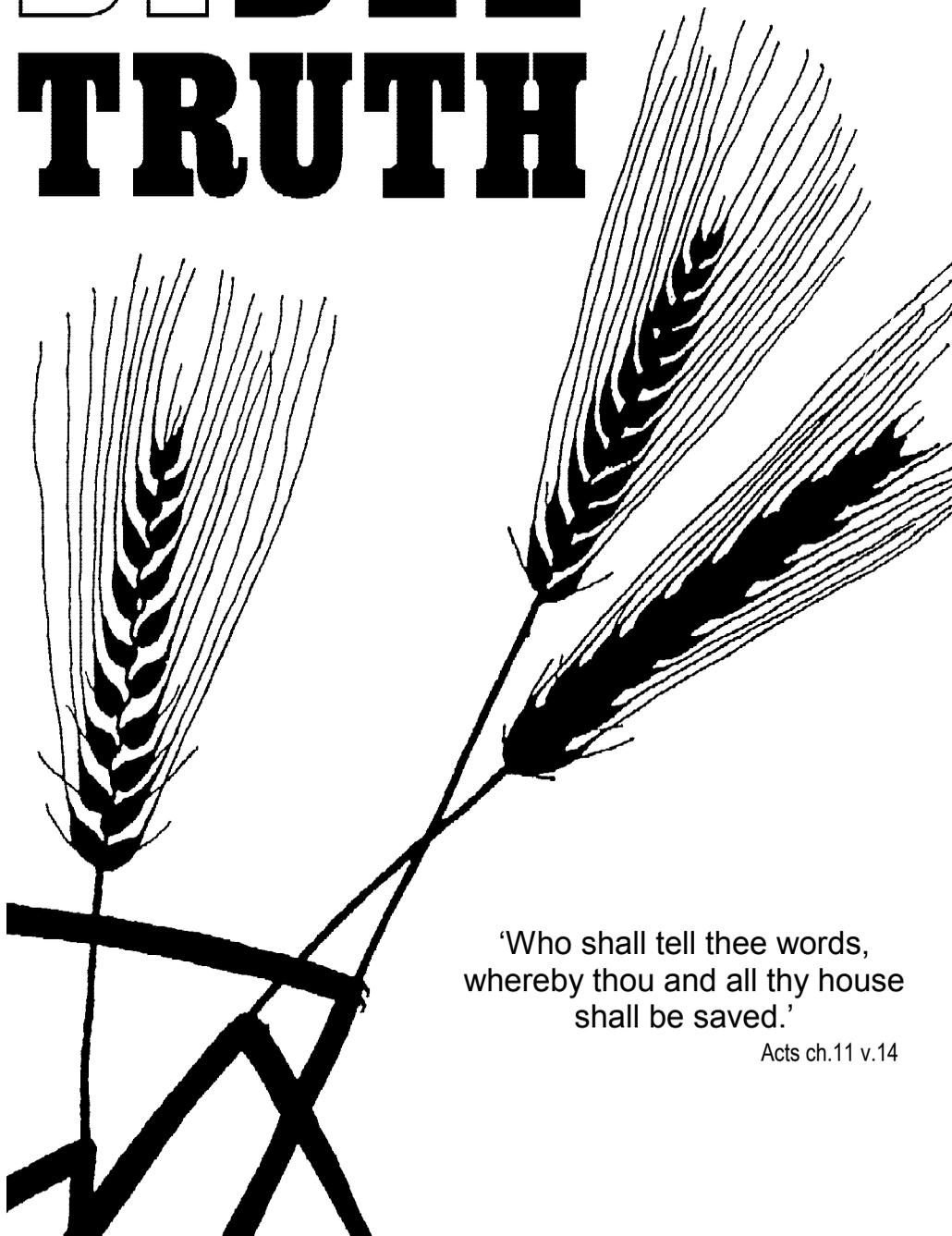


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'Who shall tell thee words,
whereby thou and all thy house
shall be saved.'

Acts ch.11 v.14

SUPPOSE WE ARE ISRAEL **DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

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This article is being written primarily for those who have just recently become aware of the teachings which acknowledge that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic, Germanic, Scottish, Irish, Scandinavian and kindred people comprise the peoples of Israel today.

This teaching may seem contrary to what you have been taught, but consider the following reasons why so many are now awakening to this truth that the Hebrew peoples (called Israel in the Bible) are those which make up Anglo-Saxondom in the world today.

Contrary to much of what is preached and read, such Bible characters as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), Moses, David, & Solomon were never called 'Jews' in the Bible. In fact, no people in the Holy Scriptures were called 'Jews' until 2 Kings ch.16 v.6, which was over 1,000 years after Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's time.

It is likely that many of the Jewish people of today are descendants of Jacob's brother, Esau. In the Scriptures Esau's descendants are often referred to as Edomites. This is an important truth, without which much of Bible prophecy as well as Bible history cannot be properly understood.

For example, the majority of Christians have been taught that Herod the Great (who is mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew, ch.2) was an Israelite, but actually he was an Idumean, or Edomite. This is why he had no compunction about ordering the slaughter of every child under two years old in the city of Bethlehem. His sole purpose in this was to put to death the child Jesus.

Had Herod been a true Hebrew (Israelite), this would not likely have taken place. For a more detailed description of Herod's family situation, and to substantiate what I am saying concerning him, I suggest that you read the footnotes on page 993 of the *Schofield Bible*, 1967 edition.

Many of those who ask the question, 'Suppose we are Israel; does it make a difference?' are people who love the Lord Jesus Christ. However, to remain in darkness and confusion concerning nations and peoples in the Scriptures leaves one open to deception and in the national sense, confusion and ruin (see Romans ch.9 v.4).

The name 'Israel' appears over 2500 times in the Holy Scriptures, and it is to the Israelites that '... pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;' (Romans ch.9 v.4). It would be well for Christians to know as much about these people as they can. To remain ignorant of their true identity and their true place in Bible prophecy and history is well pleasing to the forces of Satan and darkness, but it does not please our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is due to this lack of Bible knowledge and understanding that the powers of communism and other anti-Christian powers have been so successful in eliminating prayer and the reading of the Bible from our schools. As will be shown a little further on in the article, God Almighty does hold His people Israel accountable for obeying His righteous laws and commandments. This is not so with any other people!

Let me hasten to say that I am not dealing with the message of personal salvation in this article. Some may surmise that I am limiting the message of salvation to the peoples of Israel. This is not the case nor intent. The Scriptures are very clear on the point that all peoples and races have the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The Apostle Paul makes this clear in Romans ch.10 v.13 where he states that '... whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' We are not saved by race, but, praise God, by His grace!

All Christian believers, in a spiritual sense, are considered to be Abraham's seed, as we learn from the pen of the Apostle Paul where he writes in Galatians ch.3 vv 26-29.

'For ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on (taken on the character of) Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.'

The Apostle Paul is not wiping out the role of either gender when a person is baptised into Christ, but is simply stating that all believers

in Jesus Christ, through faith in Him, are one and are a part of the family of God. They are then, in a spiritual sense, Abraham's seed. Thus, every Israelite (including those of Anglo-Saxon heritage) must also have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ if they are to be His and part of His spiritual body, which is the true Church of Christ.

With this in mind, let us consider some of the great national covenants or promises made to the 12 Tribes of Israel. First consider Micah ch.4 vv 1-2.

'But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain (kingdom) of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house (Kingdom) of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths... .'

Most Bible students agree that in scripture a mountain often symbolises a great earthly kingdom or power, and hills represent smaller kingdoms. This prophecy of Micah establishes the fact that among the nations during the end time there would arise from among the tribes of Israel a great and powerful Kingdom at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this prophecy Micah is foretelling that in the last days, toward the end of this age, the dominating most powerful kingdom upon the earth would be a kingdom that would honour the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For example, re-gathered within America there is a representative number of all of the 12 tribes of Israel. Of course, many other races and peoples have also migrated to America, but for the first two or three hundred years, the main body of people to migrate to America, were the peoples which make up Anglo-Saxondom and who came from the British Isles and the western coasts of mainland Europe.

It is obvious that the State of Israel cannot be considered a great Kingdom, with less than 5 million people, nor are the teachings of Jesus Christ going forth from their nation. The Israelis still reject Jesus Christ and His preaching.

The prophet Hosea was also given a prophecy of what could be expected to take place among God's people Israel in the Last Days. Looking now at Hosea ch.1 v.10 we read this interesting and timely prophecy.

‘Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place (country, or spot - Hebrew) where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them (i.e. Israel), Ye are the sons of the living God.’

This is a remarkable prophecy, and a great comfort to those whose spiritual eyes and understanding have been opened to the Gospel of the Kingdom and its restitution in the Last Days.

Hosea clearly prophesies that the Kingdom of Israel (i.e. the 12 Tribes) will be restored, and that they will have multiplied like the sand of the sea that cannot be measured for number.

It is estimated that there are approximately four hundred million Israelites (i.e. peoples of Anglo-Saxondom) scattered throughout the world today. There are somewhere between 150 and 160 million living in America, 50 million in the United Kingdom, as well as others in Germany, Canada, and all the Christian nations of Europe, South Africa, Australia, and wherever the Lord has scattered them throughout the World.

As we consider the latter part of Hosea’s prophecy we find another characteristic which helps to identify the 12 Tribes of Israel as Anglo-Saxondom.

‘...in the place (i.e. country, spot) where it was said unto them, (i.e. the peoples of Anglo-Saxondom), Ye are not my people (i.e. you are not Israelites but are Gentiles), there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.’

This is exactly what is heard in America and other original British Commonwealth countries concerning the peoples which comprise the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic, Germanic, Scottish, Irish, Dutch, Scandinavian and kindred peoples. Even to this day they are still referred to as Gentiles. Granted, they have taken on the ways of the Gentiles but, nevertheless, they are still the Lord’s servants and witnesses, and bear the fruit that was prophesied the 12 Tribes of Israel would bring forth. Yes, even this falling away, or spiritual apostasy that now sweeps over Christian nations was prophesied by Jeremiah and many of the other prophets.

The 3rd chapter of Isaiah says that the House of Israel was to occupy this important position in their relationship with the Lord.

‘Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand

that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved ... therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.'

Isaiah ch.43 vv 10-12

In the Hebrew language, the word 'witness' means: 'to testify, a testimony, a recorder, to give warning'. The responsibility of being the Lord's witnesses and His servants was of God's choosing, not of Israel's.

These words of Isaiah are prophetic as, during the period when he wrote, the ten Tribes of Israel had already been in captivity a number of years, and the Judahites were being threatened with being taken captive by the Babylonians. This prophecy would not begin to have its fulfilment until after the death of Jesus at Calvary when His precious blood bought (redeemed) the ten Tribes of Israel back into a servant relationship with the Lord.

It was not until after Calvary and the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ that God's Word began to spread forth from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth; thus fulfilling the Great Commission which was given by the Lord Jesus to His disciples.

The Apostle Paul, who was of the tribe of Benjamin, was chosen by God to take the Gospel to the Gentiles. These Gentiles to whom Paul preached were basically Israelites now living throughout Asia Minor. It is recorded by some that the nucleus of all the Churches in Asia Minor was of Israelite heritage. We have seen this same situation in the last century or more, as the Israelites (i.e. the peoples of Anglo-Saxondom) have been foremost among the Church builders of the heathen nations. Praise God that, as a result of their Divine calling, they are spreading the gospel throughout the world!

The Apostle Peter was well aware of the whereabouts of the supposedly 'lost tribes of Israel', and so was the Apostle James. We see this when we consider Peter's salutation in his first epistle.

'Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers (margin- 'of the dispersion') scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification (setting apart) of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.'

1 Peter ch.1 vv 1-2

Peter was writing to fellow Israelites, sojourners of the dispersion after the Assyrian captivity, who were now redeemed back into the House of Israel.

In the 2nd chapter of this same epistle, Peter makes a tremendous statement to these dispersed Israelites. He says,

‘But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people (i.e. a people of His own: and here is the reason that the Lord Jesus has called out Israel); that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light’.

1 Peter ch.2 v.9

In the above quotation, Peter mentions some of the important identifying marks which help us recognise who the peoples of Israel are in the world today. He very clearly points out that they would be a holy nation; not necessarily sinless, but one that is set apart and chosen by God to show forth the praises of Jesus Christ.

Who then are these chosen people that the Lord has called? There is only one people who today are fulfilling all of these requirements as detailed by Peter in this Scripture.

Which peoples have taken the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever they have migrated, and have also endeavoured to take it to all parts of the world? Is it not those that comprise the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic, Germanic, Scottish, Irish, French, Dutch, Scandinavian and kindred peoples? Most assuredly it is! It is abundantly clear that the Chinese, Japanese, Jews, and most other nations have not been in the forefront of this capacity as witnesses and servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some may ask why is it that so many of the peoples of Christendom – Anglo-Saxondom – are still blinded to this wonderful truth of their heritage as God’s Israel people. To help explain this, we note that the Apostle Paul mentions that Israel would be blinded to who they are.

They were not to be blinded to whom Jesus Christ is, and to the message of personal salvation, for which we thank God; but to their identity as Israel. In Romans ch.11 v.25 it says,

‘For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in’.

So Paul writing about this spiritual blindness which is of the Lord says,

LEST THEY BECOME WISE IN THEIR OWN CONCEITS.

Sadly this attitude already exists among some of God's people.

The period of the 'Fullness of the Gentiles' which Paul refers to is the completion of God's purposes here upon the earth, before the Lord Jesus Christ comes again as King of Kings.

God has a time schedule for all things, and this includes when Jesus will return to earth, as alluded to by Luke in the book of Acts.

'And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.'

Acts ch.3 vv 20-21

As this subject is brought to a conclusion I want to share with you what the prophet Amos wrote concerning the Lord's relationship with the 12 Tribes of Israel. Please keep in mind that Amos was speaking to all of the 12 Tribes when he wrote this.

'Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel ... You only have I known (i.e. had a covenant relationship with) of all the families (or tribes) of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities (i.e. sin, evil, disobedience).

Amos ch.3 vv 1-2

With a special 'covenant relationship' with the Lord as His witnesses and servants, there also comes responsibility. Divine judgment fell upon the tribes of Israel time and time again when they forsook the Lord. This is recorded in the Old Scriptures for all to see. Today America and all of Christendom are feeling the anger and the chastening of God.

Throughout the Old Scriptures we find that whenever the tribes of Israel were obedient to the Lord their God, they were blessed. But, when they failed to hearken to God and His righteous moral laws and commandments relating to murder, rape, crime, theft, drunkenness, and the many other sins such as we see being committed in America today, then the Lord chastened them.

Yes, friends, it does make a difference whether or not we are the Lord's servant people, Israel. The Scriptures are very clear on this matter. The new Testament bears out this important truth also. Listen again to what the apostle Paul writes concerning Israel's position after Calvary.

'I say the truth in Christ . . . For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my **kinsmen** according to the **flesh**: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.'

Romans ch.9 vv 1 & 3-4

After reading this list of wonderful blessings which are part and parcel of the heritage of being Israel, how could anyone make the statement, 'Suppose we are Israel, does it make a difference?'

Is it possible that such promises and covenants as Paul describes in the Epistle to the Romans would mean nothing to those who are intended to be the beneficiaries and inheritors of them?

The prophets of old, as well as the apostles of the Lord Jesus, who understood the great national blessings given to the House of Israel would never have doubted their position as God's people; nor would they have asked, 'Does it make a difference that we are Israel?' However, today we are suffering from a bad case of 'mistaken identity' and most of our people do not understand the tremendous heritage which is theirs.

God help us to open our eyes to this wonderful heritage we have as God's Israel people. And may He help us realise the responsibilities which go with this position.



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