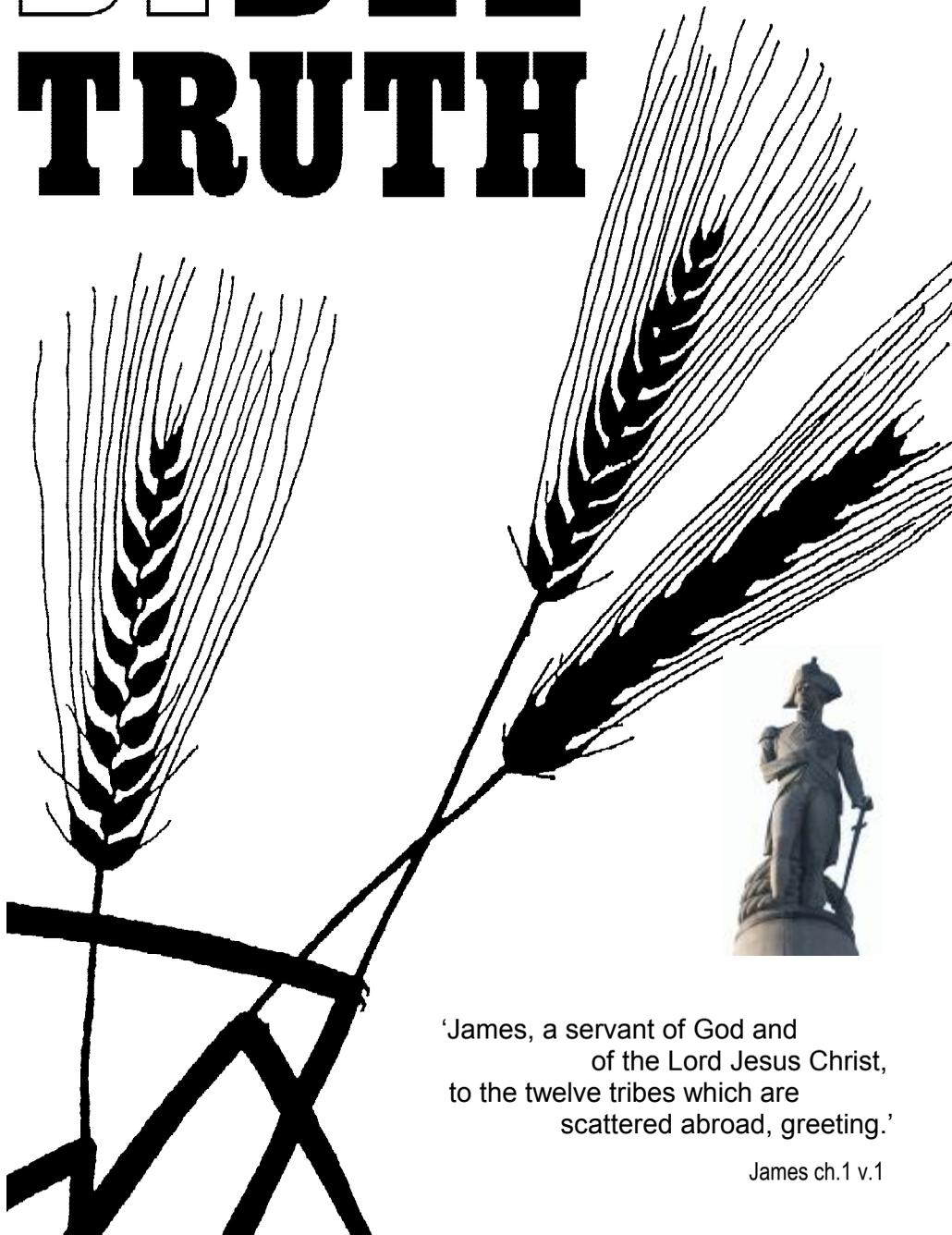


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‘James, a servant of God and  
of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to the twelve tribes which are  
scattered abroad, greeting.’

James ch.1 v.1

# **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BRITISH-ISRAEL TEACHING**

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In introducing what to many may be a new religious concept, perhaps it should first be said that what some call the British-Israel movement, while actively Christian, is not a new Church or denomination nor even a denomination at all.

On the contrary, most of these believers are active in one or another of the Christian denominations, differing from their fellow members only in that they have come to see that the British or Celto-Saxon peoples are the continuation of God's servant race and nation Israel, and that a recognition of this identity and its implications is a matter of vital and urgent importance.

Of course, there are some people who think that the Jews are Israel. However, this belief has no basis in fact for Bible history makes it very clear that Jews, if anything, are the descendants of a small part of only two of Israel's twelve tribes. This is recognized by the Jews themselves, and is corroborated by the fact that they do not in any way correspond to the Bible's prophetic preview of what Israel was to do and become.

Both in its history and its prophecies, the Bible pictures Israel as a people and nation separate and distinct from Jewry, and once this fact is recognized it takes only a little study of the prophetic descriptions of Israel to see that they are exactly fulfilled in the history and development of the British peoples. As this could not be the result of chance, it follows that the British (Celto-Saxon) peoples must be Israel.

Yet the importance of this relationship does not lie in the identity itself, but rather in the great and urgent responsibility which this identity entails. God brought the Israel people into being to be His servant nation and, as such, to be the instrument of a Great Purpose which He is working out in human history and affairs. Being Israel, therefore, it is the British or Celto-Saxon peoples found in Britain, the United States, Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands and a few other places that today constitute this servant nation and who now face the responsibility of carrying out this Great Purpose.

The ultimate objective of this Purpose is the restoration of man's life and world to the perfection of Creation, but its more immediate objective is the establishment of God's Will as the Law governing all human conduct and relations, and the bringing into being thereby of that righteous social order and world government called in the Scriptures the Kingdom of God.

The central figure in this Purpose is God's own Son, Jesus, the Christ, for not only is He to rule over this world-wide Kingdom as 'King of kings and Lord of lords', but by His death on the Cross He paid the penalty of human sin and rebellion, thus opening the door to everlasting life in His Kingdom to all who will accept it of Him.

Nevertheless, by its very nature, such a Purpose requires human co-operation. If God's Will is to be obeyed throughout the earth, someone will have to teach men its requirements. If the righteousness of His Kingdom and Laws is to be made known, someone will have to demonstrate it.

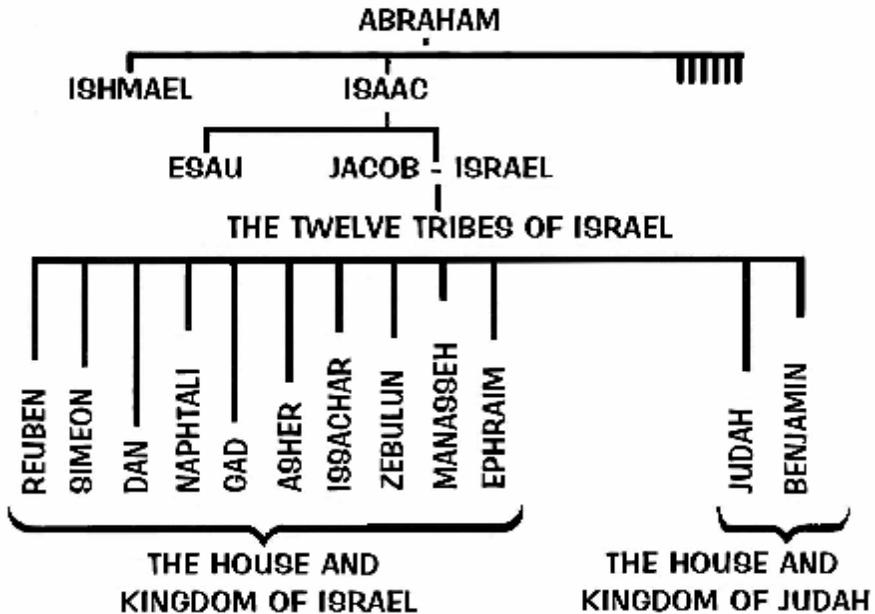
So, almost at the beginning of the Bible story, we find it recorded that God brought into being a new and distinct race, a twelve-tribed people called Israel, to be His servant and the instrument of His Purpose.

After a period of growth and of slavery in Egypt, God led His people out of that land in a great migration called the Exodus. This event was followed by a forty-year period of organization and training in which He formed them into a kingdom-nation of which He was King, gave them a Code of Laws for the government of their affairs, trained them in the application of these laws to every phase of human life and conduct - religious, political, social and economic - settled them in the land of Canaan (Palestine) and laid on them the great and holy responsibility of demonstrating and extending the righteousness of His Kingdom and Laws to all men.

Unfortunately, the fathers in Israel of old proved unfaithful to this great trust. Instead of continuing to govern their life and actions in accordance with God's Will and Laws, they gradually turned from them to follow the evil ways of the heathen nations about them, with the result that the Kingdom of God ceased to function and the peace and righteousness which it had provided were replaced by war, invasion, oppression, poverty, disease and countless other evils.

## The Division of the Israel People

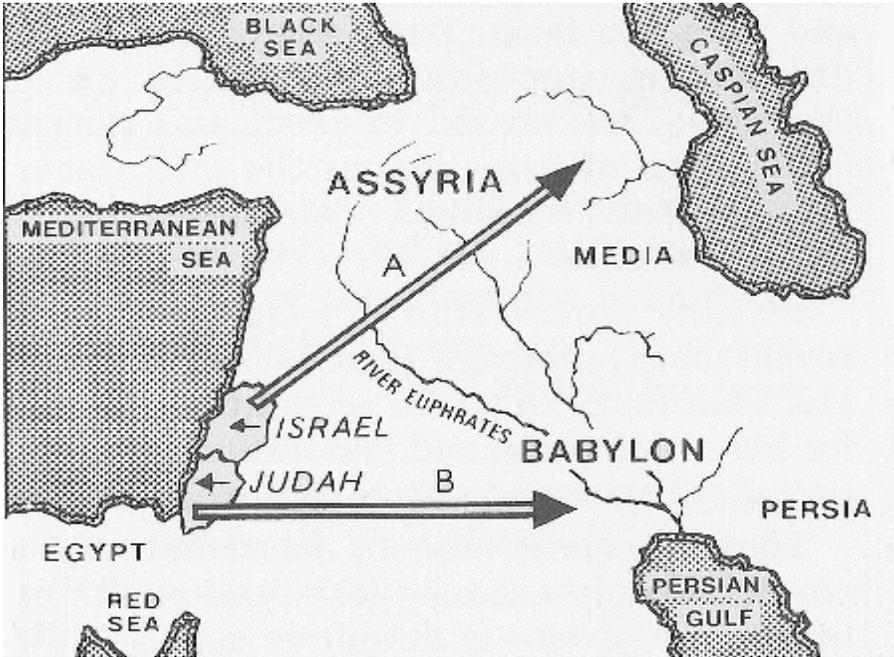
Eventually, the nation broke into two separate and distinct parts: the ten-tribed House called the 'Kingdom of Israel' and the two-tribed House called the Kingdom of 'Judah'.



This chart shows how the tribes divided. The tribe of Levi was distributed between the Kingdoms of Israel & Judah.

Following this division conditions grew steadily worse until, as a corrective punishment, God allowed both of these kingdoms to be conquered and destroyed by enemies who drove all of the survivors away as captives to distant lands; Israel being taken to Assyria and Media in 721 BC and Judah to Babylon and Persia about 130 years later. From this captivity none of the ten-tribed House of Israel and only a few of the House of Judah ever returned.

The small part of the House of Judah which did return continued to live in Palestine until after the first coming of Christ, and it is from it, plus a large number of foreign religious proselytes, that the Jews of today are descended.



Where Israel and then Judah were dispersed to during the Captivities.

The Bible record shows very clearly that the main body of the Israel people never returned to Palestine. As the rejection of the Messiah by the descendants of those who did return (the Jews) precludes the possibility of their being the Israel through which God's Purpose is to be accomplished, some have supposed that His Plan of using a race and nation has failed and been discarded.

Unfortunately, many Christian leaders, apparently having little knowledge of history and even less faith, have accepted this God-dishonouring supposition as truth. By teaching that Israel has ceased to exist, and thus that God's Plan of using her as the instrument of His Purpose has failed, they imply that God has failed.

Yet a deeper study of God's Word will reveal that He foresaw Israel's failure, and that His Plan takes this into account and provides for her redemption and restoration after a long period of exile and correction.

That this exile was temporary and corrective only and Israel would not thereby cease to exist - is clearly stated in Amos ch.9 v.9.

‘For, lo, ... I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.’

Further, the Word declares that God prepared a new home for the Israel people into which they would be regathered and in which they would dwell during this exile. Thus in 2 Samuel ch.7 v.10 it states,

‘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 ...’.

As this statement was made while Israel was still in Palestine it follows that the promise must refer to a future home in some other land.

Then in Jeremiah ch.31 vv 35-37 there is this emphatic statement.

‘Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.’

The **sun**, the **moon** and the **stars** still shine. The **heavens**, the **earth** and the **seas** are still visible realities, and we are still having **day** and **night** in their regular order. So, as God has declared that Israel is to continue as a people and nation as long as these **eight witnesses** remain, it follows that Israel must still be in existence as a people and nation today.

Further, God's promise of the everlasting continuance of the Royal House and Throne of David should not be overlooked.

When first organized, the government of the Israel nation was headed by men called Judges whom God chose for that office. Most of these were administrators rather than warriors and, as time went by, the people began to clamour for a king who could lead them into battle against their enemies. Though this was rebellion against the Rule of God, Who was and is the true King of Israel, nevertheless, He granted their demand and thus the rule of Israel by Judges gave way to the rule of hereditary governors called Kings.

Saul, the man chosen by the people to be their King, proved a failure and after his death God Himself made the choice, choosing David, a young man of the tribe of Judah. While not without human weakness, David proved to be a good King, so much so that God promised that his descendants would continue to reign over Israel forever. Note the promise as recorded in 2 Samuel ch.7 v.16.

'And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.'

Thus, by God's own promise the House and Throne of David must still be in existence today and, as this Royal House and Throne are an integral part of the Israel nation, it follows that Israel must also be in existence today.

In thinking of this we should also consider the words of the Archangel who came to announce the coming birth of the Saviour, as recorded in Luke ch.1 vv 30-33.

'And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: ... thou shalt conceive ... and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob (Israel) for ever ... .'

Here again there is proof of the existence of Israel and the Throne of David today, for how can Jesus reign from a Throne and over a people if they no longer exist?

Having shown that the people of Israel must still exist as a people and nation today, separate and distinct from Jewry, notice a few of the many prophetic descriptions of what they were to do and become during their long period of exile. These state very plainly that Israel would have the following attributes.

1. To be a 'nation' (Jeremiah ch.31 vv 35-37)
2. To be a 'great nation' (Genesis ch.12 v.2)
3. To have the word 'great' as part of their name  
(Genesis ch.12 v.2)
4. To be a people 'regathered' in a new home  
(Amos ch.9 v.9 & 2 Samuel ch.7 v.10)
5. To become 'a nation and company of nations'  
(Genesis ch.35 v.11)
6. To be 'a kingdom'  
(2 Samuel ch.7 vv 12-16; & Jeremiah ch.33 v.17)
7. To have as emblems 'a lion and a unicorn'  
(Numbers ch.24 vv 8-9).

These and many similar descriptions point unmistakably to Britain and the Celto-Saxon peoples. Others may answer to one or two of these descriptions but only Britain and the Celto-Saxon peoples answer to them all. A few nations can be called great and a few are kingdoms but only Britain has 'Great' as part of her name. Only in the settlement of Britain by many related tribes have we the regathering of a people in a new home, and only they have become 'a nation and company of nations'. Further, Britain does have the 'lion and the unicorn' as its national emblem.

These things in themselves show the Israelitish identity of the British peoples, but many other kinds of evidence are available. In history, archaeology, ethnology, philology, place names, folk lore, Bible time measures and heraldry, there is found a mass of evidence proving conclusively that, after the Israel people were driven out of Palestine, they broke up into a number of tribes and clans. At different times and under many names they migrated across and around Europe to the British Isles and the coast lands of northwest Europe.

Here in accordance with the prophecy of Isaiah (ch.41 v.1) they gradually renewed their numbers and strength. Then, as foretold in Genesis ch.28 v.14, they began to emigrate to new lands, where

they developed into that nation (the United States) and company of nations (the original British Commonwealth) promised to Jacob-Israel in Genesis ch.35 v.11.

Nevertheless, as stated earlier, the importance of their relationship to ancient Israel does not lie in the fact of the identity itself, but in the purpose for which God brought Israel into being and for which He has preserved them as a people and nation down to the present day.

That purpose requires them to live and conduct all of their affairs in accordance with God's Will, to give a national demonstration of the righteousness of His Kingdom and Laws, and by teaching and example to make that righteousness available to all men. This, our fathers in Israel of old failed to do. Instead of continuing to obey God they gradually became disobedient and rebellious, with the result that the Kingdom of God ceased to function, and eventually they were conquered and driven out of Palestine by their enemies.

Yet even as Israel was falling into apostacy, God sent His prophets to promise her everlasting continuance as a people and nation and to tell of a wonderful time to come in the future. At that time under the Rule of His own son, a repentant and redeemed Israel would be restored to her former position as His Kingdom-nation and would then go forward to carry out the Purpose for which He had brought her into being.

At the appointed time and in the place and manner foretold, God the Son came into the world to redeem Israel, to reaffirm the promise of the restoration of His Kingdom and, by His sacrificial death, to open the way to everlasting life in His Kingdom for all who will accept it of Him. Then He rose from the dead and ascended to the Father there to await the moment when He is to return to earth to Rule over Israel and the world from the Throne of David.

This promise of the coming of our Lord and His Kingdom is a matter of urgent importance to us today. For, though it is true that no one can know the day or the hour of that great event, there are many reasons for believing that it is drawing very near.

Among these would be the Seven Times (Leviticus ch.26 v.28), or 2,520-year period of exile to which Israel, as a race, was sentenced.

It has now come to an end, and the unprecedented events and conditions which have come upon the world in this generation are

identical with those which our Lord Himself said would come in the generation immediately preceding His return.

British-Israel Teaching therefore, is the Good News that the British or Celto-Saxon peoples and nations are the continuation of God's servant race and nation Israel, and the throne amongst them is the Throne of David. We are drawing very near to the time when they are to be restored to their former position as God's own Kingdom-nation, and when Jesus the Christ, our Saviour, Redeemer and Lord is to return to earth to reign over us from the Throne of David and to usher in that righteous social order and world government called in the Scriptures the Kingdom of God.

Then will come that wondrous time of peace and happiness which the prophets foresaw when, with all things governed in accordance with God's Commandments and Laws, man will be forever free of war, oppression, poverty, disease and all of the other evils which now afflict him.

Yet the very imminence of this great event is, in itself, an emphatic warning of the need of preparation for the consequence of being unready, either individually or nationally, will be tragic indeed.

Individually, of course, we can be ready only by a recognition of Jesus, the Christ, as the Son of God and by our acceptance of, and our unswerving loyalty to Him as our personal Saviour and Lord. Nationally we can be ready only by a recognition of our Israelitish identity and a humble and repentant surrender of our whole national life to the Will and Purpose of God.

The need of this preparation is both great and urgent. May we respectfully suggest, therefore, that you give it your earnest and prayerful consideration, for even as it was true when spoken by our Lord, so also it is true again today.

'... The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe ...'

Mark ch.1 v.15

The present eclipse of the power and authority of the Israel nations in the West is a major event sign of our arrival at the end of the Age.

‘Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.’

Matthew ch.24 vv 29-31

We should be in no doubt but that a conflict of supernatural dimensions is manifesting itself in the midst of Western civilization and the whole body-politic of the Kingdom of God upon earth. Titanic forces are working in all spheres of human activity to break down and destroy the cohesive bonds and the destiny of the Israel peoples of the West.

But there is a way out of this chaos. We can be assured that deliverance will come, if only our peoples will return to the God of their fathers - the Lord God of Israel. Let us therefore respond to the plea of the prophet Isaiah and,

‘... look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged’.

Isaiah ch.51 v.1

In addition let us be mindful of the following pertinent declaration in the Fifth Book of Moses.

‘For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.’

Deuteronomy ch.7 v.6

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