of the tribulation. Either way the importance is that we listen to counsel. Verse 21 states another important concept to understand. Mankind's heart is full of all kinds of plans, including the idea that he is able to control the environment, to correct injustice and to use his mind to press science forward for the betterment of mankind as a whole. Really? What does the last phrase of verse 21 say? Doesn't it say that 'the Lord's counsel will stand?' God is the ultimate authority and his Word illustrates this fact. Look at the following proverb, Proverb 21:1-8, *¹**The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.** ²Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts. ³To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. ⁴A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin. ⁵The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty. ⁶Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death. ⁷The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice. ⁸The way of a guilty man is perverse; But as for the pure, his work is right.* God is in charge, even over presidents and kings, and His plan shall prevail even when He permits and allows things to happen. Turn over to the book of 1st Samuel and observe the statement Samuel made to God when the Israelites demanded a king, like the kings the other nations had. 1st Samuel 8:4-9; 19-20, *⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷And the Lord said to Samuel, "**Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.** ⁸According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which **they have forsaken Me and served other gods**—so they are doing to you also. ⁹Now therefore, heed their voice.*

However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them." . . . ¹⁹ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." God forewarned the Israelites through Samuel as to what the consequence of their request would be, but they refused the advise that Samuel gave and demanded a king, thus God allowed them to have a king to rule over them.

We can go through the books of Chronicles and Kings and other prophets of God and see the historical results of the Israelites request for a king. Jeremiah tried for over forty years to get the people of Jerusalem to repent and turn back to God. Jeremiah, Daniel and Isaiah all provided instruction from God and what would be. But, no! They had to have things the way they wanted them. At this junction I must make several clear statements and show you the truth.

If we are going to attempt to clear up some of the misguided deceptions of Satan, we must, out of necessity, establish who is who when we speak of the people of Israel. First, there is the son of Isaac named Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. He was the original Israel. Secondly, there is the nation of Israel, which left Egypt in the Exodus and included all the tribes. There were three kings who served as king over the entire nation of Israel, they were Saul, David and Solomon. Thirdly, because of the sins of Solomon, his son Rehoboam caused the split to occur and Jeroboam became king over the northern ten tribes identified as the **House of Israel**. Rehoboam retained the kingship over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and identified as the **House of Judah**. This southern kingdom is the people called Jews. **There is great confusion today when we speak of Israel because the people of Judah, the Jews, are now those called Israel.** They are not the entire twelve tribes which represents all the tribes of the Israelites. Care must be considered when anyone begins studying the people of Israel to see about whom is being spoken. Of the mentioned prophets allow me to show you something. Jeremiah and Hosea spoke to both houses or kingdoms. Daniel and Isaiah spoke to the House of Judah and Ezekiel spoke to the House of Israel.

Here is another important statement recorded in Daniel 2:20-22, ²⁰ *Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. ²¹ And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. ²² He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.* These three verses contain a wealth of information to be digested. First look at verse 20, Daniel says wisdom and might are attributes of God. He goes further in verse 21 and states that God has the capability to change times and season and that He can establish a king or He can remove a king. Finally, in verse 22 Daniel reveals that God knows all that is going on in the darkness and that God is light. Allow me to show you how much control God truly has, turn to Isaiah 46:8-13, ⁸ *"Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. ⁹ Remember the former things of old, For **I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,** ¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning,** And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, **'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'** ¹¹ *Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed **I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.** ¹² "Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness: ¹³ I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And **I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.** Do you understand that God knows the end of the things of earth from the beginning. He has all things planned out and the one thing that He will remove from the earth is sin. Sin does not enter into the Millennium Kingdom of Christ. But, once Satan is released for a short season after the 1000 years, the whole of Earth is deceived by Satan. God wipes out the armies of the Antichrist and throws Satan into the lake of fire. God then destroys this present earth and creates a new earth, perfect as the first earth was on the day it was created, but the new earth will**

not know sin. Then the new Jerusalem will come down from heaven to this new earth and will be the home of God's children forever and ever. Return to the beginning of this study and read once again the statement in the second paragraph which says, Israel is the reason we need to understand end time prophecy! If you attend a church where their doctrine states that the church has replaced Israel and that God does not deal with Israel anymore, you better look once again at the words recorded in verse 13 above. It was God's choice to establish Israel for His glory, He did not establish your church for His glory, so stop believing the lie!

Let's look at a few more deceitful things Satan has managed to introduce in his counterfeit christian religion. Do you understand that Jesus was not a Christian? There was no New Testament at the time Jesus walked the earth. Jesus was born a Jew, He lived as a Jew, in the land of the Jews. He worshipped His Father on the Sabbath in a synagogue and practiced all the ordained feast days God established with Moses. Jesus followed the law of Moses and the Ten Commandments. He was not born on the 25th of December and He was not crucified on a Friday and arose on the following Sunday. Finally, His name was not and is not Jesus, His name in Hebrew is Yehoshua (Yeh-HO-shoo-ah), which, over time, became contracted to the shorter Yeshua (Yeh-SHOO-ah). Yehoshua, and therefore Yeshua as well, means "the Lord is salvation."

Let's examine these statements a little closer. Yeshua was not a Christian! That is a true statement. Yeshua was a Jew and His teachings were 'The Way,' as taken from John 14:6, ⁶ *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* These words were spoken to Phillip and for most of us this one statement is all that we receive from this discourse with Phillip. Here is the remaining portion that we should all know and understand. John 14: 10-14, ¹⁰ *Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.* ¹¹ *Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.* ¹² *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.* ¹³ *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴ *If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.* Yeshua clearly states that His authority comes from God. He further states that if you cannot believe that God is a Trinity accept that He is who He says He is by the very nature of the works He performed.

What did Yeshua teach from? It was not the New Testament, the New Testament would have been written between about 55 to 100. Yeshua was crucified about 30-33 so there is a break between His death until the year 55 before any of the New Testament was even written. Yeshua taught from the Torah and the Prophets! In fact if you really have read your Bible you would know that the term Christian was coined in the present day country of Turkey at the city of Antioch. Yeshua ran into trouble with the Pharisees concerning the Sabbath on more than one occasion. The Pharisees thought they were the governors of what should or should not happen, by tradition, on the Sabbath. Yeshua cleared that up with the following statement in Mark 2:27-28, ²⁷ *And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.* ²⁸ *Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."*

We can also see the manner that Yeshua would treat God's feast days based on the story of His earthly parents going to Jerusalem when He was 12 and His teaching at the Temple up to, and including, the Passover feast the night of His betrayal. God uses His ordained feast days for very special events and special teachings. The three feast days in the spring illustrate the first coming of Yeshua and the three fall feasts illustrate the second coming of Yeshua. Now, flip the two and the fall feast is the birthday of Christ and the spring feast is the death day of Christ. Remember these two things, Yeshua is the atonement for our sins and also the sacrificed Lamb so our sins are passed over.

Let us return to the lesson of how strong the presence of the Lord God really is. Look at Isaiah 40:5-8, ⁵ *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the*

Lord has spoken." ⁶ *The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, **But the word of our God stands forever.**"* Continue with this thought and look at 2nd Timothy 3:16-17, ¹⁶ **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

I came across the following story and thought it would go well with the above verses and am including it here.

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" He asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they replied.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," the husband replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, Great—just what I need—another preacher story.

The man started, "See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, who's your daddy?' He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad." When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?"

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.

Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy—"Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now, you are a child of God!" With that he patted the boy on the shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it!"

With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know who that man was—the one who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper, he's gov-

ernor of Tennessee!”

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they are one of God’s children!

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.~~Isaiah

You are one of God’s children!

Since you are one of God children you are entitled to know the mysteries of God’s Word. I’m going to give you one right now. How do I know that this is a mystery? Well, it was for me a mystery until the day the Holy Spirit provided me with the insight to understand what it meant. This really isn’t something you learn in Sunday School class. Turn with me to Jeremiah 31:9 and read this mystery, *“They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For **I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.**”* How can this be? It should be obvious that God is the Father of Israel (Jacob), and in this case Israel must mean the entire 12 tribes, but how is Ephraim the firstborn? That is the mystery of this verse, how is Ephraim the firstborn of Israel (Jacob)? We should know that Reuben is the firstborn of Israel (Jacob), look at Genesis 29:32, *“**So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, “The Lord has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me.”**”* We see that the first son born to Jacob (Israel) was Reuben. Normally, the eldest holds the birthright, therefore Reuben should be the firstborn of Israel. This fact can be confirmed, and at the same time does show how Reuben lost his birthright. Turn to 1st Chronicles 5:1-2, *“**Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph,** the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; **yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph’s.**”* We learn three things from this verse in 1st Chronicles: 1) Reuben was the firstborn son of Jacob (Israel); 2) Judah holds the scepter (ruler) over the tribes; and 3) Joseph holds the birthright of Jacob (Israel). We still have not found the full reason for Ephraim being identified as the firstborn of Israel. Turn back to Genesis 29. This time we need to view verses 16-30, *“**Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.** **Leah’s eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.** **Now Jacob loved Rachel;** so he said, *“I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.”* *“**And Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me.”**”* *“**So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her.**”**

*“**Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.”**”* *“**And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast.**”* *“**Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.**”* *“**And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.**”* *“**So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?”**”* *“**And Laban said, “It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.**”* *“**Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years.**”* *“**Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.**”* *“**And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid.**”* *“**Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah.**”* *“**And he served with Laban still another seven years.**”* From these verses we learn that Rachel was actually the second wife of Jacob (Israel) and Leah was the first wife. Now, look at Genesis chapter 30, verses 22-24, *“**Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.**”* *“**And she conceived and bore a son, and said, “God has taken away my reproach.”**”* *“**So she called his name Joseph,**”* and said, *“The Lord shall add to me another son.”* We are getting closer to our answer of how Ephraim becomes the firstborn of Israel. I must thank Dr. Robert Jeffress for his series

of teachings on Joseph in his book *But God . . . A Study of the Life of Joseph*. In his book he reveals the fact that there is more written on Joseph in the Bible than on Abraham or Noah. While Joseph is governor of all Egypt he invites his brothers and their father to come and live in Goshen. So it is that 70 persons left Canaan and traveled to Goshen. Upon their arriving in Goshen Joseph travels to see his father and he takes his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Jacob and Joseph have a tearful reunion and Jacob notices the two boys and we pick up the story in Genesis 48:5, 8-20, ⁵ And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, **are mine**; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. . . . ⁸ *Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?"* ⁹ *And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them."* ¹⁰ *Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.* ¹¹ *And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"* ¹² *So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.* ¹³ *And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him.* ¹⁴ *Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.*

¹⁵ *And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."*

¹⁷ *Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.* ¹⁸ *And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father; for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."* ¹⁹ *But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."* ²⁰ *So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'"* **And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.** Now you know the mystery of how Ephraim becomes the firstborn of Israel (Jacob).

That cleared up one mystery but opened the door toward another mystery at the same time. Review verse 19 with me, ¹⁹ *But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."* Who, or more specifically, what country shall become a great nation as the descendants of Manasseh? Furthermore, and in like manner, who, or what country, is to become a multitude of nations as the descendants of Ephraim? Before I finish this work I will give you those answers. However, for the moment we need to continue with our study of why Israel (the nation) is the reason we need to understand prophecy of the end times and what is happening at this present date.

The Ruler of this World

To some people that is a very strange statement. Isn't God the ruler of this world? Allow me to give you an answer in this manner. God is the creator of this world, but because of mankind's rebellion against God, He is not the ruler of this world. By God's own text, the Bible, we can show this to be true. What did Yeshua say about the ruler of this world? Look at John 14:28-31, ²⁸ *You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.* ²⁹ *And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.* ³⁰ *I will no longer talk much with you, **for the ruler of this world is coming**, and he has nothing in Me.* ³¹ *But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. . . .* Continue with statements recorded by John and turn to 1st John 5:18-20, ¹⁸ *We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.* ¹⁹ *We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one**.* ²⁰ *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.* John also receives the Revelation from Yeshua (Jesus) and informs us of the following. Revelation 12:12-13, ¹² *Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you**, having great wrath, because **he knows that he has a short time**." ¹³ *Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.* We should all understand that the dragon is Satan and the woman represents Israel (the entire nation) and the male Child is Yeshua. Paul teaches us the following in Ephesians 3:1-6, ¹ *For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ **that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel**, Paul also tells us the following in Ephesians 6:12, ¹² *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

Kings and rulers of this world are under the influence of Satan. These words apply not only to the kings and rulers in a political sense. A ruler may be in business, or the media or even a medical doctor. There are many statements within the Bible reflecting God's disfavor of unjust weights and balances, or in other words, taking advantage or being unfair in your dealings. Proverbs 28:1-16 is only the beginning of verses which illustrates this statement, ¹ *The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but **the godly are as bold as lions**.* ² *When there is moral rot within a nation, its government **topples easily**. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability.* ³ *A poor person who oppresses the poor is like a pounding rain that destroys the crops.* ⁴ *To reject the law is to praise the wicked; to obey the law is to fight them.* ⁵ *Evil people don't understand justice, **but those who follow the Lord understand completely**.* ⁶ *Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.* ⁷ *Young people who **obey the law are wise**; those with wild friends bring shame to their parents.* ⁸ *Income from charging high interest rates will end up in the pocket of someone who is kind to the poor.* ⁹ *God detests the prayers of a person who ignores the law.* ¹⁰ *Those who lead good people along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the honest will inherit good things.* ¹¹ *Rich people may think they are wise, but a*

poor person with discernment can see right through them. ¹² *When the godly succeed, everyone is glad. When the wicked take charge, people go into hiding.* ¹³ *People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.* ¹⁴ *Blessed are those who fear to do wrong, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.* ¹⁵ *A wicked ruler is as dangerous to the poor as a roaring lion or an attacking bear.* ¹⁶ *A ruler with no understanding will oppress his people, but one who hates corruption will have a long life.* (NLT) The prophet Isaiah spoke similar statements. Look at Isaiah 10: 1-4, 1 "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed² To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless. ³ What will you do in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? ⁴ Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, And they shall fall among the slain." For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.

Look around you at all the foolish mandates that were issued over the Covid-19 pandemic. Rules were made by Mayors and Governors over cities and states. They went so far in their fear tactics that there was talk of having Covid passports meant to restrict travel from country to country. Big pharma made money, big business made money, big media provided the encouragement and no one, outside of a few, placed their trust in God. Observe the medical profession. For the sake of earning the maximum possible out of every patient situation, they are now banding together in monopoly associations. All the doctors in one field are connected together and the distribution of medication or the need for a lab or scan test can only be conducted at their own facilities. You are not permitted to use another facility for your lab work or obtain a MRI or PET scan at another location. They will take your bill right up to the 80 percent insurance coverage point and tell you that you have a pre-pay portion that you must pay before service is given. That's just about as big of a crooked scheme as some of those made in the stock market. But, those involved see it as being fair and providing for the betterment of the community. God sees it as an untrue set of scales.

Look at our last two national elections in this nation. In 2016 there was one party that felt sure they would win. But, on the morning after the election the shock was "What?" "How did that happen?" From this result we saw an up-tick in the relationship between this nation and the nation of Israel. The anti-Semitic rhetoric went down, the BDS movement was slowed, our embassy was moved to Jerusalem, there was care for minorities and their status went up, bad guys all over the world went into hiding and leaving this nation alone. Our allies were impressed with the boldness of our president, even if he did open his mouth a little too much. The other political party went into a pity-party mood and was determined to put all the pressure they could to unseat the duly elected president from office. It took four years to wait and see what happened in the next election. In the meantime a border protection barrier was being put into place. There was talk of the Deal of the Century, which failed but ushered in the Abraham Accords which provided a must greater peace in the Middle East. Israel was blessed and this nation was blessed because of its stand with Israel.

Then we had another election in 2020 and it has been one failure after another since that day in January of 2021. We stopped the building of the border fence, we closed down the construction of the major oil pipeline and our dependence upon foreign crude oil increased. Pride now rules in the White House, unemployment is up, discussions with Iran and Palestine are once again on the table with giveaway programs tied to both. There is the Green Deal and climate control being waved about. Foreign leaders of the bad type no longer fear us and have started genocide actions and wars to take over lands and people. We, as a nation, have become so weak that we have left our people in harms way as we run from tyranny. The words of Proverbs slap at us with greater and greater truth. The words of prophet after prophet warning us of the wrath to come if we do not repent and change our ways. We seem to have deaf ears and our eyes are only observing the tunnel vision scene of greatness in our own

selves. Our new gods of science, technology, hobbies, pets and our personal pride are truly leading us to our own destruction and we cannot even see the deceit interlaced into our religious beliefs.

Oh yes! I assure you that there is Satan's deceit interlaced into our religious beliefs. We have been deceived for so long that we cannot think about the fact that we are following a counterfeit christian belief. It surely is not what Yeshua taught. It most certainly is not what God intended for the Hebrew peoples or for the world as a whole. Let us not forget that the purpose of this study is to see how Israel is the reason that we need to understand end-time prophecies. I have attempted to have you, the reader, to understand that we have been instructed in a counterfeit belief. What we are being taught is not the truth. Remember these things and think about them: After Yeshua was baptized He went into the desert and Satan came to Him and tempted Him. When Satan realized that Yeshua was not going to accept his temptations he left for a more opportune time. Look at Luke 4:13 to see that this was so, ¹³ *Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.* Refer back to Genesis and the temptation made in the Garden. Didn't Satan approach Eve instead of Adam? What is it the church is called? Isn't the church called the bride of Christ? I'll give you one guess who Satan picked on for that opportune time. It was, and remains to be, the church, the bride of Christ.

Think about these things: What day is the Sabbath? Isn't it Saturday, the seventh day of the week? I know there are some who will claim that the Bible says there are six days to work and the seventh day is a day of rest. It does not specify the starting point on a calendar. However, in my seventh decade of life I have viewed calendars all over the world and they all appear with Sunday on the left hand side and Saturday on the right hand side. Indicating to me that the first day of the week is what we call Sunday and the seventh day is Saturday. That would appear to make Saturday the Sabbath or the day of rest. There is another question here: where did the name Sunday come from? Go ahead and research it, the name came from pagan worship of the sun. In other words this day we are discussing is named sun-god's-day. That doesn't sound like a day that Yeshua would worship His Father to me. Then someone would most likely say, "Jesus was a Jew and we are not Jews." That is true, however, if you are proclaiming yourself to be a Christian, that means that you are using this One person to be your model and you are following His ways and teachings. It is time for you to remember that Jesus may have been a Jew but He came to remove the curse of the Law, not to remove the Law. As a Christian I am striving to be as perfect as I can, even though I have a sinful nature from birth. Through Christ I have a second birth with the strength of the Holy Spirit to lead me in the ways and manners of Christ as much as humanly possible. Look at the many ways that Paul said the same thing.

Now, what about the day we call Easter and the 25th of December. I have already mentioned them previously. The 25th of December is a pagan holiday to celebrate the winter solstice. The day we call Easter, is a pagan holiday to celebrate fertility. That's why we have baby chicks and baby rabbits to earmark that holiday. It continued to be an irritant to me that so called Christians will not understand that Yeshua said He must spend three days and three nights in the tomb as Jonah spent in the great fish. Yeshua was not crucified on a Friday and arose on a Sunday. It just did not happen that way and anyone who says it did is calling Jesus a liar and also calling God a liar. I care not to call either a liar, to me, that is the unpardonable sin spoken of in Matthew 12:31-32, ³¹ *"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.* All of these things have been introduced into the teachings of Jesus and none are correct or the truth. Satan and his demons come as beings of light but they deceive and lead many away from the truth. Remember Satan wants to be accepted as god and to sit on the throne of the living God. If Satan can get mankind to turn their back on Israel, denounce Israel and destroy the Jews Satan thinks he would win by default. Satan knows scripture and he knows that in the end he loses but he is going to try to win up to the very day that God places him in the lake of fire.

God's Purpose for Israel Will Stand!

I said I would reveal other mysteries to you, the reader, prior to closing this work. The mystery I am prepared to write about is the term **Gentiles**. Saul of Tarsus was met by Yeshua on the road to Damascus and Yeshua gave him the assignment to be the Apostle to the Gentiles. I have heard the claim stated that if the Jewish nation had not turned from God there would be no salvation for Gentiles. The reason is that God allowed Gentiles to receive grace to make the Jewish nation jealous. I have also read in Dr. Robert Jeffress book, *But God . . . A Story of the Life of Joseph* that if God had not placed Joseph in Egypt there wouldn't be a fulfilling of prophecy pertaining to Jesus and His birth into the tribe of Judah. During my years of military service there was always the question, "Do you have a plan B?" God doesn't need to have a plan B! Remember that God knows the end from the beginning. I must also provide reminders of what the Bible says in the covenant God established with Abraham. Turn over to Genesis chapter 12 and read verses 2-3, ² *"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; **And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"* It seems to me that God does not need a plan B nor does mankind need to make statements that there are things that will only happen because of the Jewish nation. God went further and told Abraham that his descendants would be like the sand on the seashore or the stars in the sky (Genesis 22:15-18), ¹⁵ *Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶ and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ **In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,** because you have obeyed My voice."*

God continues with this blessing by confirming it with Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob (who is renamed Israel by God). The statement God made to Isaac is contained in Genesis 26:3-5, ³ *Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴ And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and **in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;** ⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."* Jacob also makes the statement concerning the sand of the sea in the following, Genesis 32:9, 12, ⁹ *Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': . . . ¹² For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "*

The fact of the matter is that the nations of the world think they can fix the world without God's help or grace. Look at the statement in Genesis chapter 11 concerning the Tower of Babel, verses 1-9, ¹ *Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its*

name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

I could continue and go back to the time of Noah and show you the reason for the flood. I could also go back through the line of descent from Adam and show you that there were two preachers prior to the flood, but I think you get my point. God had a plan and it would be God's plan that prevailed. Let us all remember that it is God who sits on the throne and no one else! I will remind myself, and also you, that the reason for this chapter is to show you that God's purpose for Israel will stand. I also have said that there is a mystery relating to the Gentiles.

There are many perplexing statements made in the book of Hosea. Here are some of those statements. 4:1-3, 6, ¹ *Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land. ² By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed. ³ Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away With the beasts of the field And the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away. . . . ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.* 5:1-3, 15, ¹ *"Hear this, O priests! Take heed, O house of Israel! Give ear, O house of the king! For yours is the judgment, Because you have been a snare to Mizpah And a net spread on Tabor. ² The revolvers are deeply involved in slaughter; Though I rebuke them all. ³ I know Ephraim, And Israel is not hidden from Me; For now, O Ephraim, you commit harlotry; Israel is defiled. . . . ¹⁵ **I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.**"*) In this last verse God is speaking and He basically says He is going to leave them all alone until they acknowledge their offense. It seems that the time that Israel will acknowledge their offense is during the Great Tribulation. The prophet Jeremiah tells us that this will be the time of Jacob's trouble. Jeremiah 30:1-15, ¹ *The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, ² "Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you. ³ For behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the Lord. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' " ⁴ Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah. ⁵ "For thus says the Lord: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. ⁶ Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? ⁷ Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And **it is the time of Jacob's trouble**, But he shall be saved out of it. ⁸ 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. ⁹ But they shall serve the Lord their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them. ¹⁰ 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the Lord, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid. ¹¹ For I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.' ¹² "For thus says the Lord: 'Your affliction is incurable, Your wound is severe. ¹³ There is no one to plead your cause, That you may be bound up; You have no healing medicines. ¹⁴ All your lovers have forgotten you; They do not seek you; For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, With the chastisement of a cruel one, For the multitude of your iniquities, Because your sins have increased. ¹⁵ Why do you cry about your affliction? Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the multitude of your iniquities, **Because your sins have increased, I have done these things to you.***

We are now in the book of Jeremiah and that is where we will find a major portion of one of the great mysteries of the entire Bible. Let's start at the beginning of Jeremiah and ask this question. What was Jeremiah's assignment from God prior to his birth? Jeremiah 1:4-5, 9-10, ¹ *The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,* ² *"Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.'* ³ *For behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that **I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,**' says the Lord. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' ". . . ⁹ *Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."**

Notice in verse three that God says He will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah. God is declaring that both houses or kingdoms will be in captivity. We must remember that Israel, the northern kingdom went into captivity after God gave Israel a certificate of divorce. Jeremiah 3:8, ⁸ *Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. God then tells Jeremiah to proclaim the following, Jeremiah 3:12-13, ¹² *Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the Lord; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the Lord; 'I will not remain angry forever. ¹³ **Only acknowledge your iniquity,** That you have transgressed against the Lord your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' says the Lord. In observing the verses in Hosea didn't God make a similar request, that Israel and Judah acknowledge their iniquities? We should know that Israel, the northern kingdom, was taken into captivity by Assyria 135 years prior to Judah being taken into captivity in Babylon. Jeremiah spent about 40 years pleading with the people of the house of Judah to repent and change their ways and warning them what was to happen if they did not.**

Jeremiah's assignment contained 6 parts and I assure you that all six parts were completed prior to Jeremiah's death. Now here is the strange twist to this assignment. You can read from chapter 1 through chapter 51 and you will find **only four** of the six elements of Jeremiah's assignment being completed. Jeremiah uprooted and tore down, he destroyed and overthrew, but there are no words in 51 chapters that you will find the building and the planting. It is most interesting that the last words of chapter 51 state: The words of Jeremiah end here. There is another chapter of the book of Jeremiah that follows chapter 51. There is nothing in that chapter that defines the building and planting that Jeremiah must accomplish to fulfill his assignment from God. Where, oh where, is the answer? That becomes the mystery and it seems no one wants to address this and find the answer. There is an answer and it ties all of this together in a marvelous manner.

During the process of King Nebuchadnezzar capturing Jerusalem he placed puppet kings on the throne of Judah. The last king to hold this position was King Zedekiah. When King Zedekiah rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar and the siege began, King Zedekiah escaped and fled. He was captured and taken to King Nebuchadnezzar at Riblah. At Riblah King Zedekiah's sons were killed before his eyes along with the officials of Judah and then King Zedekiah's eyes were put out. With this action the royal line of Judah was terminated in the kingdom of Judah. But, it was not ended! Hidden in the words of the book of Jeremiah is several overlooked facts. Let us piece this together. Turn to Jeremiah 41:10, ¹⁰ *Then Ishmael carried away captive all the rest of the people who were in Mizpah, **the king's daughters** and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive and departed to go over to the Ammonites. Next, add to this verse Jeremiah 43:6, ⁶ *men, women, children, **the king's daughters,** and every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with**

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and **Jeremiah** the prophet and **Baruch** the son of Neriah. Next, Jeremiah 44:12-14, 28, ¹²And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed and fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine. They shall die, from the least to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a reproach! ¹³For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, ¹⁴so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and dwell. **For none shall return except those who escape.** " . . . ²⁸**Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah;** and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall **know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs.**

Next, we turn to the book of Ezekiel and read, Ezekiel 2:3, ³And He said to me: "Son of man, **I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.** Ezekiel 11:16-17, ¹⁶Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Although **I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries,** yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone." ¹⁷Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "**I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.**" ' Ezekiel 18:30-32, ³⁰"Therefore **I will judge you, O house of Israel,** every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and **get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.** For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live! Ezekiel 33:7, 17-20, ⁷"So you, son of man: **I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. . . .** ¹⁷"Yet the children of your people say, '**The way of the Lord is not fair.**' **But it is their way which is not fair!** ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. ¹⁹But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. ²⁰Yet you say, '**The way of the Lord is not fair.**' **O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways.**" Ezekiel 39:27-29, ²⁷When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, ²⁸then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, **who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.** ²⁹**And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,** says the Lord God."

I'd like to pick up one segment of scripture from Hosea, Hosea 3:4-5, ⁴For the **children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.** ⁵**Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.**

We have collected many verses and it is time to connect the dots, so to speak. I've said many times over my forty plus years of studying the Bible that God's Word is like a giant jigsaw puzzle and you must learn to discern the Word to enable you to put the pieces together in their proper place. We must also add the definition of our primary word search: what is the meaning of **Gentiles**? Strong's Concordance identifies Gentiles as Hebrew 1471 and Greek 1484: the definition for both is **foreign non-Jewish**, heathen, nation, people. Therefore, if the House of Israel has been given a certificate of divorce and cast off and scattered among the nations they have been assimilated into the Gentiles and, by default, become Gentiles themselves. With that said, we can observe portions of world history and

see the children of Israel assimilated into the Scythians, the Cimmerians, the Gauls, the Galatians, and the Celts. The Celts end up in Northern Ireland and there are numerous books among the Irish that identifies a prophet arriving there. We find the descendants of the northern kingdom of Israel from Ireland, to Scotland, to England and Wales. This entire story has been given in detail in my book, *The Thirteenth Tribe of Israel*. I now extract a small portion of that work and place it here to assist in connecting the dots that we are chasing.

Chapter 18

Lost Israel and the First Overturn Located

The fact that a great nation, originally composed of ten tribes of the posterity of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is lost among the nations of the world is well known to enlightened students of the Old Testament. This truth has been a source of such great mystery that has both puzzled the minds, and engaged the interest of men to such an extent that many of them, who are the intellectual peers of the world, have spent their best energies in the work of searching for this lost nation.

Thus, for many years, devout minds have been investigating secular and sacred history, as well as sacred prophecy, that must have become, or must become, history. These men have carefully traced not only the perfectly connected outlines, but also the details of history. Hence, they confidently assert there are no missing links in the chain of racial and national events.

A large percentage of men who have been thus engaged are eminent in religious, historic and scientific research. Men have called to their aid chronology, astronomy, archeology, ethnology, pyramidology and philology. Indeed, they have used any and every science that could shed any possible light upon this subject. They have been irrepressible in their search after facts, and are men of purpose, for truth's sake, that the Word of God shall be forced to stand every test, its own internal matter demands, be it ever so crucial.

It is the consensus of opinion among this class of men, whose numbers increase daily, that the once-lost tribes of Israel are found. Be they right or wrong, I am sure of one thing, namely, there is a race of people here amidst other races, who do not know their ancestral origin. They possess all the distinguishing marks whereby the Scriptures declare the lost house of Joseph shall be found and recognized by all the nations of the earth.

Be this as it may, there is nothing for me to do now but take up the thread of our story, which is a *scarlet* one. It pertains to those members of the royal family whom we left on the throne of Israel, and who were holding the scepter of David *de facto*, instead of the One to whom it belongs *de jure*. While dealing with this breach that occurred in the royal family, we said nothing about the three overturns that are a part of Ezekiel's prophecy concerning some of the chief details of this breach.

One reason for this omission was that I could not give the proof concerning the location of that *majestic land* to which the royal branches were carried and *set*. To do so I would have to have made many points proving the present whereabouts of the still preserved seed, perpetuated Crown, Throne and Scepter of David. It was not my desire to give any such proof until I should first prove that the building and planting that was Jeremiah's commission had been accomplished.

Now, since we have shown that the Word of God emphatically declares these things have been accomplished, I am prepared to show the three prophetic overturns took place in connection with these same royal heirs, together with their succession, whom we have followed to a new country.

It is not possible to follow the history of these overturns, nor to follow further the history of that branch of the royal family that came into power when the breach was made independently of lost Israel. It was to Israel, the Northern Kingdom, that Jeremiah fled with *the king's daughters*, and it was

to these same people with whom the royal line of Zarah had been for more than a century. Once Jeremiah arrived with the king's daughters, and the one daughter married the prince of Zarah and they or their descendants have been there every since. Nationally speaking, the fortunes and history of the Scepter and Birthright have become one!

We must remember the place where this prince and princess were planted was in the *Height of Israel*. It was all the trees in the field of Israel that were to know the low tree had been exalted. It was Israel, the dry tree, that is made to flourish, because it had been dry hitherto for lack of royal honors and royal blood. Now that a prince and princess of the blood are on the throne, the once dry tree does flourish! The former green tree, the Jewish kingdom, not the nation, is dried up.

We must remember Israel was the Northern Kingdom, the Birthright people, whose ancient capital was Samaria, and whose representative name is Ephraim, the second son of Joseph, to whom pertains the birthright. Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, were to: Genesis 48:16, *Grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth*. Finally, they were to separate, Manasseh to become *a great nation*, and Ephraim to develop into many nations, *a multitude of nations*, or a company of nations, as it is variously given in verse 19.

The first of these overturns is the one whose history we have essentially given while dealing with the preservation of King Zedekiah's daughters. It is the overturn of the kingdom from Palestine to that majestic land, by the side of abundant waters, where it took root, grew, flourished and became a spreading vine.

A ripple of holy joy went pulsing through my heart when I found that the prophet had, in his riddle, used the expression, *spreading vine* in connection with Israel. The Hebrew word, *sawrakh*—spreading, as used here, is defined by Strong in his Exhaustive Concordance, to extend, to spread, to stretch exceedingly, to extend even to excess. Thus, this new country, this strange and unknown land, in which the royal remnant found the cast-out people of Israel, is the place from which it is declared they shall spread out, exceedingly extend their borders and so fulfill their national destiny.

How perfectly this harmonizes with the promises concerning the *place* where the Lord spoke to David in connection with the promises concerning the perpetuity of his seed, throne and scepter. 2 Samuel 7:10, *Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them any more, as previously.*

At this junction I feel compelled to point out the fact that the Lord had cast Israel out of her land, and cast her afar off. While Israel was going to that far-off land, God would: Amos 9:9, *Sift the house of Israel among the nations as grain is sifted in a sieve*. After they have reached their far-off destination, their God-appointed place, then they are to move no more, for it is in reference to this same casting out of the Ephraimic nation that Hosea declares. Hosea 3:4, *For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim*. Now, with this prophetic riddle fulfilled, their king is with them, and the monarchy of Israel is flourishing as a green, or living tree. My next effort will be to find this far-off land, whose history has been one of spreading out exceedingly, even excessively.

The Jews have a record of the birth, call and commission of Jeremiah, and the history of the execution of the first part of his commission, i.e., the tearing down, rooting out and destroying of the house and throne of David, as a fact. However, without regard to this fact, they can give no account of Jeremiah after his sudden disappearance from among them. This is evidence that he neither died nor completed his God-ordained task among them. All the civilized races of the world know he did not *build* that seat of power, nor *plant* those royal scions among the Jews. Since we find it recorded that Jeremiah's work has been accomplished, we know it must have been he who did it, even if his name is not mentioned in the Scriptural account of the doing. We know God would not permit some other man to do that work, after having sanctified Jeremiah before he was born, and brought him into the world

for that purpose. We must bear in mind the fact that the sacred account of the building and planting is in the form of a riddle, and that metaphors, instead of names, are used for those concerned; the *high* and the *low*, the *enthroned* and the *dethroned*, the *young twig* and the *tender twigs*, the *planted* and the *planter*. But we must remember also that the name of *Israel*, the special national name of the Northern Kingdom, is mentioned as the receiver of the planted and enthroned pair. Since the historic testimony declares Jeremiah's work to have been accomplished in Israel, it is only in Israel that we may hope to find evidence of that fact. This necessitates the finding of Joseph-Israel. God says they shall be found, and when they are, there must be a branch of the Judah-Davidic family, who are their sovereigns.

Since the East is left in such utter darkness in our story, not only with the fate of Jeremiah and his little Royal Remnant, but also to the destination of the dispersed tribes, Israel was lost to themselves, and even to their brethren, the Jews. Some of the Jews, at the time of Christ, thought that no person, except the Messiah, could go to them, or might even know where to find them. Because of the lack of Jewish historical data concerning the completion of Jeremiah's work, and because his disappearance was almost as marvelous as that of Elijah, the Jews were ready to say the Christ was Jeremiah. Matthew 16:14, *So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."* Their thought was, no doubt, that Jeremiah, like Elijah, was still alive. God would, yet, use him in connection with the building and planting anew, or the restoration of the kingdom among them, to which they looked forward with great anticipation and hope.

It seems there is no light in the East concerning these matters, therefore, let us scan the pages of prophecy to see if there are any hints that point West. It will be well for us to know that Hosea gives a prophecy concerning Ephraim. Hosea 12:1, *Ephraim feeds on the wind, and pursues the east wind.* As an East wind is one that blows from the East and travels to the West, this makes it certain that Ephraim did not travel Eastward, because had he gone in an Easterly direction, he would have gone facing an East wind, therefore he surely went WEST. Since he was *cast afar off*, he must be in the far-off West.

When Jehovah confirmed His promise to David concerning the perpetuity of his kingdom, throne, scepter and house, and took an oath by His holiness that He would not lie to him, He said: Psalms 89:25, *"I will set his hand (scepter) over the sea."* Ezekiel, the prophet, gives clues in his riddle as to the location of Israel and the royal pair. These clues are: Ezekiel 17:4 that it is *a land of trade*; verse 8, it has *good soil*; verse 8, which *brings forth branches* (meaning it is fruitful and populous). We are told: Verse 4, it has a *city of merchants*; verse 23, where *dwelt birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches* various people dwell under the protection of its rulers; and finally, verse 5, its location is by *abundant waters*. For reasons that will become more and more apparent as we proceed, I affirm the abundant waters to be the Atlantic Ocean. The Lord gave a message to Ephraim through Jeremiah, saying: Jeremiah 31:9-10, *"For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He that scattered Israel will gather him.'"* In this declaration, we find the far-off home of Ephraim-Israel is not an island, but *the isles*, i.e., a group of islands. Thus Ephraim is located near the sea, in the isles afar off.

The prophet Isaiah, in the forty-ninth chapter, addresses these same people. Isaiah 49:1, 3 KJV, *"Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people from afar. . . . Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will (still in the future) be glorified."* In the twelfth verse of this same chapter concerning the future return of this same people to Palestine, their former home, the Lord causes the prophet to make a proclamation. Isaiah 49:12 KJV, *"Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west."*

In Hebrew there is no compound word for northwest as we use it, hence the expression north and west. There is a group of isles in these *abundant waters*, that are just as directly northwest from Palestine as the lines of latitude and longitude can lay them, namely, the British Isles! We may just as well jump into the midst of our proof at once, since that is the place where Ephraim-Israel shall chiefly

be found. If not there, it is because they have **spread out**, from these VERY ISLES, for it is a well-authenticated fact that Jeremiah went to Ireland, where he died, and his grave is one of the well-known and proudly-named spots of that country.

It is a well-known fact that there is no country's history on the face of the earth that has so puzzled historians as that of Ireland. There is both a sacred and secular reason for this. The secular reason is that Ireland steps into the arena of history with a monarchical kingdom running in full blast, and men do not know how it got there. The sacred reason is because God issued a mandate: Isaiah 41:1 KJV, "*Keep silence before me, O islands, and let the people renew their strength.*"

In the next verse, the Lord asks the question, "*Who raised up one from the east?*" Then in the fourth verse, He answers His own question, saying, "*I, the Lord, am the first; and with the last I am He.*" Beginning in verse eight of the same chapter, still addressing the dwellers in the isles, He says: "*But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth.*" Meaning literally, from the rising of the sun, from the beginning, or from the East. This statement, coming from such High Authority, forever settles the question as to the origin of the peoples who dwell in those far-off northwest isles.

We have read many authors on the subject of the Hebrews in Ireland, who claim to have searched carefully and critically through all available chronicles, records and histories. They all agree that a perusal of these various authorities is not just heavy reading. These records are very obtuse, even confusing, bewildering and tormenting to all who do not take the word of God as an ally in the work of unraveling their mysteries, however, all of these authorities do agree in stating the following facts:

1. About 585 BC a *notable man*, an *important personage*, a patriarch, a saint, an essentially important someone, according to their various ways of putting it, came to Ulster, the most northern province of Ireland. In his charge was a princess, the daughter of an eastern king, and that in company with them was one Simon Brach, Breck, Brack, Barech, Berach, as it is spelled differently. With this royal party they brought many remarkable things, among these was a harp, **an ark** and the wonderful stone called Liafail, or stone of destiny, of which we shall have much to say later. **Note:** Some may say that the ark was not brought to Ireland for two simple reasons. First, there is no verse in all the book of Jeremiah that indicates they took an ark with them when they left. Secondly, there is a verse in Revelation that would indicate God took the Ark of the Covenant back to Heaven. Revelation 11:19, *Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.*

2. This eastern princess was married to King Herremon on the condition, made by this notable patriarch, that he should abandon his former religion, and build a college for the prophets. This Herremon did, and the name of the school was Mur-Ollam, which is the name, both in Hebrew and Irish, for School of the Prophets. He also changed the name of his capital city, Lothair, sometimes spelled Cothair Croffin, to that of Tara.

3. The name of this Eastern princess is given as Tea-Tephi. It is a well-known fact that the royal arms of Ireland are the harp of David, and has been for two thousand and six hundred years. Ezekiel in his riddle, when speaking of the coming of the female passenger in the second vessel, whom he afterwards proves to be a princess, speaks of *the furrows of her plantation* (KJV). It is a truth, and, to me, a marvelous one, that the province of Ulster used to be called the *Plantation of Ulster*, as any one may know if they will take the trouble to consult Chamber's Encyclopedia on the word Ulster.

Furthermore, the crown worn by the sovereigns of that hitherto unaccounted-for kingdom in Ireland *had twelve points*.

**Who shall say that *the king's daughter* was not planted there,
and that the first of the three of Ezekiel's prophetic overturns
was from Palestine to Erin?**

I find it most interesting when I read these words from a previous work. I am reminded of the facts pertaining to the blessing Jacob (Israel) placed upon Manasseh and Ephraim. Recall that Jacob placed his right hand upon Ephraim and Joseph tried to correct his father and place his right hand upon Manasseh, his oldest. What was it that Jacob said to Joseph? Genesis 48:18-20, ¹⁸ *And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."* ¹⁹ *But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."* ²⁰ *So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!' " And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.*

Here is a task for you to accept and observe. Go through the recorded history of the world and find for yourself a nation that fulfill the statement made in this blessing that Jacob placed upon Ephraim. I can only find one that meets this statement. The only country that has expanded and at some point became a multitude of nations was Great Britain! In the hay-day of the British Empire it was said that the sun never set over the British Empire. Within its sphere of influence was the British Isles, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Falkland Islands, Hong Kong, and India and many other locations. Is there any other empire that fits so well to meet this statement? Doesn't that establish that the British Empire represents Ephraim? So, who is Ephraim's brother, or in other words what country is Manasseh? Once again, world history will identify England's brother country as the United States. Is there any wonder why prophecy pertaining to Israel, the northern kingdom, also pertains directly to England and the United States.

I admit when I penned the book, *The Thirteenth Tribe of Israel*, I had great difficulty to get the relationship, and the nature, of these two countries correct. First, England was a nation long before the United States. In fact, we, the United States, were first a colony of England, yet at the same time we represent the older brother of Ephraim. God had to show me again the statement that says, *He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great!* There is no doubt that America has become a people and we also have become blessed. It is through our Judo-Christian heritage that God has given us the Constitution and Bill of Rights that our forefathers penned at the very beginning of our nation. It is also, at the same time, the reason for our stiff-necked ideas and the sins we commit that we should understand we are a part of the descendants of Jacob (Israel) and our disobedience and rebellion against God is by our own choice and the influence of Satan. We will suffer God's wrath as it is stated toward Israel, but it should also be assuring to us that God draws us back to our homeland in the nation of Israel.

Let us take a slight change of direction. There are many churches, and many people who want to claim that they are a New Testament church or believer and that the Old Testament does not apply to them. Okay! What did Jesus teach to the Apostles? Review Matthew 10:5-15, ⁵ *These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans."* ⁶ *But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* ⁷ *And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'* ⁸ *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.* ⁹ *Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,* ¹⁰ *nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.* ¹¹ *Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.* ¹² *And when you go into a household, greet it.* ¹³ *If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.* ¹⁴ *And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.* ¹⁵ *Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!* Therefore, if you are truly a Christian following Jesus' teachings you should understand this verse. However, to fully understand the meanings you must go back to the Old Testament to grasp why Jesus

taught as He did. Also, look at several of the portions that are underlined. Do you see where Jesus tells the Apostles that they are not to go into the way of the Gentiles. Wouldn't that be idolatry? Jesus tells them to take no money with them, aren't they, and we of today, to be dependent upon God? Jesus said that the knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven was freely given so freely give. I have now penned over 1800 pages of letter size paper and all that I have written is available for free download in PDF file format on my website, www.vqpub.org. I have attempted to explain the Revelation in simple words, to get my fellow man to understand the truth of Jesus' statement that He has a small flock, that we are marching to hell by our own actions and that there are 17 things that God wants you to understand and honor. Why am I so bold in some of my work. Simple, I am not tied to a denomination that provides for my welfare and the welfare of my family. No party, other than God, provides for my home, my medical insurance, my retirement account. My God has blessed me and reassured me time and time again that His Holy Spirit has brought to me an understanding of His Holy Word. I must trust my God and obey His commands and feast days. I am not a Jew, I am an Israelite and my ancestral father was of Hebrew descent and my ancestral mother was an Egyptian. I am a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I have also been blessed by Jesus as a co-heir to His kingdom.

My statement, and my question, is: Why is it others have great difficulty seeing the truth? I guess it goes back to those Biblical statements that some have eyes but do not see and some have ears but do not hear. I know that it is a lengthy read but I am inserting the entire 11th chapter of Roman here as the words of wisdom from Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Romans 1:34, ¹ *I say then, has God cast away His people?* (meaning all Israel) *Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.* ² *God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,* ³ *"Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"?* ⁴ *But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."* ⁵ *Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.* ⁶ *And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.* ⁷ *What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded.*

⁸ *Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day."*

⁹ *And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. ¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always."*

¹¹ *I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! **But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.** ¹² *Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry. ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. But ^{if you do boast,} remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹ **For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.****

²² *Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you*

were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "**The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;** ²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

²⁸ Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" ³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

In verse 26 of the above passage it says that all Israel will be saved. Actually we need to view a statement given in Daniel to fully comprehend what is said here. Daniel 12:1-2, ¹ "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, **Every one who is found written in the book.** ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

There are some who want to make the claim that it is only the New Israel, the church, that have their name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Sorry! I hate to tell you this but you are very wrong! This passage is not in the New Testament, this is wording from the Old Testament and it establishes that God has not turned, nor will not turn, His back on Israel. He may not like Israel's ways, or their sins but, they are still His chosen people!

The final portion of this mystery rests in the judgments that are to come. There are two identified judgments. One is for the righteous and is the Bema Judgment of Christ for those whose name is written in His book. These individuals will see eternal life with God the Father and Yeshua the Son, and all the others who believed faithfully. The other judgment is for the wicked and is normally spoken of as the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of time (after the 1000 year reign of Christ).

The first judgment will be an individual judgment based upon your works and the number of crowns you are to receive. The second judgment has a duality connected to it. The wicked will be judged because of their sinfulness, but also the nations will be judged according to their relationship with Israel (the nation). Observe what is said in both the Old and the New Testaments. Joel 3:1-2, ¹ "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land. Jesus gives us a parallel to these two verses in Matthew 25:31-41, ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I

was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' ⁴¹ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

We can find the reason for disobedience of God's people in many passages. The one I would like to recall is an answer to that statement made in Luke at the time of Christ's temptations by Satan. Luke 4:13, ¹³ *Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time*. Satan is our adversary and doing everything he can to deceive the people of earth. Paul tells us the following in 2nd Corinthians 4:3-4, ³ *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds **the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them*. John records the following in Revelation 12:9, ⁹ *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and **Satan, who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him*.

Peter gives to us a marvelous statement and a charge in 1st Peter 2:9-16, ⁹ *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy*.

¹¹ *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation*.

¹³ *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God*.

We have come full circle on this mystery. God's Word will stand! Israel will be rejoined together as the House of Israel and the House of Judah both become the full nation of Israel. We have seen through the divorce of the House of Israel that they were scattered among the Gentiles and assimilated with them. We have seen the tasks of Jeremiah and the six portions of his task with the planting and the building taking place in the Isles of the Sea. We have viewed some of the teachings of Christ and how to understand the two judgments that are to take place in the future. Additionally, we have seen that as a believer in Yeshua we have been elevated to a holy priesthood to proclaim and praise Him who has called us from darkness.

I can only pray that these words are meaningful to you and help you understand more of God's Holy Word. My journey has had its ups and downs but my God has led me step by step, rung by rung upward toward His glorious celestial home. That journey has been over a course nearly 65 years and it is my hope that this short booklet can help you cut through some of that time to make things of the Bible more understandable.



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