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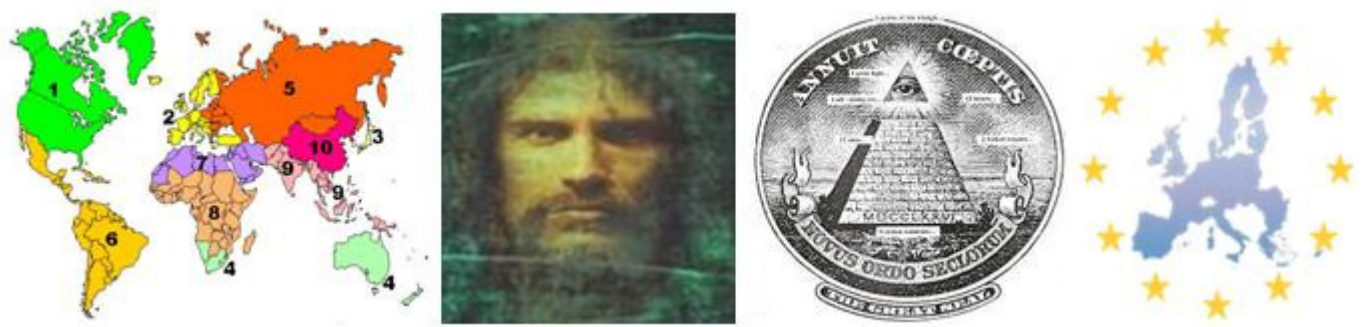
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Welcome to the Global Watch Weekly Report



Many of you may have at some point been familiar with a church called the *Worldwide Church of God* formerly led by a man called Hebert Armstrong. This organization during the 20th century, had championed a specific system of belief that ten of the ancient tribes of Israel had been lost historically because the tribes had migrated into Europe and by intermingling with the various tribes across Europe had eventually become the ancestors of the nations of Great Britain, the United States and parts of Northern Europe. Modern day Israel they claimed was not the nation of Israel in the Middle East but the Anglo Saxon countries of the West which had now inherited the blessings and covenants that God made with Abraham. Such a belief system would have had significant fuel considering that America and Britain were the great powers during the middle of the 20th century and seen as the bastions of freedom and democracy against the growing rise of Nazi Germany. However such a belief which incorporated some rather nasty racist tones was enough for them to be branded a cult by The Christian Research Institute.

When Hebert Armstrong died in 1986 his successor Joseph W Tkach Sr, began to implement the most incredible transformation of what would have been perceived by mainstream Christianity as a Christian cult transforming into an orthodox evangelical organization. This has continued to this day under his son Joseph Tach Jr. Understandably this led to significant splinters within the church of which arose 3 key organizations, the *Reformed Church of God*, the *Philadelphia Church of God* and the *Living Church of God* (behind the TV series "*Tomorrows World*") who all today continue the legacy of Armstrong's teaching.

Herbert W. Armstrong summarized many of his teachings in his book *Mystery of the Ages*, published shortly before his death. Armstrong considered this book to be the greatest book written since the Bible. This book was the center piece of a titanic struggle between the *Philadelphia Church of God* and the remnant of the *Worldwide Church of God* under Joseph Tkach Jr. The battle went as far as the United States Supreme Court. At that point, however, the leaders of the original *Worldwide Church of God* decided to drop the case and give over not only *Mystery of the Ages*, but also several other works originally written by Armstrong considering they had no further regard or use for them.

The original *Worldwide Church of God* eventually changed its name to *Grace Communion International* and is now a member of the *National Association of Evangelical Churches*. As part of their doctrinal transformation the church has categorically distanced and revoked a number of Armstrong's beliefs including the belief that Britain and the United States were the true Israel amongst other beliefs such as Saturday/Sabbath worship, salvation not by grace alone, that one couldn't celebrate their birthday or go to the doctors, take medicines or eat pork. However the most traumatic doctrinal changes that shook the church and caused thousands of ministers to leave was the new leaderships insistence that Sabbath keeping was not a requirement for salvation.

Today on the *Grace Communion International* website they state the following

"In the early 1930s, Herbert Armstrong began a ministry that eventually became our denomination. He had many unusual doctrines. These he taught so enthusiastically that eventually more than 100,000 people attended weekly services. After he died in 1986, church leaders began to realize that many of his doctrines were not biblical. These doctrines were rejected, and the church is now in full agreement with the statement of faith of the National Association of Evangelicals. To reflect these doctrinal changes, in April 2009, the denomination changed its name to Grace Communion International. This name better reflects who we are and what we teach."

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“Jesus Christ changes lives. He can change an organization, too. This is the story of how the Lord changed our denomination from an unorthodox church on the fringes of Christianity, into an evangelical group that believes and teaches orthodox doctrines. The story involves both pain and joy. Thousands of members left the church. Income is less than one fourth of what it once was. But thousands of members are rejoicing with renewed zeal for their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

The story of this explosive period in the legacy of Herbert Armstrong is probably one of the most incredible and emotional denomination U turns in the history of 20th century Christianity.



For the purpose of this weeks edition of the Global Watch Weekly our focus is specifically on the British Israelism ideology of Hebert Armstrong which whilst renounced by *Grace Communion International* is still being promoted by the *Reformed Church of God*, the *Philadelphia Church of God*, the *Living Church of God* and other splinter groups that broke away from the original *Worldwide Church of God*.

Clearly the belief that the modern day true Israel applies to the nations of the United States and Great Britain is a significant departure from correct biblical teaching. Yet this is a teaching which is even embraced by the British Royal Family and specific European family dynasties who believe that due to their lineage back to the time of ancient Israel and David that they are now the true guardians of the earth and inheritors of divine blessing and favour.

Yet somehow in our analysis we can see that there is strand of truth in the theory of the lost tribes of Israel which in no way has to conflict with the fact that Israel today does exist as a nation and has done since 1948.

As mentioned in our edition 45 of the Global Watch Weekly the founder of British Israelism was actually not Herbert Armstrong. In fact on the Grace Communion International website they state.

“Well, what about Anglo-Israelism? Certainly that one was specially revealed to Mr. Armstrong! Well, not exactly. A man named John Sadler apparently pioneered the idea way back in 1649, while another man named Richard Brothers (1757-1824) developed the concept further. It’s true Mr. Armstrong took their ideas and adapted them in a peculiar way, but he emphatically did not originate the concept. In fact, it is no secret that Herbert Armstrong’s *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy* was copied from a book titled *Judah’s Scepter and Joseph’s Birthright* by J. H. Allen.”

However is it possible that one could believe in the lost tribes of Israel (which formed part of the British Israelism theology) without accepting the full heretical extent of Armstrong's teachings. The answer may surprise you but we believe it is “yes”. The key we believe is related to fully understanding the insight in Revelation about a future group yet to come known as the 144,000.

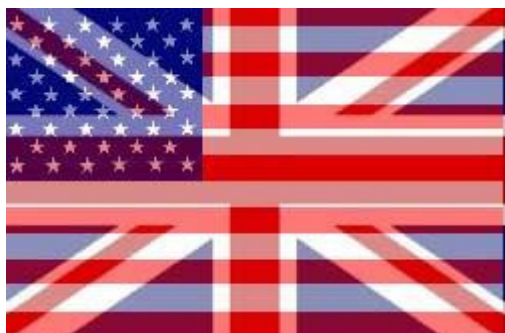
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THE GREAT DIVIDE

An important observation can be made in regards to those whom we would perceive to be experts in the area of global conspiracies and biblical prophecy. It is apparent that there are two opposing camps in regards to the understanding of the history of Israel especially around the time of Israel falling into captivity under the Babylonian and Assyrian empires that dominated the Middle East peninsula during old Testament times.

Many notable global conspiracy authors such as Fritz Springmeier, Texe Marrs, Robin de Ruiter, Henry Makow and others who have spent a considerable focus documenting the belief structures of Western Freemasonry, the bloodlines of the Illuminati, and in particular the Merovingian bloodline, share a very similar belief component to the controversial belief known as British Israelism or Christian Identity.



British Israelism, also known as Anglo-Israelism, is the belief that the "lost ten tribes" of Israel migrated to Europe and then to England and became the primary ancestors of the British people, the United States of America, and certain areas of north-western Europe, particularly Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Holland. British Israelism was made popular during the 20th century by the Worldwide Church of God and Herbert Armstrong, but other groups have held the doctrine as well.

The other side of the coin is a view known as dispensationalism which many mainstream bible prophecy teachers adhere to. Dispensationalists believe that there were no lost tribes of Israel and that the view of the United States, Great Britain et al being the prophetic Israel of today is completely at odds with scriptures. and in some cases heretical. Their underlining view is that prophetic Israel today is the nation we see in the Middle East which was restored in 1948.

HOW DID THIS CONTROVERSY ARISE

As you may know during Old Testament times, the nation of Israel was divided into twelve tribes based on lineage from Jacobs twelve sons. During the time after the death of King Solomon the tribes fell into two categories as to whether they were part of the Northern Kingdom of Israel or the Southern Kingdom. But how did this division in the Kingdom of Israel occur?

The reign of King Solomon saw significant unrest when one of the king's servants, Jeroboam, rebelled. Jeroboam was on the king's errand when he met the prophet Ahijah, who told him that God was going to give him authority over ten of the twelve tribes of Israel. God's reason for the division of the kingdom was definitive:

"Because they have forsaken me . . . and have not walked in my ways." I Kings 11:33

However, God promised that David's dynasty would continue, albeit over a much smaller kingdom, for the sake of God's covenant with David and for the sake of Jerusalem, God's chosen city. When Solomon learned of the prophecy, he sought to kill Jeroboam, who fled to Egypt for sanctuary (1 Kings 11:26-40).

After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam was set to become the next king. Jeroboam returned from Egypt and led a group of people to confront Rehoboam with a demand for a lighter tax burden. When Rehoboam refused the demand, ten of the tribes rejected Rehoboam and David's dynasty (1 Kings 12:16), and Ahijah's prophecy was fulfilled.

Only the Southern tribes Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to King Rehoboam. The Northern tribes crowned Jeroboam as their king. Jeroboam further consolidated his power by instituting a form of calf worship unique to his kingdom and declaring that pilgrimages to Jerusalem (which was in the Southern Kingdom) were unnecessary. Thus, the people of the Northern tribes would have no contact with the tribes of Judah and Benjamin (Southern Kingdom) except for the tribe of Joseph which had split to become the tribe of Ephraim and the tribe of Manasseh whom at some later stage before the coming captivity of Israel had begun mingling with the Southern kingdom. II Chronicles 10:17

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However both the Southern and Northern kingdom increasingly violated Gods laws and ordinances and this eventually led to God allowing the Southern kingdom to be invaded by the Babylonians in which the Southern kingdom was taken into exile to Babylon. The Northern kingdom was ransacked by the Assyrians who then took the tribes of the Northern kingdom into exile back to Assyria leaving the land of Israel desolate.



After hundreds of years both the Babylonian and Assyrian Empires were attacked and overcome by the new rising power in the region, the MedeoPersian empire. By succeeding Babylon and Assyria the Persians naturally became the owners of the Israelites. King Cyrus then made a decree that the Israelites were to return to their homeland with their prophet Ezra and reconstruct their houses of worship in Jerusalem (the Southern Kingdom).

“Now in the first year of Cyrus, King of Persia, that the word of Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrrus, King of Persia, that he made the proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also into writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth: and he hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is then among you of all his people? His God be with him, and let him go to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the House of the Lord God of Israel, which is in Jerusalem.”

In his brief introduction to the book of Ezra, Professor Noordzij from the university of Utrecht explains that the members of the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom did nothing to indicate that they would obey the orders of the King of Persia. It is important to know that the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom (apart from Manasseh and Ephraim) had already distanced themselves from the religion that connected to temple worship in Jerusalem long before they went into exile. The decree by the King of Persia for all the tribes to go back to Jerusalem in Judah and rebuild their houses of worship would not have been of any incentive.

Some have laid claim that most of the Northern tribes of Israel eventually went south to join the Kingdom of Judah. However Assyrian scribes recorded on clay tablets the record of the Israelites sojourn in captivity. These tablets were excavated from the Assyrian Royal Library of Ashurbanipal, at Nineveh, in 1850 and later translated by Professor Leroy Waterman of the university of Michigan in 1930. The interesting thing is that the tablets reveal that some of the Israelites migrated northward.

Ezra 6:16,21 confirms that the members of the house of Israel who were returning to Jerusalem had been exiled in Babylon (instead of Assyria) because they had been living in the Southern kingdom at the time that the Babylonians had taken the Southern kingdom captive. Thus the term “house of Israel” mentioned by Ezra did not mean it was all of the northern kingdom.

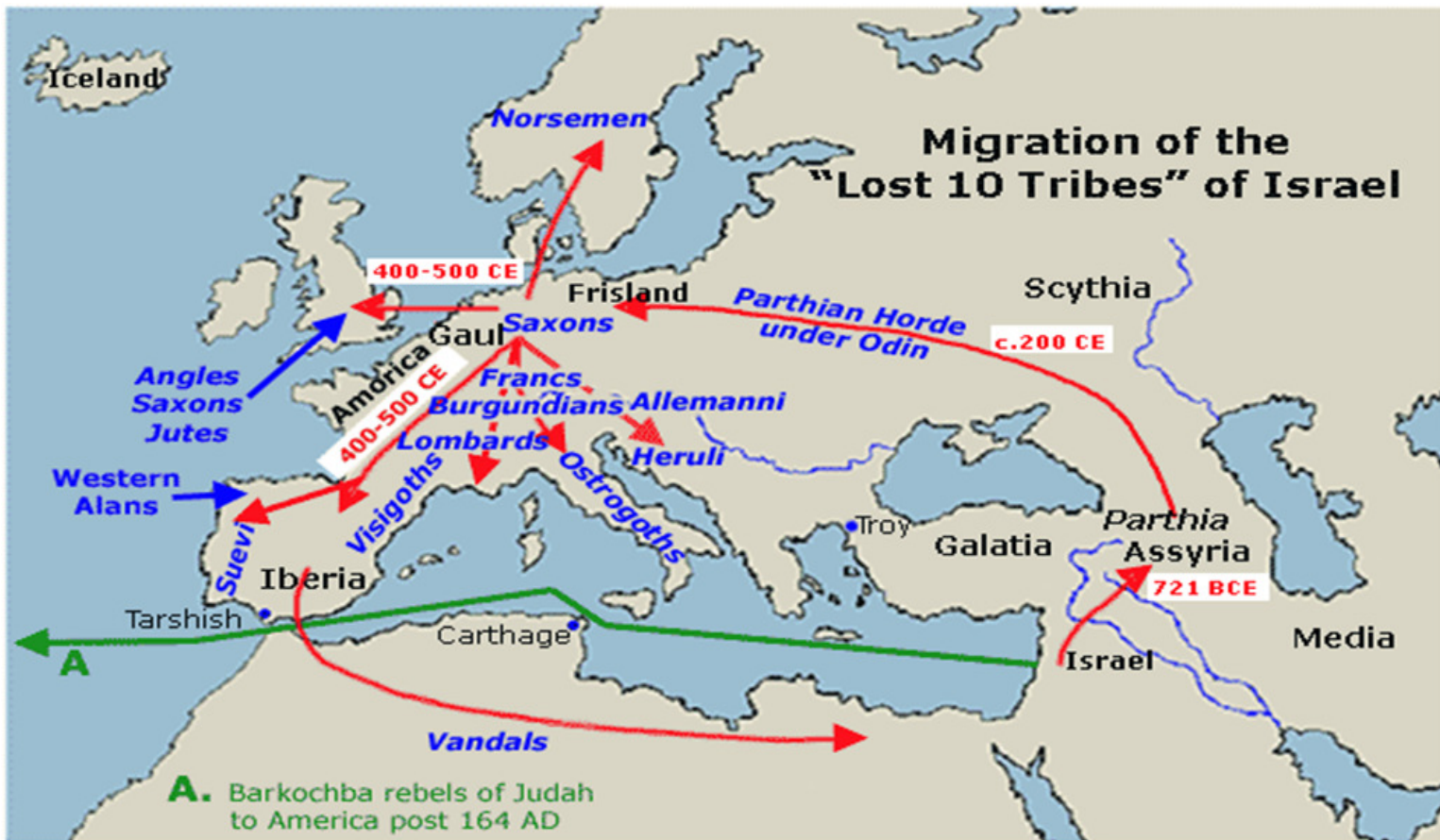
The Bible even gives us a break-down of numbers (I Chronicles 9) and names. Those who returned with Ezra were: Judah 690; Benjamin 956; The Priest's 1,790; which equals only 3,400 out of 42,360 (Ezra 2:64) .



Who were the other 38,960 people? We know from I Chronicles 9 that they were also from Levi, Manasseh and Ephraim. Therefore Ezra 6 needs to be interpreted in the context of Chronicles which decides to give additional detail as to whom of the “house of Israel” (the northern kingdom) joined the tribes of Benjamin, Judah and Levi to Jerusalem.

Of those that returned it was discovered that many of them had intermarried with people in Babylon, Judah as well as the rest of the Israel. Ezra made them put off their foreign wives and children. (Ezra 9 and 10) There were also two other returns, one in 458 B.C. which brought 1,758 people and one in 444 B.C. in which the number that returned is unknown. However one cannot deny that there were specific tribes which did not follow Cyrus decree.

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It is because of these series of historical events that John Sadler, Richard Brothers and Herbert Armstrong maintained that the ten “lost tribes of Israel” in fact would be found today scattered across Europe, Britain, and the former colonies like the US, Canada, and Australia. Herbert Armstrong himself made a case by analyzing words and place-names found throughout Europe that appear to be based in Hebrew.

He argued that the word “brit” comes from “berith”, the Hebrew word for “covenant”, and that the word “Saxons” (as in “Anglo-Saxons”) comes from “Isaac’s Son’s.” He also pointed out a number of locations throughout Europe and especially Ireland could have been named after the tribe of Dan, such as “Dundalk”, “Dundee”, “Donegal”, and of course, “Denmark”, meaning “Dan’s Mark.”

He also referenced historical Irish legends stating that sometime prior to 700 B.C., a tribe called the “Tuatha de Danaan”(Tribe of Dan) arrived on the coast of Ireland and settled down, driving out other tribes along the way, and later becoming fixed in Irish legend as a fantastical race of giants. He then recounts a rather significant Irish folk tale regarding a supposed visit by the Prophet Jeremiah in 569 B.C.

In that year “an elderly, white-haired patriarch”, whom the locals referred to as a “saint” came to Ireland with a young woman named “Tea-Telphi”, who was the daughter of an Egyptian king, and her husband, “Simon Brach.” Simon was the son of the King of Ireland, and the two had met in Jerusalem shortly before that city was sieged. They then went back to Ireland, along with Jeremiah, bearing a harp, an ark, and something called the “Lia-fail”, which later became known as the “Stone of Destiny”, the stone upon which all British monarchs sit at their coronation.



This is the same one that the British Royals believe to be synonymous with Jacob’s pillow-stone, upon which he slept as he dreamt about wrestling with an angel. Armstrong found significance in the fact that the word “lia-fail” reads the same forwards and backwards, perhaps an indication of its Hebraic origin.

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WHO IS ISRAEL TODAY?

The question thus arises, Who is Israel? Is it the nation we see today in the Middle East which was brought together in 1948 or does Israel today pertain to the United States, Great Britain and Scandinavia?



Also the controversy invokes these following additional questions.

1. Up to what generational level back can some claim to be a Jew if their family tree shows that they have descended at some point from a Jew?
2. It is clear that certain orthodox Jews have been evangelistic in their desire to convert the world to Judaism and there are thousands of people worldwide who have converted to Judaism and are now practicing Jews even though they do not claim Jewishness in their lineage. How are these converts defined?
3. Since many of the Jews living in Israel today are classified as Ashkenazi Jews do those who argue against "the lost tribes of Israel" history recognise the fact that there were other classes of Jews in History who were not Ashkenazi Jews?
4. Do they refute absolutely any possibility that any of the tribes of Israel who migrated from Israel ever made it to mainland Europe or the British Isles?
5. If dispensationalists acknowledge that there were Israelites during the old testament, and Jews, after the ascent of Christ who did migrate to Europe including the British Isles, then since there is the possibility that these peoples then co-mingled and intermarried with the existing Europeans how do we then define their offspring in terms of whether they are still modern day Israelites?

The traditional assumption is that all of the Israelites who were dispersed after the Babylonian and Assyrian captivity and the Jews who were dispersed during the great Diaspora after AD 70, all maintained their identity, culture and historical values through thousands of generations up until the present so that it would be easy to know who they are today. However it is clear that the issue is rather more complex because of the intermingling with other nations during the course of history.

This is one of the reasons why some gravitated to "Replacement Theology", the view that according to the book of Romans in the New Testament there is no "Jew or Gentile in Christ" and that the Mystical Bride of Christ is now the fulfilment of "Israel" which is preached in many Evangelical and Charismatic Churches. Replacement Theology avoids the need for the complexity that arises when one tries to distinguish between "Israel" and the "Church" because there are only two categorisations under grace, either a believer or unbeliever. The premise is based on Galatians 3:28:

"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."

However, the truth is that there are two kinds of conversion under grace. When a Buddhist receives the gospel and salvation, he stops being a Buddhist. When a Hindu receives the gospel and salvation, he stops being a Hindu. When a Jew gets saved, it's a different word for conversion – it's teshuva. He turns from sin toward God and his Jewish identity becomes complete. Only a Gentile can convert, a Jew completes.

Jewish completion is teshuva. This is shown in the case of the adoption of a black African infant of pagan origin who gets adopted by a Christian Polish family. He becomes Polish by legal adoption and he's converted to Christianity. But then he grows up and marries a Polish girl; he becomes Polish by matrimony, and learns to speak Polish. So he becomes a Pole by culture, but his skin is still black.

So it is when a non-Jew becomes a believer in Jesus. Through a patriarchal inclusion he becomes, not a Jew, but a son, by adoption --by conversion -- religious conversion. Or he becomes a son by matrimony, because Christ is the bridegroom of the predominantly Gentile church.

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THE FUTURE DESTINY OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

The Bible does provide some interesting clues regarding the future prophetic destiny of Judah (the Southern kingdom) and Israel (the Northern kingdom).

Judas' future fate and destiny is defined as the following:

- 1, Jeremiah 24:9 makes it clear that the members of Judah who remained in Jerusalem would await a terrible fate*
- 2. The people of Judah were to be a people without a home in all countries. Judah was to be mocked and cursed.*
- 3. Judah's name (Jews) would continue to exist: Isaiah 65:15*

Clearly we have seen the historical fulfilment of this during AD 70 and the Roman armies destroying Jerusalem and the temple triggering what is now called the Diaspora which led to the rise of anti-Semitism and brutal persecution of the Jews across Europe during the middle Ages.

The Jews have also been blamed for many of the worlds ills because people have not distinguished that the conspiracy for one world government is not a Jewish conspiracy but a Luciferian one.

On the other hand scripture states that the destiny of the tribes of the Northern kingdom (Israel) would be as follows:

- 1. They would be lost as a populace and be a people that would become blind to their own identity: Jeremiah 50:3-6, Isaiah 42:16-20*
- 2. From Israel, large colonies would emerge, Hosea 1:10*
- 3. Israel would give birth to a multitude of peoples, Genesis 35:11, 48:19*
- 4. Israel would be named after Jacob. We have seen historically that the tribes of the northern kingdom when they migrated northward into Europe became known by names such as Sacae, Isacae and Sacasunna.*

Could we see evidence of this that descendants are not even aware of their ancient heritage due to their mixed ancestry? Could the names associated to specific places in Europe be signs that the tribes from the Northern Kingdom left their imprint?

The final question is can we conclude then that the lost tribes of Israel migrated into Europe firstly into what is known today as Turkey and Southern Russia before migrating westward into mainland Europe? That they would then intermingle with existing local European tribes and eventually lose their identity as an Israelite? Do historical records show today that the descendants of the Northern kingdom of Israel occupy present day Europe including the British Isles even though the vast majority of descendants today are totally ignorant to the fact their lineage is mixed with not only the blood of the Normans and Vikings (Caucasians) but also with the blood of Semites (descendants of Abraham)?



CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN BE REACHED

We believe that British Israelism is correct in that much of the Northern kingdom of Israel did eventually migrate to Europe and become known as the Scythians and through mixing with existing European tribes became known as other names such as the Sicambrians eventually giving rise to the emergence of the Merovingians. Reputable secular historians such as J.I. van Baaren and Dr George Moore have provided much evidence to support this.

However the term "lost tribes" is probably not so correct because some of the tribes of the Northern kingdom were still in Israel at the time of Christ.

That is why the epistle of James is addressed to the "twelve tribes." Anna, in the nativity narrative in the book of Luke, was from the tribe of Asher. The Mishnah has all kinds of records of people's tribal identity all the way to the 3rd and 4th centuries. They were never all totally lost according to Scripture. Others stayed and intermarried with the Assyrian invaders or became the Samaritans. And then others disappeared into the Assyrian empire and became the Jewish communities of central Asia or just assimilated. However it is clear that there were other tribes that did migrate and became acquired and assimilated into the culture of their European destinations.

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However this does not justify the end view of Herbert Armstrong that the nations of Great Britain, Ireland, Denmark and other European Nations are now the true Israelites.

Revelation 7 makes it clear that during the climactic period leading up to the Second Coming of Christ that 144,000 members of each of the tribes of Israel will undergo a revelation of their purpose and their tribal origin and become God's tool for ministering to their heathen brethren and the non members of the tribes of Israel during this time.

This means that there will be a miraculous period in which God in turning his attention back to Israel and Judah will cause a major awakening. Notice the following key observations of Revelation 7.

1. The awakening and sealing of the 144,000 is a future event as it has not yet happened. The only ones sealed are the 144,000. Does this mean that only 144,000 at this time will be the true tribes of Israel considering the fact that there are millions of descendants of the ten tribes of Israel and millions of Jews (from the line of Judah) who exist today? or does it mean that they will be the ones who will be anointed to bring the rest of the "non sealed" tribes back to repentance? It would seem the latter is more plausible and one can now understand why they would be significantly persecuted by the Antichrist and the Illuminati elite because this would literally blow the cover that the Antichrist is actually a false messiah and awaken the fact that the state of Israel is under the control of apostates who are contrary to the plan of the God of Abraham.

3. Therefore it is the 144,000 that will trigger the reunification of the tribes and the realization of a need to return back to God. This clearly eliminates believing that it is the role of Great Britain and the United States to bring the world back to a true worship of the God. Since the Masonic lodges have had full control of the destiny of nations for hundreds of years it is clear that neither Great Britain, Ireland, the Nordic region or the USA are under the divine authority of God to bring Israel and Judah back to a full revelation of who he is.

4. Whilst a case can be made that many of the Jews today are from the line of Judah, it would seem that many of the descendants today from the tribes of the Northern Kingdom are either not aware of their heritage and are either Christians, followers of other religions, atheists or simply unbelievers.

However despite the complexity of this task the Bible does state that there will be a reunification of these tribes before the Second Coming of Christ. As to who will be confirmed to be a member of a tribe only God alone can address the humanly impossible aspect of this process and how this incredible process will take place.

Trace of Lost Tribe of Israel Found in Northeast India

'A Real Connection,' 2,700 Years Later

DNA-GATHERING EXPEDITION IS PLANNED FOR WINTER

By IRA MOSKOWITZ

Spectral to the Sun

JERUSALEM — A remnant of a lost tribe of Israel, one of 10 whose unknown fate has haunted the Jewish and Christian imaginations for millennia, has been finally located in a place few had thought to look — the mountains along the Indian-Burmese border, according to an Israeli-American writer who has been piecing together the mystery for years.

The writer, Hillel Halkin, is about to disclose his findings in a book, "Across the Sabbath River," which will be brought out by Houghton-Mifflin this summer. It tells the story of the Kuki-Chin-Mizo people of northeast India and western Burma and of the preservation of old Biblical memories and traditions in the now practically extinct religion of their ancestors.

Although claims to have found one or more of the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel" exiled to various parts of the Assyrian empire in 732-720 B.C.E. and never heard from again have been made "by the hundreds," Mr. Halkin told

Jewish Genetics Project at the Technion in Haifa, Karl Skorecki, has confirmed that such testing, based on Mr. Halkin's findings, is planned as part of the project's activities but has declined to comment further.

There is a complex human drama behind this academic inquiry. Some 5,000 Kuki-Chin-Mizos, calling themselves the B'nei Menashe or "Sons of Manasseh," are now living as observant Jews in northeast India. They have embraced Judaism in the last several decades after the belief in a Lost Tribe past began to spread among the heavily Christian Kuki-Chin-Mizos, who today number about 2 million. Baptized by British missionaries in the early 20th century, the Kuki-Chin-Mizos had previously followed a shamanistic religion of their own that was typical of southeast Asian hill-tribe culture.

Some 600 of the B'nei Menashe are currently living in Israel, where they are largely concentrated in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip,

Therefore there are elements of British Israelism which are correct in that certain tribes of Israel did migrate outside of the Middle East and mingled with the Gentiles forming new European identities and losing contact with their original identity and culture. However the view that Britain, USA and Scandinavia is somehow now the true descendant of the tribes is clearly inconsistent with Revelation 7 and the purpose of the 144,000. Also there is evidence that some of the lost tribes not only ventured westward to Europe but also eastward into Asia.

Dispensationalists are clearly incorrect in believing that none of the tribes of the Northern Kingdom were lost, however dispensationalists are correct to identify that the spiritual restoration of Israel and Judah is triggered by Revelation 7 and from then on until the establishment of Christ Kingdom on earth, Israel and Judah eventually again becomes one united Kingdom.