

Lesson Booklet:

WHO IS ISRAEL

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this text is to aid the reader in a better understanding of various truths found in the Holy Scriptures and discovering for themselves how the Scriptures apply to their lives. It is the desire of this work that through this study of the Scriptures each learner will be brought closer in their relationship to their Creator as a result of these lessons.

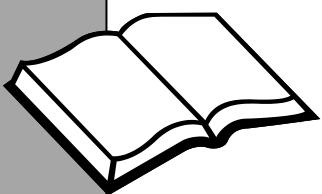
Presented on the following pages is a series of one page lessons associated with the topic of “*Who Is Israel*”. The lessons contained in this booklet are intended only to introduce the subject at hand; further more in-depth resources are available in the online library where you obtained this booklet. Each lesson has been optimized to work best for use in a small group, but is also appropriate for individual review. In fact, if you plan to meet with others to work through this lesson book, it is highly recommend that you work through the lessons ahead of time to find answers in Scripture, as most lessons welcome discussion. When prompted with comments, *opinions* should be heard and discussed, of course. However, a Scripture verse or passage (and/or, in the special case of this particular lesson booklet: additional reliable historical sources) should accompany discussions as the foundation for what the belief or opinion is based on. Study tools, such as a printed concordance or searchable Bible software to help you find the location of a Scripture that you may be having a hard time remembering, are encouraged for use with these lessons. Please remember always to study the Scriptures in context of the full passage to ensure that it properly accompanies the topic being discussed.

Concerning the source used for these lessons, please note that all Scripture quotations in this book are taken from the King James Version of the Bible. The purpose in using this particular English translation is simply because of its wide acceptance and the fact that it is public domain in the United States, allowing the text to be freely quoted without copyright restriction. From the start, readers are encouraged to have his or her preferred translation of their Bible alongside for reference while reading along.

In addition, traditional Christian terms and names are *intentionally* used throughout this lesson book to reach a larger scope of readers and help those who may be beginners in this knowledge learn with ease. Occasionally, the need to employ the use of a Hebrew term or phrase may present itself for a clearer understanding of Scripture; when this occurs, the corresponding English meaning is always supplied.

One last special note for this particular lesson booklet: this lesson booklet makes fair use of several colorful illustrations from various sources! If you happen to be studying this lesson booklet from a black and white printed source, you might find it enjoyable to review the electronic version of this document to view these illustrations in color. Group leaders are encouraged to have at least one color version of some sort (either electronic or printed) to share with students while teaching from lessons in this booklet.

Seed of Abraham, Natural & Grafted In



Scripture Highlight

Galatians 3:28-29

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.

1st Timothy 1:4

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

Titus 3:9

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

Romans 11:16-27

For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is also holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? 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 fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Comments

Each of us has been given the unique gift of salvation (Romans 3:23-24, 5:15, 2nd Corinthians 9:15) that through repentance, we have the opportunity to become sons of God (1st John 3:1, Mathew 7:11)! This opportunity to repent from sin and come into the knowledge of the truth is given to all people (Titus 2:11, 1st Timothy 2:4). Jew and non-Jew both have the same opportunity – God is not a respecter of persons to show favoritism (Romans 2:11, Acts 10:34-35): He wishes that none should perish, but all should repent and have everlasting life (John 3:16). It is no secret that our God chose Abraham and made promises to Abraham and his descendants; through our Messiah, we can be recipients of those promises (Galatians 3:28-29).

With the above said, the lesson booklet that you are about to study is a lesson on history – it is very different than many of the other lesson booklets that you may have studied from this source. But, it is necessary. Many have forgotten the past and stumble in their ways (Jeremiah 18:15), often viewing the Bible as just a popular *storybook*, and not a vital history book full of truth. We are told to remember the former things of old, and that our God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10). Hopefully this lesson booklet will give clearer insight into the history of the world around us in which we live.

Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat

Scripture Highlight

Genesis 8:4

And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.



View of the mountains of Ararat from Yerevan, Armenia

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View of remains of Noah's Ark (and visitor center on the right) at the top of Mount Ararat

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Comments

Some choose to believe that because Great Flood happened so long ago (approximately 2181 BC, or 1656 years after creation), that perhaps it did not happen at all. Mount Ararat is a real mountain. On top of that real mountain are the remains of a real boat that matches the physical dimension given in the Scriptures. There is even a visitor's center! Perhaps research for yourself to see how this great event of the flood left major evidence, such as the Grand Canyon in North America.

Sodom and Gomorrah

Scripture Highlight

Genesis 19:24-25

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.



View of the ashen ruins in Gomorrah (government sign in foreground)

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View of the ground in the area where sulfur / brimstone impacted like rain

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Comments

Some choose to believe that the Bible is a book of Bible “stories” and not actual history. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of sin (approximately 1790 BC, or 2047 years after creation). The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were real cities that were located on the plains just south of what we now call the “Dead Sea” in eastern Israel.

The Exodus, Chariot Wheels in Red Sea

Scripture Highlight

Exodus 14:24-28

And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.



Undersea picture of one of several unusual chariot wheel and axel shaped coral formations
image source: arkdiscovery.com/exwheel2.JPG



Depiction of 18th Dynasty Pharaoh's chariot alongside undersea picture of an 18th Dynasty Pharaoh's chariot wheel in the Red Sea
image sources: arkdiscovery.com/exwheel4.JPG, arkdiscovery.com/chariotwheel.gif

Comments

During the Exodus of the Children of Israel out of Egypt (approximately 1379 BC, or 2458 years after creation), Pharaoh led his army in chariots in pursuit. Pharaoh and his army was destroyed while crossing the Red Sea. This particular Pharaoh was from the 18th Dynasty. The Pharaoh had a very fancy chariot with very distinct metal wheels. The rest of his army had wooden ones. Evidence of this event have been found at the bottom of the Red Sea.

The Exodus, The Wilderness, The Rock

Scripture Highlight

Numbers 20:11

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

Exodus 19:18-20

And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.



Picture of the rock in the wilderness that was split with erosion at base of split caused by water
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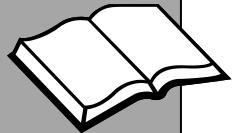


Picture of the top of Mount Sinai. The rocks there are still burnt black. Removing the top layer of rocks only reveals more burnt rocks.
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Comments

An agreement was made at Mount Sinai, and the people agreed to obey (Exodus 19:8). It was a covenant made with not only those present that day, but with those who come after (Deuteronomy 29:14-15). Just as the rocks in these pictures are real, the words of this agreement are real. Will you choose to obey? Will you build your faith on the solid rock of this agreement? (see also Matthew 21:42 / Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 33:22, James 4:12)

Blessings on the Twelve Tribes



Scripture Highlight

Genesis 49:1-28

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch. Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon. Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute. Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD. Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last. Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. Naphtali *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words. Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, *even a* fruitful bough by a well; *whose* branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him*, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

Comments

Each of the blessings given to the children of Jacob (who was given the name "Israel") has symbolism associated with it that has been connected to the Tribes of Israel ever since. Pay close attention to the imagery such as the lion [of Judah] mentioned three times, the unstable water of Reuben, the violence of Simeon which is later symbolized by a sword, the ships of Zebulon, the serpent of Dan, the hind (old English for "deer") of Naphtali, the fruitful bough and arrows associated with Joseph. Later, in Deuteronomy 33:17, Ephraim and Manasseh are referred to as an ox/bull with horns like that of the unicorn pushing to the ends of the earth. On the next few pages, look for these symbols in the heraldry of many of the western nations of the world that have become associated with "Christendom" (the Christian nations of the world).

Images of the Tribes of Israel



Reuben



Issachar



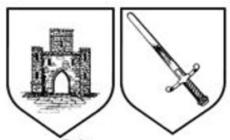
Zebulun



Gad



Asher



Simeon



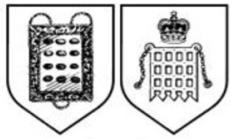
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Naphtali



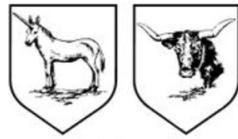
Benjamin



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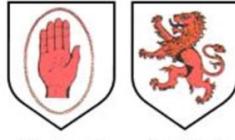
Joseph (Manasseh)



Ephraim



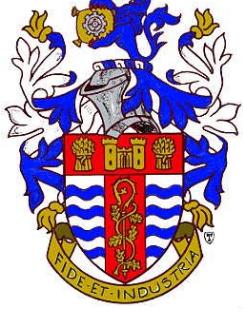
Judah



Zarah - Judah



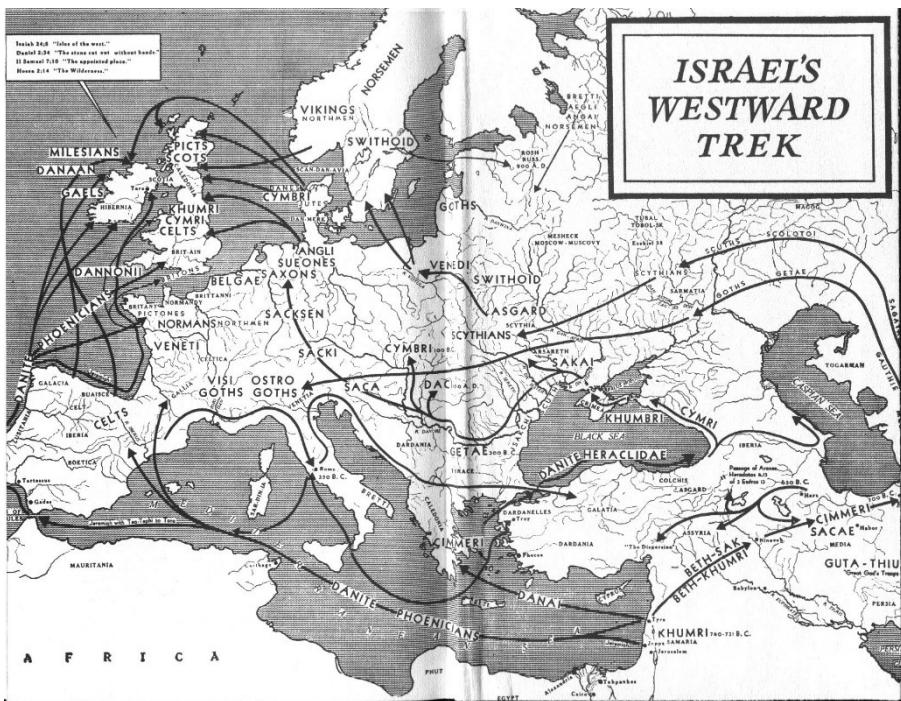
David



Presented first are an artist's representation of the banners of the scattered tribes of Israel. Next, a sampling of various Coat of Arms are presented as examples. The Coat of Arms of Finland is presented next (left) followed by various Coat of Arms from the Cornwall and Wessex areas of England. The last Coat of Arms (bottom right corner) is of Azores, an autonomous region of Portugal. Can you see the symbols of Israel in the various Coat of arms?

image sources: scatteredtribesofisrael.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/tribes-heraldry.png, www.civicheraldry.co.uk/cornwall_wessex.html, commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Azr.png

Israel's Migration out of the Middle East

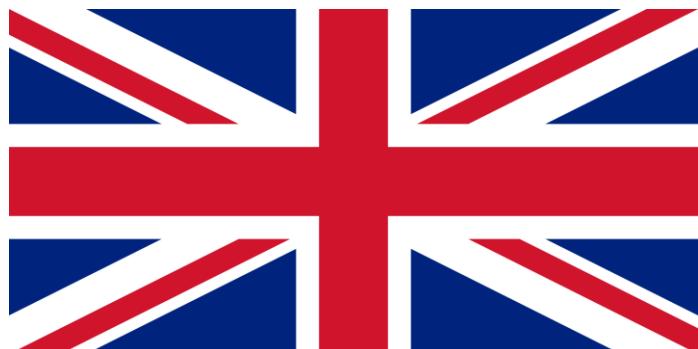
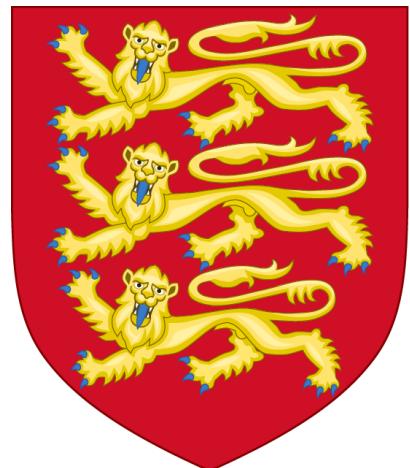


Over the years, much research has been undertaken to discover where exactly the exiles of Israel were scattered. This brief study will focus primarily on the British descendants *as an example*. Please do not mistake the narrow examples given in this very brief study as a racist propagation of some sort of British Israelism indoctrination. One should remember that Jacob – later named Israel – had 12 sons by four different women; hence, the scattered descendants of Israel who are mixed into many different nations do not all look like the stereotypical pale skinned Caucasian of the United Kingdom. Britain was chosen for this study to “tease one’s interest” in the topic, as the British Empire at one time spanned the globe in direct fulfillment of the prophecies of Genesis 22:17 & 24:60 (consider that Gibraltar, Hong Kong, South Africa, and other such “gates” of the world were all owned by Britain).

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British Heraldry

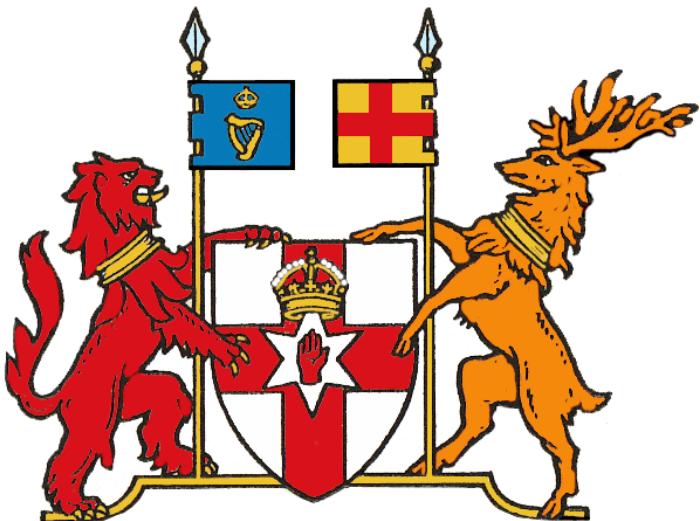
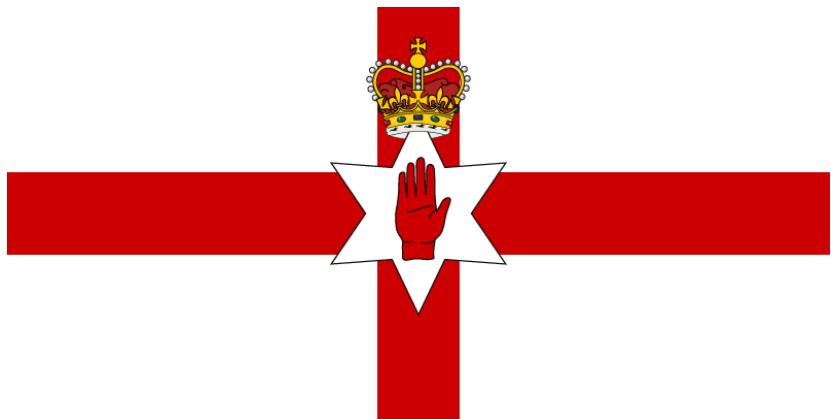


The Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom (top left) boldly displays the Lion of Judah and the captive Unicorn associated with Ephraim (notice the chain of captivity representing the scattered northern tribes of Israel that did not return after their captivity by the Assyrians). On a side note not associated with Genesis 49, the red and white flowers at the bottom are symbolic of the Tribe of Ephraim in relation to the Rose of Israel.

Notice also that the Lion of Judah is depicted three times as per a lion being mentioned three times in Genesis 49:9, as is also depicted in the Royal Arms of England (top right) and the Royal Standard of the United Kingdom (bottom left). The Harp of David is also a prominent symbol as well. The words on the Coat of Arms translate as “God and my right” and “May he be shamed who thinks evil of it.” The flag of the United Kingdom (right) is composed of the Hebrew letters Aleph (the “x”) and Tav (the “+”), the first and the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet (Revelation 22:13). Interestingly, the word “Brit-Ish” itself in Hebrew means “Covenant-Man”. As a matter of interest, the Welsh language which is still spoken in parts of the United Kingdom, still shares many Hebrew words.

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Irish and American Heraldry

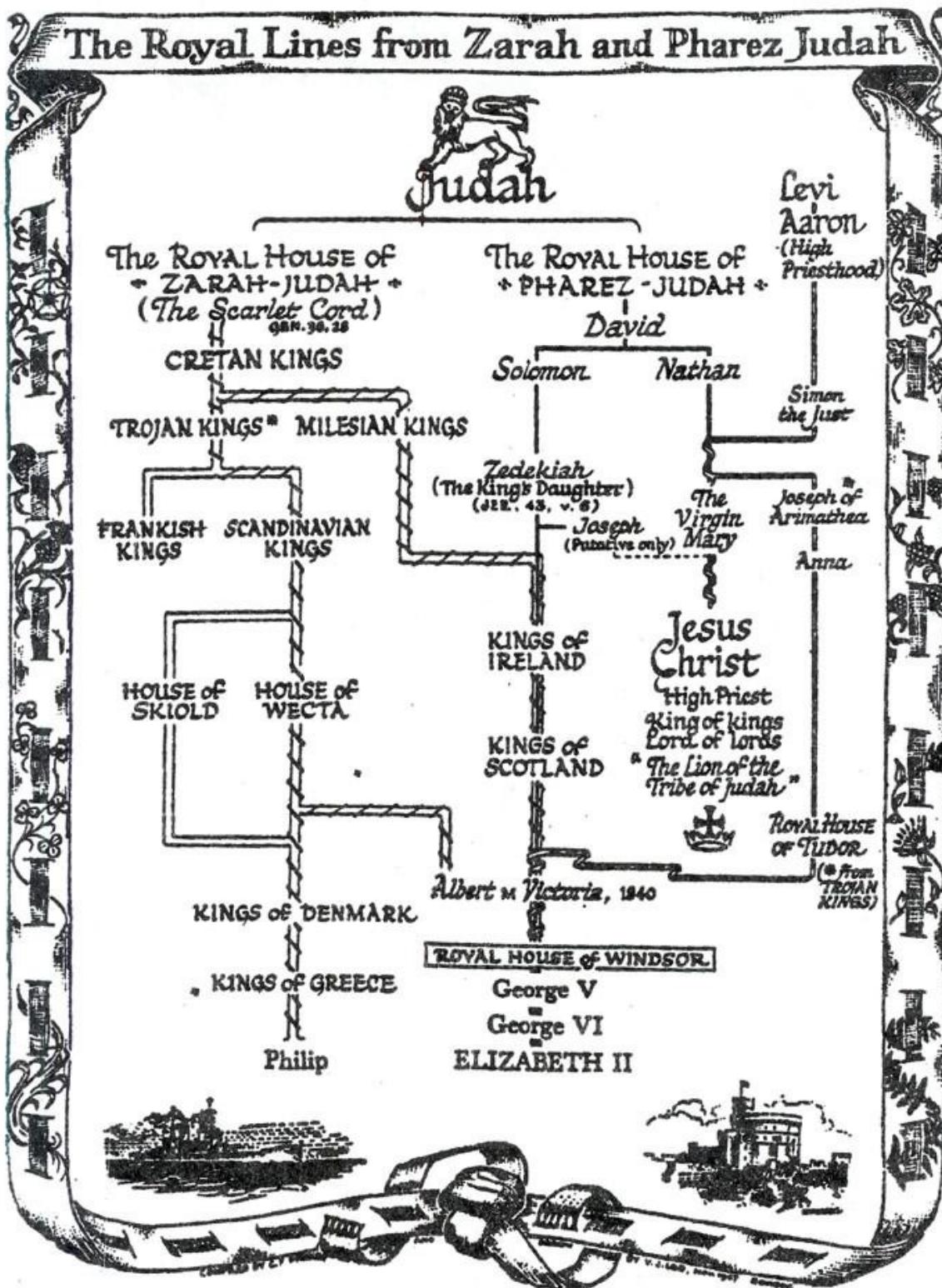


The history of Ireland includes the prophet, Jeremiah, who accompanied the king's daughters in Egypt (Jeremiah 43:6-7), bringing Jacob's pillar stone (still used in coronation ceremonies) and the King's daughters to Ireland. One of these daughters, Tea Tephi, descending from Judah by Pharez, married the King of Ireland, who was a descendant of Judah by Zarah. The red hand in the Irish Heraldry above (top left: Flag of Northern Ireland, bottom left: Coat of Arms of Northern Ireland) represents the scarlet cord tied around the wrist of Zarah as recorded in Genesis 38:28-30. The Harp of David is represented on the Coat of Arms of Ireland (top right).

The Tribe of Joseph, typically associated with Britain, includes the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. The United States of America came out of Britain – the image on the bottom right is the Coat of Arms of the United States of America which contains the fruitful bough and arrows associate with Joseph (Genesis 49:22-24). In addition, the cloud of the Shekinah glory with thirteen stars can represent an association with Manasseh, often referred to as the 13th tribe of Israel. America is named after Amerigo Vespucci; “Amerigo” is Latin for Hebrew “Ha-Macheri” which literally means “Descendants of Machir” – Machir was the first born son of Manasseh (Numbers 26:29).

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Royal Lines



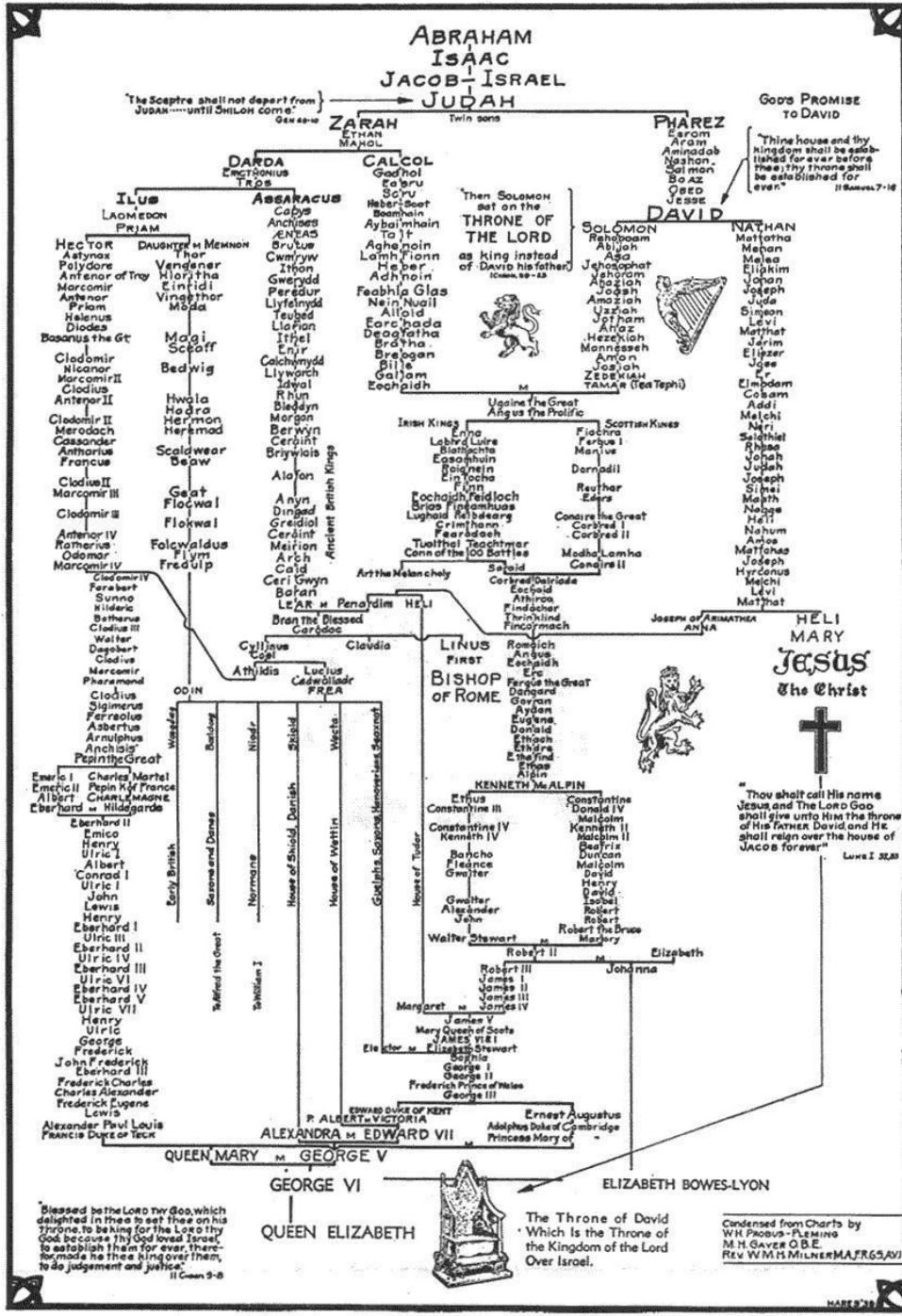
King David was promised that his descendants would sit on the throne (2nd Samuel 7:11, 1st Kings 2:4 and 9:5, Jeremiah 33:17). The royal line of Britain, as well as other countries, have been a fulfillment of that promise. It should not be of any surprise that nearly all United States Presidents are descendants of medieval English kings.

image source: angloisrael.com/images/royal-lines-of-judah.jpg

Jacob's Stone of Destiny

GOD BLESS OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN

And Blessed Be The Lord Our God, Which Delighted In Her To Set Her On His Throne



THE GENEALOGY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

With her coronation in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II became the monarch of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ceylon and Pakistan. At the bottom of the chart above, one can see a depiction of the coronation throne, which is built around the very same stone "of destiny" that Jacob rested his head (Genesis 28:11).

It should also be noted that our Christ Messiah, Jesus, is also of the Royal line of David. For further additional study, one can research the lives of Joseph of Arimathea and the Apostle Paul and see that they, too, are of British nobility. Indeed, it was Penardin, the granddaughter of Joseph of Arimathea, who married King Lear of Britain.

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Who Israel is *not*: The United Nations

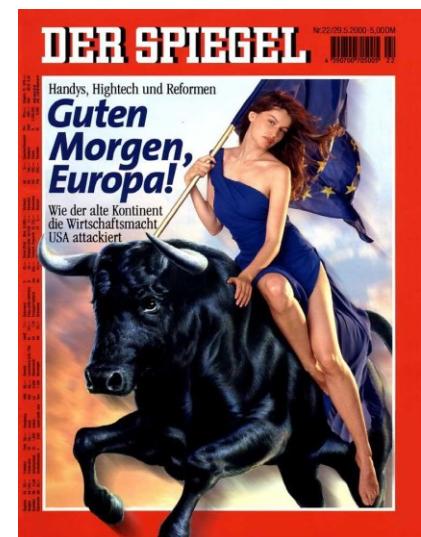
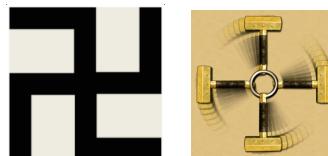


The United Nations does *not* represent Israel. In fact, the United Nations repeatedly condemns the State of Israel (Judah) in the Middle East by repeatedly passing resolutions against Israel (see link below). The symbol of the United Nations is composed of the image of the *Wreath of Apollo* (*Apollo* is directly named in Revelation 9:11 – he is Satan) and the image of earth, representing *Gaia*, the name for *Mother Earth* or *Queen of Heaven* (this *Queen of Heaven* is condemned repeatedly throughout the scriptures – for example, see Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-25). The agreement made by many nations at the Stockholm Convention in the early 1970's is thought by many to be the beginning of the abominable agreement described in Daniel 9:27 which will come to a 49 year conclusion in 2020. Included in this agreement are issues such as support of population control, reverence for Mother Earth, and the politics behind the growing issues with homosexuality across the globe (note that homosexuality is condemned in both the Old and New Testaments, for example: Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, 1st Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 5:5-7, Revelation 22:14-15; the term “sodomy” derives from the name of a famous city destroyed in Genesis 19).

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List of United Nations resolutions concerning Israel: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_Nations_resolutions_concerning_Israel

Who Israel is *not*: The European Union

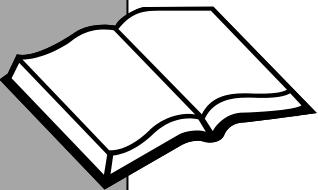


The European Union, led by Germany, does not represent Israel. Germany is the descendant of the Assyrian tribe of Kerman who worshiped the false god, Thor. The stone Behistun Inscription (top left) depicts the Persian king's dominance over the ten northern tribes of Israel (note: one is underfoot); the false winged sun god above them represents Nimrod. This Nimrod, is later depicted as the false god Thor with his hammer and lightning bolts (top right). The swastika symbol represents the spinning hammer of Thor; the image of the false god was replaced with the swastika symbol under the Nazi regime of Germany (whose elite "SS" soldiers wore the lightning bolt emblem).

The European Union, whose emblem outside their European Parliament building is the *Woman on the Beast*, shares the same symbolism described in Revelation chapter 17. Daniel chapter 11 speaks of interactions between the King of the North and the King of the South; many believe the massive southern Arab/Muslim immigration northward into Europe to be a fulfillment of these prophecies. Germany is represented by the Iron Cross (a symbol of Thor). The word Arab means "mixed" people. Germany (who even had Arab SS troops in World War 2 led by Amin Al Husseini, the uncle of Yasser Arafat) is at the head of the European Union and this Arab/Muslim migration. Could this mixed kingdom be what was represented in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2:41-43?

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A Wedding Invitation



Scripture Highlight

Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*. But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Romans 9:1-6

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 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; Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Proverbs 1:23-30

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

2nd Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Comments

In this lesson booklet, you have learned who some of the physical descendants of Israel are, and you know that not all who are Israel are *of* Israel, but often live as “children of the flesh” (Romans 9:8). There is a wedding feast coming – it is the Wedding Supper of the Lamb! Many people in the highways of the world, in far distant places such as Burundi in central Africa and the far distant islands of the Philippines, are hearing the invitation and preparing. However, many in the Christian realm of “Christendom” who may actually be the physical descendants of Israel seem to be ignoring the invitation or rejecting knowledge and refusing to wear the proper robes of righteousness. When these thoughts things come to mind, when you ponder on the historical ideas presented in this lesson book, pray for all of Israel such that they will repent before it’s too late.