ISRAEL, THE CHOSEN PEOPLE!

What happened to the lost ten tribes of Israel? Is what is known as Israel today still the tribes of Judah and Benjamin? Why isn’t the tribe of Dan even mentioned in book of Revelations?

To understand the answers to these questions and to others we need to first understand who Israel is and who it is not.

Most know the story of how Elohiym promised to build a nation of people through Abraham’s son Isaac. And most understand how Islam formed years later from the descendants of Abraham’s other son Ishmael, who was born to Abraham from his wife’s handmaid Haggai.

I am going to address this subject through the viewpoint of understanding why Israel was sent into captivity at various times.

The splitting of the 10 nations of Israel from Judah and Benjamin was when Solomon died and his son Rehoboam took the reigns as king of Israel. He decided to listen to the counsel of his newly formed advisory board made up of his young friends and raised the taxes on the people.

The ten tribes split off and elected their own king, Jeroboam. Jeroboam decided to give these ten tribes their own identity by changing when Elohiym’s appointed times were observed.

For this they were vomited out of the mouth of Elohiym and sent into captivity. The captivity that they were sent into is a spiritual captivity. Yes, there were different conquering’s that took place on a physical plane, as well to disperse the people throughout the world, yet they lost their identity as Elohiym’s chosen people, by losing the sign that He was their Elohiym.

What was this sign?

Ex 31:16-17

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There is a large group of people in the world today that think they possess this Sabbath sign and therefore they think they are the remnant of the scattered nations of Israel. They think this because they have adopted the current worship day of those who call themselves the Jewish people today.

The question is, what is the origin of Saturday worship? Is it the true Sabbath day?

Today, I am not going to get into the details of how scripture explains how we are to determine when our Creator’s appointed times are, I merely am going to state that Saturday was not the day that the Jewish people celebrated the Sabbath on during the days of Yehshua when He walked here in the flesh.

They determined the Sabbath day by the New Moons each month and worshipped Him on the New Moons as well, just as you and I are commanded to. There is plenty of proof of this in scripture and in history. If you really want to be in agreement with your Creator and you really fear not being in agreement with Him, you will need to search this out for yourself.

After all, His Sabbath is a perpetual sign between Him and His people and it is forever.

So, with this understanding, since the Jewish people gave up this sign in the 4th century, by their own admission, they too were cast into captivity into Babylon.

But you say wait a minute, the Jewish people were returned to Jerusalem in 1948, as was prophesied would happen. Is that really true? Are those who returned really the Jewish people? Or, were they a group of people who mingled with the Jewish people, that were sent into captivity in the 4th century and learned their false customs including their perverted timing of the Sabbath?

If you take the time to research the truth about when the Sabbath is, the answer to this question should be obvious. YEHWEH Elohiym did not give His promises to a rebellious people who lost His sign and did not repent for it.

This is the same group who had earlier lost His protection because they would not accept His Son as the Messiah, and killed Him. They were sent into captivity, this time not for just 70 years.

Just as the other ten tribes lost their identity due to rebellion of the word, so did Judah and Benjamin lose their identity due to their rebellion.

I have a segment posted on the Song of Moses that is recorded in Deuteronomy 32. This song is one of the many commandments that those who profess to be His children ignore today. We are commanded to know this song and teach it to one another because it was given as a witness against **Israel** in the last days. Here is a verse out of this song;

Deut 32:20-21

20 **And He said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: because they are a perverse (or fraudulent) generation, children in whom is no faith. (they do not live the truth)**

21 **They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not of Elohiym; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**

1948 will prove to be an important year in prophesy, but it was not a year in which the true tribes of Judah or Benjamin returned to Jerusalem. Elohiym did not bring back a rebellious house.

No, Jerusalem is still being trodden under foot by heathen nations, not the children of the promise.

So where are children of the promise and who are they?

Let’s go back to the story; we were from Abraham’s loins. Isaac had two sons as most of you know, Jacob and Esau. Esau gave up his birthright and Jacob hungered for it, even at their birth. We also see this in the story when he was given the name Israel.

Gen 32:24-30

24 **And Jacob was left alone; and there he grappled with a man until the breaking of the day.**

25 **And when He saw that He prevailed not against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as He grappled with him.**

26 **And the man said; Let me go, for the day breaks. And Jacob said, I will not let you go unless you bless me.**

27 **And the man said unto him, what is your name? And he said, Jacob. (He wanted him to admit who he was)**

28 **And He said, your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for you have power with Elohiym and with men, and have prevailed (morally overcame).**

29 **And Jacob asked Him, and said, tell me, I pray of you what is your name. And He said, why is it that you ask my name? And He blessed him there.**

30 **And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen Elohiym face to face, and my life is preserved (or delivered or plucked me out).**

Wow, what a powerful event, Elohiym manifests Himself as a man and grapples with Jacob. Why? Because Jacob was not 100 % yielded, yet Elohiym sees His heart and is molding him and is preparing to teach him something. Do you think there was dialog during this match?

We are not given all of the details, just that Jacob prevailed or overcame morally.

At the end of the match, this manifestation tells Jacob to let go but Jacob would not, this is why Elohiym was there in the first place. Jacob’s heart was not quite right, but his heart was right in other ways. He did not want to let go of what was passed down through his father and his grandfather, yet he was also not completely putting his trust in his Elohiym either. He had lessons to learn but he was learning them.

The result, Elohiym blessed him because he would not let go. He knew that this man had the power to bless Him and He knew that He needed His blessing, a very powerful lesson for us all to learn from. Oh, that we would have such a heart as Jacob’s that day.

Before I get into the name he was given, Israel, I want to turn to two verses in John;

John 1:18

18 **No man HAS SEEN Elohiym at any time; the only begotten of Elohiym, which is in the bosom of the Father, HE HAS DECLARED HIM.**

1 John 4:12

12 **No man HAS SEEN Elohiym at any time. If we love one another, Elohiym dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.**

How do these verses fit with the story of Jacob? In John 1:18 he is using the Greek word “horao” which means to perceive or to experience.

It is the same word that is translated as “take heed to” in some places and it is the same word that Yehshua used twice in the sentence;

John 6:46

46 **Not that any man HAS SEEN the Father, except he which is of Elohiym, he HAS SEEN the Father.**

Yehshua is saying that no one can perceive the Father unless they are of Him or close to him. The closer we get to Him, meaning the more of His spirit that we have given to us, burning in our lamps, the more of Him that we can perceive. John is discussing in verse 18 that this is only possible because Yehshua showed us who His Father is and provided the gate for us to receive Him living in us to teach us who He is.

In chapter 4:12 John is using a different Greek word it is “theaomai” which means to behold or to look upon.

No man has actually looked upon Elohiym, He is spirit and flesh cannot see spirit. He manifested His backside for Moses to see and He manifested Himself in a physical form that day with Jacob, just as He did with Abraham and with Joshua.

Back to the name of Israel…

Knowing what the name represents will tell you who Israel is. It goes back to the identifying mark;

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Knowing now how the Sabbaths are determined, does any nation have this mark? Not that I can find. There certainly are individual groups that have been shown the truth of this mark, as my Father is restoring truth, but are any of these groups laying hold to all of His statutes and commands?

Not that I can find, at least not yet.

It is so important to understand why Israel was sent into captivity and why satan was allowed to deceive the whole world. I have done other segments on the reason and time will not allow me to get into this but simply put, man has refused their Creator’s blueprint, therefore they have refused His protection from the enemy.

This has been allowed by Elohiym because He will use this as a witness against people when they are resurrected, with the intent of humbling them in order to bring them into His family when they learn how futile their own ways were.

During these first 6,000 years, minus the 228 years that He is cutting it short, He has only sealed 144,000 from the scattered nations of Israel into His family. He has plucked them out of the captivity because they came to His call.

Look at the history of man through His eyes and not your own eyes and try to see how many might He have selected into His family; and consider if you could possibly be one of them, when you did not even fight to have His Sabbath correct, or any of the rest of His instructions.

Step aside from what you think and pretend to be Elohiym for a moment. Pretend that you wanted to build a family so you made man and gave him free will and most rejected you.

But, also consider the delight that you have that 144,000 did not reject you. They wanted to be taught by you, they wanted you to feed them, nurture them and provide for them. Oh, what favor you would want to give such a group.

This group fought to be in your family.

What about everyone else? Well, if they don’t want you, I guess you would let them go their own way.

But wait, is He finished building His family after the 144,000 were completed? No, there is more to His plan. People who rejected Him and did not know Him will be resurrected at a later time and will be able to see the end result, how obeying Him, would have turned out.

Yehshua and the first fruits will govern here for a thousand years and prepare a people for that resurrection. This is what He is inviting you to be a part of, to come out of captivity from the bondage of transgressing His laws and let Him be your source and let Him teach you His ways.

You can choose what Israel did not, they broke His covenant and did not choose life. Lay hold of the new covenant that He is offering to you and choose life.

Somehow, He drug 144,000 out of the muck and the mire and cleansed them with His Son’s blood; but these had to want Him and had to want to hold onto His precepts, they had to want to be in His family. This number is so few when you consider the billions who have lived.

It should really be a marvel, how could any of us be so foolish to not trust Him with everything? He is Almighty.

Israel is the Hebrew word;

**OT:3478**

**Yisra'el (yis-raw-ale'); from OT:8280 and OT:410; he will rule or have power as ‘El or better stated, Elohiym will empower**

**OT:8280**

**sarah (saw-raw'); a primitive root; to prevail:**

**OT:410**

**'el (ale); strength; as adjective, mighty; especially the Almighty, translated as God in many places.**

There are only two occurrences of this word” sarah” in the Old Testament and both are referring to Jacob. The first, the day that he prevailed or was rescued for not letting go and the other place is in the book of Hosea where is referring to Jacob not letting go of His brother’s heel.

Hos 12:2-6

2 **YEHWEH also has a controversy or strife with Judah, and will charge according to Jacob according to his ways; according to his path will he recompense him (Judah).**

3 **He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength HE HAD POWER WITH ELOHIYM:**

4 **Yes, he ruled among the angels and overcame: he wept, and Elohiym showed mercy to Him: He appeared to him in Bethel, and there He spoke with us;**

5 **Even YEHWH ELOHIYM of hosts; YEHWEH is his memorial.**

6 **Therefore turn to your Elohiym: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on your Elohiym continually.**

I can see that I am running out of time and I am just getting started so I will need to do a part two.

As we go forward in this subject, I will show how this scripture is showing that being a part of Israel needs to be a desire, just as Yehshua said, in Matthew 11:12, that the Kingdom of heaven must be fought for and the forceful or those who really want it, seize it.