

TWO HOUSE ISRAEL – HOUSE OF JUDAH AND HOUSE OF EPHRAIM

This study should answer basic questions related to the proper understanding of Israel, the beloved Covenant Bride of the Most High YHWH. This end-time secret of Elohim is being revealed to many diligent seekers. Abraham's seed has indeed multiplied, becoming as numerous as the stars in the sky -- beyond our ability to count them all. Yeshua is the Great Shepherd that will gather His people that were scattered back unto Him.

The following study identifies the Two Houses of Israel, the House of Israel, known as Ephraim, and the House of Judah, as they are found in the Scriptures. Who is Judah and who is Ephraim? It is important for us to know about these tribes and where they came from and where they are today because it is part of the greater Plan of YHVH that will come into fulfillment in the last days. You will see where you fit in and what YHVH's Plan has installed for you.

Your foundation. The study begins with their history, and ends with their fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant. It reveals how the people of Israel have shaped the history of the world. The Two House teaching is one of the most important studies that a believer should have after receiving salvation, and learning the fundamental doctrines of the faith. Without proper understanding of the Two House theme of Yahweh's Word, the believer cannot properly align the First Covenant with the Renewed Covenant, and that is precisely why false teaching and religious doctrines have thrived in Christianity for centuries; because of ignorance.

We will first look at what went wrong and why there are two houses of Israel and then we will look at the Work of the Messiah, Who will gather back His people unto Him, worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth.

1. Ten instructions in the Torah given to Kings of Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 gives the ten instructions for the Kings of Israel to follow:

1. The King must be selected by Yahweh, not the people.
2. The King must be an Israelite.
3. He shall not acquire many horses.
4. He must not have many wives.
5. He must not acquire great wealth.
6. He must write a copy of Torah for Himself.
7. He must read Torah to learn to revere or fear Yahweh.
8. He must carefully follow Torah.
9. He must be humble.

10. He must not turn away/stray from Torah.

It was paramount for the King to understand that if Yahweh's instructions were followed, the presiding King of Israel would be greatly blessed, and his descendants would continue to reign over the Kingdom of Israel as one house. It is also evident that the King should know YHWH's Word and apply to his life and in his Kingdom that he should be humble in spirit and not go after worldly things. Does this sound like any of the Kings of Israel? Saul, David, Solomon? No, each one of them had a flaw and caused them to go astray. Samuel desired power and great victories for personal gain, David desired a woman, and Solomon desired women and wealth and went after the gods of his wives. Solomon's son kept the worship of foreign gods and this caused the destruction of his Kingdom.

2. Yahweh's Punishment for a King's Disobedience

I Kings 9:1-9 ***Yahweh reminded Solomon to obey Torah. If he did not, the Kingdom of Israel would suffer consequences.*** If Solomon or his sons turned away from Yahweh and did not follow Torah to serve other gods or to worship them, ***THE PEOPLE KNOWN AS ISRAEL WOULD SUFFER.*** The following things would happen:

1. ***"....., then I will cut off Israel from the land," I Kings 9:7, NIV.*** The Hebrew word for ***"cut off"*** is *"karath"* which means to be ***"destroyed, consumed, cut down."*** The basic understanding of the Hebrew here is that the people "Israel" would be left alone in the gentile/heathen world without Yahweh, separated from Him, and inevitably enter into a pact or covenant with an enemy to eventually be destroyed or perish.
2. Solomon's Temple would be "cast out of Yahweh's sight." The Hebrew word for ***"cast out"*** is *"shalach"* meaning, ***"send away from, forsake, leave, depart"*** (to remove His presence, the Shekinah glory)."
3. Israel as a nation of people would become a byword (a proverb, an epigraph or something amusing from the past and given little thought to), a thing of mockery, an object of ridicule, scorn, and taunt among all the people of the world.
4. Solomon's Temple would be scoffed at.
5. People of the world would instinctively know that the people called Israel stopped worshipping Yahweh, and embraced, worshipped, and served other gods, meaning to participate in pagan Gentile religions.

A King's Disobedience Brings Division to the Nation of Israel

I Kings 11:9-13 tells us that Solomon refused to obey Yahweh and follow His Torah. So Yahweh warned Solomon that as a result of his disobedience Yahweh would tear the Kingdom of Israel in two (divide in two parts). This would happen during Solomon's son's reign, and his son would have only one tribe, Judah, to reign over. ***Yahweh would give the Tribe of Judah to Solomon's son for the sake of David (His beloved).***

3. A Divided Kingdom - Two Houses - 931-586 B.C.E.

I Kings 11:26-43 Yahweh sent His prophet Ahiyah to a young man named Jeroboam. ***The prophet tore his new cloak into twelve pieces to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. To show Jeroboam what Yahweh intended to do to the nation of Israel, Ahiyah gave Jeroboam 10 pieces of the torn cloak to represent ten tribes of the nation of Israel.*** Ahiyah then related that ***Solomon's son would have only one tribe given to him for the sake of David and the City of Jerusalem.*** Does this sound like the Jews?

The one tribe given to Solomon's son would be the merger of the Tribe of Judah with the Tribe of Benjamin and the Levites. These tribes are still in Jerusalem today and are known as the Jews. Jeroboam would become King over the ten tribes in the north, and Rehoboam, Solomon's son, would be King over the one-tribe merger of the south. ***The Kingdom of Israel would be two distinct Kingdoms.*** The prophet Ahiyah admonished Jeroboam to follow Yahweh's instructions so that his Kingdom would be blessed and be a lasting dynasty to humble the Tribe of Judah for a period of time. But did he do it? Let's find out.

4. Upper Division: Northern Kingdom of Israel - House of Israel (10 Tribes)

I Kings 12:25-33 during Jeroboam's reign over the ten tribes of the north, ***he became fearful that his people would continue to go down to the Southern Kingdom under his opponent, King Rehoboam, to celebrate the Feast Days of Yahweh as they were commanded to do so*** in Exodus 23:14-17. His fear may have been based on several things that most leaders would face. If his people moved to the Southern Kingdom, he would suffer great financial and agricultural losses, and military strength in his Northern Kingdom.

The Golden Calf Worship System of the House of Israel - Northern Kingdom

To keep his people at home and happy in the Northern Kingdom, Jeroboam developed the "Golden Calf Worship System." He built two temples and strategically placed them in the Northern Kingdom. ***One was in the City of Dan*** near the upper Northern border close to Mt. Hermon, and ***the other in the City of Bethel*** on the Southern border that divided the two Kingdoms.

Mixing. The focus of worship in these temples was a "golden calf." ***Jeroboam mixed Torah worship of Yahweh with the revived Egyptian "golden calf" Sun-god religion that Israel's ancestors had learned when they were in Egypt*** during their 430 years of slavery. Jeroboam's greatest sin was that he called his newly formed pagan religion the true worship of Yahweh. ***This is exactly what the Babylonian system is, a system of mixing and confusion and this cursed religion will be broken in the last days as noted in the Book of Revelation.*** Did they get away with it?

Sun-god worship. Exodus 32:1-6 relates how the people of Israel fell back into the "Golden Calf Worship" while Moses was up on Mt. Sinai receiving Yahweh's Torah instructions for the people of Israel. These verses give us a clue that the Israelites had been involved in Egyptian Sun-god worship during their years of slavery. According to Egyptian mythology, ***the Egyptians worshipped Amen-Ra/Amen-Rah/Rah as their high Sun-god, later called Osiris. They believed that the gods could not be visibly seen, so they entered into the bodies of animals so that they could reveal themselves through the characteristics of the animal.***

Amen-Rah/Osiris was believed to be like a strong and virile bull, and lived in the body of a special breed of bulls, called Hap-bulls. These Hap-bulls were kept in the City of Ptah where the Egyptians formed molten statues of the Hap-bulls to be used in the religious ceremonies of worship to Amen-Rah/Osiris. Eventually the Hap-bull statues became fashioned to look like a half-man, half-bull creature called Apis, (*Egyptian Mythology*, Microsoft Encarta Online Encyclopedia 2001).

Jeroboam instituted his false worship of Yahweh approximately 930 years before Yehusuah came to earth.

5. Lower Division - Southern Kingdom (1 Tribe-Judah, Benyamin, Levites) - House of Judah

I Kings 14:21-31 tells us that **Rehoboam, Solomon's son, ruled over Judah, the Southern Kingdom.** Scripture also tells us that the Southern Kingdom did evil in Yahweh's eyes.

1. **The people of Judah were worshipping the sexual, fertility gods and goddesses of Canaanite/Babylonian origin which dated back to Cush, Nimrod, and the "Queen of Heaven,"** Nimrod's wife, Simmeranis also known as "Ishtar, Eostre, Eos, Ostara, Astarte, and Eastre." From the worship of this goddess, comes the pagan origin of today's Easter celebrations. Jeremiah 7:18 tells us that even later in Judah's history, the people of Judah continued to worship this goddess by baking cakes as offerings to the Babylonian goddess "Ishtar," (*The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop).

2. **The people of Judah erected stone pillars and altars, and fertility poles called Asherah/Asherath poles on hills or high places. These poles symbolized the "male genital organ."** The Asherah poles, the Egyptian obelisks, church towers and steeples, the Washington Monument are all related to the ancient poles and obelisks of Sun-god worship. Male prostitution was also engaged in during Judah's worst sins against Yahweh.

As a result of these sins, Rehoboam's reign suffered. Solomon's valuable golden shields and articles were stolen from the Temple in Jerusalem, and continual warfare plagued Judah, which probably drained the Kingdom's treasuries.

6. The Nation's Punishment for Disobedience

Deuteronomy. 28:64-68 expressly states that Yahweh's punishment for the nation's (twelve tribes) disobedience would be the following:

1. The people would be **scattered among all nations** throughout the world.
2. They would **worship and serve other gods.**
3. They would **have no peace** nor resting place for their feet (be on the move; migrate).
4. They would have **anxious minds** (anxiety; fear; worry; wishful thinking), eyes failing or weary with longing (to desire something unattainable; crave for), and **sorrow** of being (to have self-pity).
5. They would **be in constant fear**, suspense, and dread.

6. They would have ***no assurance of their future*** (complete uncertainty).
7. They ***would go back to Egypt (bondage)*** once again; Egypt as an example of slavery, hardship, and turmoil found in the world.

7. Exile - Punishment Fulfilled

Northern Kingdom - House of Israel - 732-721 B.C.E.

II Kings 17:1-40 due to their sins of idolatry and whoredom, the House of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom were sent into exile as captives of the Assyrian Empire.

The beginning of the exile of the numerously populated ten tribes of the North began in 745 B.C. E. when Yahweh rose up the Assyrians to invade the Northern Kingdom, the House of Israel. Throughout the following years, ***Assyrians deported huge masses of Israelites into Assyrian held lands, transplanting them as laborers within the Assyrian Empire.*** Yahweh's punishment was fulfilled upon the House of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel:

1. ***They would be rejected by Yahweh*** (Jeremiah 3:8, Hosea 9:17).
2. They ***would be invaded and taken captive*** by the brutal Assyrians (II Kings 17:23).
3. ***Their lands of the Northern Kingdom would be resettled by Assyrian captives taken from other lands*** (II Kings 17:24).
4. ***They would be scattered among the Gentile nations*** (Deuteronomy 4:27; Ezekiel 36:21). The Israelites were scattered among Assyrian held lands. After the Assyrian Empire declined, they began to migrate further away from Assyrian lands. The largest portion of the Israelite refugees moved north toward the European areas to eventually settle. ***In the nations, they would accept Gentile cultures and adopt heathen religions.*** The Israelites would intermingle and intermarry with Gentile people and have mixed offspring. They would so thoroughly assimilate that ***they would become like Gentiles, thus they became "invisible" in the world and were believed to be "lost." They continued to move from lands to lands to eventually migrate throughout all the world*** (Hosea 9:17).
5. ***They would lose their identity as Israelites***, and their conscience would be seared (Hosea 7:8, 8:8). (KJ reads the best on Hosea 8:8.)
6. ***The Israelites would not return to their land in Israel as the House of Israel, or the ten tribes, until their hearts returned to Yahweh*** (Deuteronomy 4:29-31), and the prophecies of restoration would be fulfilled Ezekiel 37:21-22; Hosea 2:22-23).

All of this we have seen through history and the Ten tribes today are lost and have no identity and are scattered throughout the world. What will bring them back to YHVH and to the land of Israel (New Jerusalem)? Only if they return to the Ways of YHVH and stop to worship other gods or worship Him by mixing His Ways with pagan ways. Then He will gather His people back unto Him so that they will live forever with Him in the New Jerusalem.

Are you part of Israel? You may answer that you are a Gentile and do not want to be and Israelite because they are Jewish. The fact of the matter is, they are all Hebrew and Abraham, the father of our faith was the first Hebrew and YHVH initiated the Hebrew culture, which is His Ways that He gave to Israel as a whole. If you become born again, you become part of Israel (Righteous of Elohim) and must learn His Ways (Hebrew culture) and unlearn your ways (pagan culture). This is one of the things the Church do not understand; we need to change if we decide to follow Him, He does not change to come down to our way of living to make our life heaven on earth – that is Satan's ways and his plan to deceive man and to tear them away from YHVH.

Southern Kingdom - House of Judah - 605-586 B.C.E.

II Kings 24:8-17, II Kings 25; Jeremiah 52 tells us that Judah also suffered for their sins against Yahweh. ***During the years of 605-586 B.C.E., the Babylonian army under Nebuchadnezzar invaded the Southern Kingdom of Judah three times.*** The first invasion occurred in Jehoichin's reign.

He was taken prisoner along with all the officers and fighting men, all the craftsmen and artisans, and taken into exile into Babylon. In 597 B.C.E., ***the second invasion took place and more captives of the House of Judah were taken into Babylon. Then in 586 B.C.E. the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, captured King Zedekiah, and executed officials.*** Jewish rabbis, scribes and priests were among those taken captive by the Babylonians (*God Intervenes in the Middle East*, by Marion F. Kremers. Yahweh's punishment came with the high price of exile into foreign lands under the heavy yoke of the Babylonians.

Jeremiah 25:11

"This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations (Judah, Benjamin, Levites) will serve the King of Babylon seventy years."

Judah was taken into captivity because they did not honor his Sabbaths for 490 years, and for every seven years, the land had to rest one year, therefore YHVH let them be taken captive for the 70 years they have dishonored His Sabbaths for the land.

House of Judah Released From Babylonian Captivity - 536 B.C.E.

The Book of Ezra tells us that after 70 years of captivity had passed, King Cyrus of Persia/Babylon announced to the survivors of the captivity that Yahweh had appointed him to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. The exiles were allowed to return to Jerusalem to help build the Temple. A remnant of Judah, Benjamin, and Levites returned to their homeland. The remainder of the captives chose not to return. Many remained in Babylon to eventually wander out into other lands. ***In those lands, they would be "visible" as "Jews" because they retained Torah practice. Whereas the House of Israel would remain invisible and thought to be "lost" because they adopted pagan religions and assimilated into Gentile cultures.***

Roman Invasion of Judea - 63 B.C.E. - 70 A.D.

The rebuilt Southern Kingdom of Judah, then called Judea, had been re-established for hundreds of years by the time of the Roman conquest. ***The Roman armies invaded Judea in 63 B.C.E. They captured Jerusalem and the Temple and entered the Holy place*** (Holy of Holies). Judea was then subject to Rome.

At the time of Yeshua's life here on earth, Judea was still under the occupation of Rome. His disciples thought that He had come to deliver them from Roman oppression as the long awaited and hoped for "Messiah of Israel." ***Roman occupation of Judea lasted until 70 A.D.*** From May to September of that year, there was a Jewish revolt.

Rome's punishment was horrible, 500 Jews were crucified daily outside of the City of Jerusalem. **On the 9th of Av, the Roman soldiers entered the "kodesh place," the Holy of Holies, to plunder its valuables, and the gold on the building. They set the Temple on fire to be fully destroyed;** it has not been rebuilt to this day (*God Intervenes in the Middle East*, Marion F. Kremers). **The remaining Jews were dispersed beyond the Land of Israel not to return until 1948 A.D.**

Daniel 9:26

".....The people of the ruler (Rome) who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary," NIV.

8. Israel, the Wife of YHVH

Hos 2:1-11

Say to your brothers, A People; and to your sisters, Mercy. (2) Contend! Contend with your mother, **for she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband. Let her therefore put away her fornications out of her sight**, and her adulteries from between her breasts, (3) **lest I strip her naked and set her out as in the day that she was born; and lest I make her as the wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.** (4) **And I will not have mercy on her sons, for they are the sons of adulteries.** (5) **For their mother has prostituted herself. She who conceived them has done shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers (other gods) who give my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.** (6) **Therefore behold, I will hedge your way with thorns, and wall up her wall, that she shall not find her paths.** (7) **And she shall follow after her lovers (false gods), but she shall not overtake them. She shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then it was better with me than now.** (8) **For she did not know that I gave her grain, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.** (9) **So I will return and take away My grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.** (10) **And now I will uncover her shamefulness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand.** (11) **I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts.**

Israel was the Wife of Yahweh but she was deserted and scattered because of her fornication with other gods. Idolatry is seen in the same light as a married woman committing adultery, the one is spiritual and the other is physical. Yahweh looked after Her but He withdrew all His support and provision from her and let her seek it from other gods. She will go after them and not find them because they are false gods. He took away her feasts and her Sabbath rest because she does not deserve it. This is a picture of the scattered tribes who followed after other gods and she lost all the benefits and His Ways and culture.

9. Hosea's Life Becomes An Allegory for the House of Israel

Hos 1:1-9

The Word of YHVH that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. (2) The beginning of YHVH speaking by Hosea.

And YHVH said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of adultery and children of adultery. For the land has utterly gone lusting away from YHVH. (3) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son. (4) And YHVH said to him, Call his name God Will Sow. For still in a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. (5) And it shall be, at that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. (6) And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And God said to him, Call her name No-mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel (Ten Tribes). But I will utterly take them away. (7) But I will have mercy on the house of Judah (Jews), and will save them by YHVH their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. (8) And when she had weaned No-mercy she conceived and bore a son. (9) And He said, Call his name Not-my-people. For you are not My people, and I will not be for you. 10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, You are not My people, there it shall be said to them, You are the sons of the living God.

Hosea 1:2-10 states that Yahweh called the Prophet Hosea to live out an allegory regarding the destiny of the House of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The real life allegorical experience for Hosea was to show him how Yahweh looked upon the House of Israel and how He would mete out punishment for their sins. Israel in this context refer to the Ten Tribes.

1. **Hosea represents Yahweh as Israel's husband.**
2. **Gomer** (the prostitute, her name means – “**to finish**”, to “**complete**”) represents the House of Israel as an adulterous, rebellious wife, a spiritual fornicator and idolater.
3. Their marriage (Hosea and Gomer) represents an unholy union between Torah and pagan religion. This is the System “Babylon” described in the Book of Revelation and She have daughters following Her ways.
4. **Jezreel** is a Hebrew name that has a dual meaning: In the negative, it means “**to scatter, to sow, to become pregnant, God will sow, re-gather, give birth (positive side – result at the end)**”.
5. Lo-Ruhamah is a Hebrew word that means “no compassion.”, He will have no compassion on the Ten tribes.
6. Lo-Ammi is a Hebrew word that means “not my people;” term of rejection. The allegory depicts Yahweh’s punishment for the House of Israel, the ten tribes.

What is also seen here is that the house of Judah will be saved and not be scattered. The Jews are in the land of Israel and this prophecy is only for the Northern Ten Tribes. **Hosea and Gomer's marriage depicts how Yahweh sees the House of Israel that was once married to Yahweh, in union with Him, and how Israel as His wife broke the marriage vows.**

He gave His Torah to Israel at Mt. Sinai as the "ketubah" or marriage contract which they agreed to abide in.

Exo 19:7-8

And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which YHVH commanded him. (8) And all the people answered together and said, All that YHVH has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to YHVH.

The three children depict what would happen to the House of Israel:

1. Yahweh would **scatter** (Jezreel - meaning of the name) **the Israelites** among the nations as punishment for their sins; exile them.
2. He would **have no compassion** or mercy on them during their exile.
3. He **would strip them of their Israelite identity** by saying they are not His people thereby rejecting them. They will not keep the Sabbath or the Feasts of YHVH.

However, Hosea 1:10 also reveals five positive things that would occur with the House of Israel during their exile among the Gentile nations of the world.

1. The House of Israel, the ten tribes of Northern **Israel would literally fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant**. The Israelites would become like the sand on the seashore, so many that they can not be measured or counted as stated in the Abrahamic Covenant.

Gen 15:5 *And He brought him outside and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be.*

NOTE: At this point, one should realize that the population ratio between the House of Israel and the House of Judah from ancient times to modern day has always been a reality that the "Jews" have been smaller in number than the Israelites. The House of Judah can not possibly fulfill Gen.15:5 by itself.

2. At a future time, Yahweh will no longer refer to the Israelites as "not my people." **They will be reinstated in Yahweh's good favor.**
3. **Yahweh will call the Israelites "sons of the living Elohim."**

Hos 1:10-11

Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, You are not My people, there it shall be said to them, You are the sons of the living God. (11) **Then the sons of Judah (Jews) and the sons of Israel (Ten Tribes & Gentiles) shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land.** For great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Rom 9:24-27

whom **He also called, not only us, of Jews, but also of the nations?** (25) As He also says in Hosea, "I will call those not My people, My people; and those not beloved, Beloved." (26) And it shall be, in the place where it was said

to them. "You are not My people; there they shall be called sons of the living God." (27) Isaiah also cries concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel is as the sands of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.

In Romans Paul refers to Hosea 1:10 in his statement to the Messianic congregation in Rome. He states that Yahweh is calling His people out from not only the Jews but also from among the Gentiles, and from both Houses a remnant will be saved. The remnant is Redeemed Israel which includes the saved from both Houses and non-descendants from the Gentile world.

4. **The House of Israel will be reunited with the House of Judah** under one leader, Yeshua HaMashiach (Jeremiah 3:18; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Hosea 1:11).
5. **They will come up out of the land (earth) in the Day of Jezreel** (YHVH will show - birth). This Promise refers to the positive side of the name "Jezreel" meaning "to re-gather" and "birth." This Promise also alludes to two deeper levels of spiritual understanding. The Israelites along with the Jews (including Gentiles) will be taken from the four corners of the earth to be re-gathered in Eretz Israel in the near future (Isaiah 11:12).

Isa 11:12 And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

10. Good News For the House of Israel

Heb 8:8-9

For finding fault with them, He said to them, "**Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, and I will make an end on the house of Israel and on the house of Judah; a new covenant shall be, (9) not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not regard them, says the Lord. (10) "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My Laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (11) And they shall not each man teach his neighbor, and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.**

Which Covenant is He talking about? The New Covenant where He will come as the Shepherd and through His Spirit gather back His people unto His Ways and they will have the Torah written in their hearts and follow YHVH from the inside and not from the outside as their fathers.

Jer 31:31-34

Behold, the days come, says YHVH, that **I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel (Ten Tribes), and with the house of Judah (Jews), (32) not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says YHVH; (33) but this shall be the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, says YHVH, I will put My Law (Torah) in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. (34) And they shall no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know YHVH; for they**

shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says YHVH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

The New Covenant is a renewing from the inside where He will give them His Spirit and His Torah in their hearts and they will "spontaneously" be gathered back to His Ways as found in the Torah, and they will know YHVH. Secondly He states that He will forgive them their sins (idolatry) and take them back as His wife through the work of the Spirit of Messiah.

Paul told the congregation of Israelites meeting in Rome that those of the House of Israel that had returned to Yahweh, quoting from Hosea 1:10, he exhorted them that they were "the sons of the living Elohim (God);" they were to remain in a humble heart and not look down on the House of Judah because they had not yet returned (Romans 9, 10, 11).

The Israelites will recover their relationship with Yahweh. The following Scriptures all speak of their recovery: **Jeremiah 3:11-13, 31:18-20, 33:7-9, 14, 23-26, 50:4-6, 19- 20; Ezekiel 11:17, 36:24-31.**

Jer 3:12-15

Go and cry these words toward the north (Ten Tribes), and say, Return, O backsliding Israel, says YHVH; and I will not cause My anger to fall on you; for I am merciful, says YHVH, and I will not keep anger forever. (13) Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have sinned against YHVH your God and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says YHVH. (14) Turn, O backsliding sons, says YHVH; for I am married to you; and I will take you one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. (15) And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

This is clear that Israel is the Wife of YHVH and she has gone astray whoring after other gods and she was scattered for Her iniquity. The main message here is to REPENT and TURN BACK and acknowledge your sin and He will gather you back through shepherds that follow Him and they will teach His truth to them and they will understand it.

Jer 33:7-9

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first (restoration). (8) And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned, and by which they have transgressed against Me. (9) And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them. And they (nations) shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the riches that I bring to it.

Jer 50:4-6

In those days, and at that time, says YHVH, the sons of Israel shall come, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping. They shall go and seek YHVH their Elohim. (5) They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces there, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to YHVH in an everlasting covenant never to be forgotten. (6) My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.

Jer 50:18-20

So YHVH of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this: **Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria . (19) And I will again bring Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead. (20) In those days, and at that time, says YHVH, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and it shall not be found; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.**

The iniquity Jeremiah speaks of is the idolatry they have committed, Judah (Jews) and Israel (Ten Tribes), the iniquity of mixing the Ways of YHVH with the ways of man and of other gods, this will not be found among them.

Eze 11:16-20

Therefore say, So says the Master YHVH: **Though I have sent them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the lands, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the lands where they had gone. (17) Therefore say, So says the Master YHVH: I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the lands, in those where you were scattered, and I will give you the LAND OF ISRAEL. (18) And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its HATEFUL THINGS and all its ABOMINATIONS from it. (19) And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, (20) so that they may walk in My STATUTES and keep My ORDINANCES, and do them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim.**

This prophecy is when His people realized their iniquities and repented from it while they are in the lands they were scattered to. Yahweh have mercy on these people and are a “little” sanctuary (Temple) to them outside the Sanctuary as was found in Jerusalem. This is linked to the passage that say that we will be His Temple and He will indwell us. Then there will be a time when He will bring them all back to Israel from among all the lands they were scattered to. They will not have their idols and hateful abominations with them. Yahweh will give His Spirit to them, the Spirit of the Shepherd Yeshua and lead them back into His Ways, His Statutes (Feasts) and to His Ordinances found in His Torah. Then they shall be His people and He will their our Elohim!

Eze 36:24-28

For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all lands, and will gather you into your own land (Israel). (25) And I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your FILTHINESS and from your idols. (26) And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. (27) And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to WALK IN MY STATUTES, and you shall KEEP MY JUDGEMENTS and do them. (28) And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers (Israel-the Promised Land). And you shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim.

In Eze 11:18 we see “hateful things” and “abominations” and in Eze 36:25 we see “filthiness”. What does this mean? **Hateful things** are found in context of “clean and unclean” food and it is all the things you should not eat. **Abominations** are connected in Scripture to sexual immoral living and **Filthiness** is connected to idol worship in Scripture. These are the things Israel needs to repent from and when She comes back to YHVH, these things will not be seen in Her midst. Where else in the Word have we seen these three things in one verse?

Act_15:28-29

²⁸For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: ²⁹that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols (filthiness), and from blood, and from what has been strangled (hateful things), and from sexual immorality (abominations). If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

This was the letter that was compiled after discussion by the Jerusalem Council, to be given to the Gentiles who just came into faith in the Messiah. They were the first ones of the “lost tribes” of Israel that were scattered, who repented and came back to be grafted into Israel. They were led under the apostleship of Paul and he referred to this as the “Mystery of the Gospel” – the Gentiles coming into Israel.

As seen previously, we WILL receive His SPIRIT and His Spirit will cause us to WALK in His STATUTES and will keep His ORDENANCES and JUDGEMENTS and DO THEM. **Ordinances** are the moral laws and civil laws that govern the people so that they will live in love among each other. **Statutes** are the Sabbath and the Festivals and the Sacrifices, which are given as worship to Yahweh, the worship He desires. **Judgments** are guidelines to resolve disputes and to judge righteously whenever and issues arise.

11. Yeshua is the Great Shepherd

Isa 40:10-11

Behold, the Master YHVH will come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. (11) He shall feed His flock like a SHEPHERD; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those with young.

This is one of the Scriptures that prove that Yeshua is God and not just a mere man and that He is one with His Father. Yeshua is our Master and He is the Messiah and the arm of YHVH Who came to do the work of the Messiah so that He can get His reward (nations). He is our great Shepherd Who came personally to gather His sheep back unto Him so that they will follow Him again.

Eze 34:5-12

And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. (6) My sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill. Yea, My flock was scattered on all the face of the earth, and none searched nor sought for them. (7) Therefore, shepherds, hear the Word of YHVH: (8) As I live, says the Master YHVH, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock, (9) therefore, O shepherds, hear the Word of YHVH. (10) So says the Master YHVH: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, and they will not be food to devour. (11) For so says the Master YHVH: Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. (12) As a SHEPHERD seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I WILL SEEK OUT MY SHEEP and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

This prophecy confirms again that Yeshua is God and that He came as the Shepherd when He was with His sheep, and this refers to His First Coming when He came and set straight the shepherds of Israel who did not lead the people in His ways but they let the flock be scattered and did not look for the lost to bring them back to the Ways of YHVH. The sheep became food for the beasts of the field and refers to the nations that they were scattered into.

Jer 31:8-10

Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the corners of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; a great company shall return there. (9) They shall come with weeping, and with prayers I WILL LEAD THEM. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way; they shall not stumble in it, for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn. (10) Hear the Word of YHVH, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off. And say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a Shepherd keeps his flock.

Israel (the ten tribes under Jeroboam) were scattered from the north and across the earth, and they shall come with weeping and with prayers of repentance under the leadership of YHVH through His Son Yeshua. He will cause them to return to His fresh water (undefiled Word) and to the straight Way and they will not stumble in it, for they will understand His Word and take away the confusion (Babylon – mixing). He is their Father and Ephraim (scattered ten tribes) is His firstborn coming from Joseph who looked like an Egyptian. Joseph depicted Yeshua as the Savior of Israel and He looked like Egypt, because the Church portrayed Him in that way through mixing and confusion, and He had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Ephraim was the second born but received the blessing of the firstborn and this shows that the Jews were the ones that existed first as the people of YHVH. He chose to bring in the Scattered Israel (Ephraim) first before He reveals Himself as Yeshua the Messiah to the Jews and Yeshua the Hebrew to the Christians, Who is not an Egyptian.

12. Yeshua came for the House of Israel

Matt 10:6 "Go rather to the **lost sheep of Israel**," NIV.

Matt 10:6 " But go rather to the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**," KJV.

The NIV translation has left out the important word "house" in the above verse. The word "house" indicates that Yeshua gave His twelve disciples specific instructions to seek out the descendants of the House of Israel (ten tribes) to bring them the Good News.

Matt 15:24 "I was sent only to **the lost sheep of Israel**," NIV.

Matt 15:24 "I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**," KJV.

Again the NIV translation leaves out the word "house" which clarifies that an important aspect of Yeshua's earthly ministry was to see that the ten tribes of Israel that were in exile beyond the borders of the land of Israel were given the opportunity to hear the Good News. Yeshua wanted them to know that their time of exile was over and that they could return to their Elohim (God). That is why the Gospel message was "REPENT, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND"

Matt 18:11 "**For the Son of Adam (Messiah) has come to save what was lost**," The Scriptures.

That which is "lost" refers to the Ten Tribes of Israel, and their descendants down through their generations.

Mat 28:18-20

And Yeshua came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth. (19) Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

What does “in the Name” mean? It means “under the authority” and is the same when He said; “...in My Name you will do greater things...”. We in the Western culture think to do things in His Name is to use it as a magic word and knowing the “name” is the key. No, it is “knowing the Person” that gives you authority when you submit under Him.

To be baptized in His Name is to come in under the authority and leadership of the Father and the Son and His Spirit. You are then subject to the Father and the Son and His Spirit and do what They tell you to do. Being under His authority, you observe His Commandments and teach others to do so as you help them to become servants of the King, leading others in under His authority and thus becoming part of the House of Israel.

The Great Commission is a seek, find, save, and restore mission. The key word in Matthew 28:19 is “nations” for that is where the tribes were to be found and are to be found even today. The scattered ten tribes is the net that was cast out into the sea (nations) and when YHVH pulls it in again (through His disciples – fishers of men), He gathers the gentiles with the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

Peter was commissioned to work among the Jews, which are the three tribes who stayed in Jerusalem (who were scattered for only seventy years in the time of Daniel). Paul was the Apostle who was appointed by YHVH to bring the Gospel to the nations and he can be seen as the flagship for the restoration of Israel from among the nations. YHVH revealed the Scripture to Paul and he called this revelation “the Mystery of the Gospel”.

13. The Mystery of the Gospel.

What is the Mystery of the Gospel that Paul taught, and what does it mean to us?

Rom 16:25-26

*Now to Him who is able to **establish you according to my GOSPEL, and the preaching of Yeshua the Messiah according to the revelation of the MYSTERY, having been unvoiced during eternal times; (26) but now has been made plain, and BY THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES, according to the COMMANDMENT of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith;***

Paul said that his Gospel is the preaching of Yeshua the Messiah according to this Mystery that was hidden until then, and was revealed to Paul by the Spirit of Elohim. Let’s find out what Paul said about this Mystery.

Rom 11:16-27

For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, also the branches. (17) And if some of the branches were broken off (scattered Israel), and you (Gentiles), being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and became a SHARER OF THE ROOT and the fatness of the olive tree with them, (18) do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you. (19) You will say then, **The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.**

(20) Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear. (21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, fear lest He also may not spare you either! (22) Behold then the kindness, and the severity of God; on those having fallen, severity; but on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. (23) And those also, if they (scattered Israel) do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again. (24) For if you were cut out of the natural WILD OLIVE TREE, and were grafted contrary to nature into a GOOD OLIVE TREE; how much more these being according to nature will be grafted into their own olive-tree? (25) For I do not want you to be ignorant of THIS MYSTERY, brothers, lest you should be wise within yourselves; that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the FULNESS OF THE NATIONS HAS COME IN. (26) And so ALL ISRAEL (Jews + Scattered 10 tribes + Gentiles) shall be saved; as it is written, "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. (27) For this is My covenant with them, when I have taken away their sins."

There are three groups mentioned here; the **first group** are the ones that were **broken off because of unbelief**. We know this group is the **scattered ten tribes** that lived in the northern part of the land and their UNBELIEF is defined here as NOT LISTENING TO YHVH WHEN HE TOLD THEM NOT TO WORSHIP IDOLS. We know unbelief as not believing in Jesus, do we have the right concept of faith? No, faith is active and is based upon acting on what you receive and belief as the truth. That's why James said that FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD. What is the TRUTH? It is THE WORD OF YHVH better known as the WHOLE SCRIPTURE. As Paul said in Romans that the TaNaK is good for doctrine, reproof and teaching in righteousness. FAITH IS BELIEVING THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH IS THE WORD (TaNaK & NT).

The **second group** are the ones that were **not broken off** and are currently known as still being grafted into the **Good Olive Tree**, these are the **Jews**. They are still grafted into the Olive tree because Paul said that SOME of the branches were broken off, not ALL the branches, and they are the remaining branches.

The **third group** are the **Gentiles that came from the Wild Olive tree** that will be grafted into the Good Olive Tree (original Israel) by faith in Yeshua and listening to His Voice (Word), so that they might come out of the pagan things and become part of the family of YHVH; the house of Israel.

Eph 1:9-14
having made known to us THE MYSTERY of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, (10) for an administration of the fullness of times, to HEAD UP ALL THINGS IN MESSIAH, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, even in Him, (11) in Whom also we have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will, (12) for us to be to the praise of His glory, who previously had trusted in Messiah; (13) in whom also you (Gentiles – part of scattered Israel), hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, (14) who is the earnest of our inheritance (according to the Covenant made with Abraham), to the redemption of the purchased possession (Jews and Gentiles –scattered Israel), to the praise of His glory.

Paul speaks to the assembly in Ephesus (gentile assembly) and reveals to them the MYSTERY of YHVH's WILL. What is the WILL OF YHVH? Many people always want to know what the will of YHVH is for their lives. It is clearly that all things and all people might be head up under the authority of Yeshua the Messiah.

His will is to gather all people unto Him and join them into the house of Israel through the Spirit of YHVH Who is the seal of promise, the One that grafts you in, and the evidence and seal that you are grafted in. Yeshua is the Great Shepherd Who leads people into His Kingdom and His Spirit is the Shepherd (Yeshua in the spirit) that leads all people across the world and from every nation back unto Him. HIS WILL IS that all people become part of His Kingdom (Israel). He has redeemed us with His blood and we are able to be grafted into Israel if we accept His offer and gift of salvation. If you listen to his Word (His voice calling), He gives you **His Spirit** as a sign that you are His, **the Spirit is the Engagement Ring** that show to you and others that you are His bride (part of) and belong to Him.

Eph 3:3-6, 11-16

that by revelation He made known to me THE MYSTERY (as I wrote before in few words, (4) by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in THE MYSTERY OF MESSIAH) (5) which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, (6) that the nations should be fellow heirs, and of the same BODY, and partaker of His promise in Messiah through the gospel. (11) according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Messiah Yeshua our Master; (12) in Whom we have boldness and ACCESS (into Israel) with confidence through His faith. (13) For this reason I desire that you faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. (14) For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yeshua the Messiah, (15) of whom the whole FAMILY (Israel united) in Heaven and earth is named, (16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;

We see a new concept here; the MYSTERY OF MESSIAH. Is it the same as the Mystery of the Gentiles coming in? In verse 5 we see that this Mystery is that the nations may be fellow heirs and that they ARE PART OF THE BODY OF MESSIAH and the FAMILY of YHVH. The Spirit revealed this to the prophets as we have seen earlier, and it was then revealed to Paul so that he might reveal it to all people (nations). Take note that it is through **the Spirit Who is the Seal Who reveals this TRUTH** to all those who believe in the Messiah, so that they might be **part of the body of Messiah** and that He might be their Master, listening to His Voice and obeying His Word.

Col 1:25-28

of which I became a minister, according to the administration of God given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God; (26) THE MYSTERY which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. (27) For to them God would make known what are the riches of the glory of THIS MYSTERY among the nations, which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory, (28) whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that we may present every man perfect in Messiah Yeshua.

The Mystery of the Nations is the fulfillment of the TaNaK (Word) [please note that fulfill does not mean to take it away, but reveals and confirms it to be truth]. The Mystery not only reveals the nations as part of Israel, but also reveals how to ACCESS this Kingdom and how to become part of Israel. It is only through Yeshua the Messiah, He is the WAY to the Father and it is through Him that you are grafted into the Olive Tree (Israel).

What we have seen in the revelation of Paul is that He did not bring another message or a new revelation, but he revealed what was written in the Prophets, which the Spirit made known through him to all the nations. This was Paul's ministry among the nations; to reveal the Scripture (TaNaK) to them, to show them that they can be part of Israel through faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

Repentance is the first step into this promise and that you have to **leave your filthiness** (idol worship and mixing with pagan things), your abdominal things (sexual immoral living) and **the hateful things** (unclean things – eating habits) as seen in Acts 15:19-20.

Act 15:19-20

Therefore my judgment is that we do not trouble **those who have turned to God from among the nations, (20)** but that we write to them **that they should abstain from pollutions of idols (filthiness – Ex 20:3-4, Deut 18:10, Deut 7:25), and from fornication (abdominal things – Lev 18), and from things strangled, and from blood (hateful things – Lev 11).**

Scripture were referenced by quoting a phrase, and that phrase pointed to a place in the Scripture (TaNaK) where you can find the detail on that topic. (You had to know the Scripture to understand these references). This is exactly what happened here in Acts 15; they quoted the key phrase “**things strangled, and from blood**” and this pointed to Lev 11:1-30, that tells you about clean and unclean food.

These were the FIRST STEPS when someone from the nations came into Israel, (Righteous people of Elohim), and forms the basis to help us as Gentiles who came to faith in Messiah, to know where to start in the Torah. These three topics form the basis of fellowship, and it helps believers from different backgrounds and spiritual maturity levels, to fellowship together without disputes and offending each other. As they fellowship, they will learn more of the Word (TaNaK) and wash themselves clean with it until they are in unity in faith, so that they might be presentable before the King of Kings when He appears.

Eph 5:26-27

that He might sanctify and cleanse it (us – His Body) with the washing of water by the Word, (27) that He might present it (us – His Bride) to Himself (the King) as the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that it (we) should be holy (set apart) and without blemish (fleshly habits and bondages).

He did not save us by redeeming us with His Blood only, He gave us His Word (TaNaK) so that we may wash our actions clean so that we might BE HOLY as He is HOLY and be conformed into His IMAGE and might do His Work as His Body on this earth. Sanctification (cleansing) is so that we might be set apart and look different to the dark world and SHINE HIS LIGHT (TRUTH) as we express it through our lives. Sanctification is NOT SALVATION but is so that we may help others out of the sea (nations) into the boat (Yeshua – Salvation.)