

# Blessings and Curses ALL Israel or only Judah?

**Genesis 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

There is a common misunderstanding when people look at the verses above that these are for Israel only however there is one big problem, Israel today composes of majority Judah with Benjamin who joined them plus a few people of some of the other eleven tribes plus lot of Arabs and other foreigners in the land. We must not forget the Blessings and curses were given to Abraham and then later repeated in such a way.

**Genesis 17:16** "And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

Note carefully that here Abraham has been given a prophecy that through Abraham's "seed" will come many kings and many nations. This means something very important that we will discuss later.

**Genesis 18:18** "since Abraham shall surely become a **great and mighty nation**, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Abraham was destined to become a great and mighty nation through whom salvation was to come this was no doubt to be the land of Israel.

**Genesis 22:17** "In blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will **multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven** and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

YHWH counted Abraham a righteous man and said to him that I will make your descendants (12 tribes in his loins) as stars and the sand as in the sand of the seashore of course the sand does not fulfill just by Judah Israel today because they are counted the tribe of Judah about five million. In my opinion five million cannot be said to be as **stars of heaven** or **sand of the seashore** so we have an issue because the prophecy does not fulfill in Jewish Israel today. Israel's Jews number five million, is that like the sand of the seashore? Hardly likely!

## **The Drash of all Drashes (Allegories)**

### **What was the Messiah of Israel talking about?**

**Matthew 10:23** "But when they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the **cities of Israel** before the Son of Man comes.

If this prophecy referred to the cities of Israel alone then the disciples would have visited these more than likely during their life as they spread about preaching the good news of the Messiah thus the prophecy would be meaningless as the landmass of Israel is hardly bigger than Wales or New Jersey today and one could drive from one end of Israel to the other end in less than six hours and still have time spare for lunch.

The Messiah Yahushua was referring to Israel's scattering that it will be so widespread that the disciples and by the way it is not just the 12 but us included will not be able to visit ALL THE CITIES of "ISRAEL" before HIS Coming. Turn it around here the word "ISRAEL" is used for the scattering and dispersal that is so widespread for the ten tribes of Israel. What an amazing prophecy fully active in all of our lives. Why did the Messiah say the above verse?

This was in reference to His coming to gather the **lost sheep of the House of Israel**.

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

### **YHWH's promise to Isaac**

**Genesis 26:3-4** "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. (4) "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

God promised Isaac the same thing as Abraham and guess why? He was Abraham's son so the lineage follows.

### **Jacob was renamed to be Israel**

**Genesis 32:28** And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

**A "Gentile church" is an oxymoron there is no such thing as a gentile church, well if you want to be identified as a heathen and excluded from the covenants of Israel then you are welcome to call yourself a "gentile", for me I am sorry I am not a "gentile" but a Hebrew and no I am not a spiritual Hebrew but a physical one just like my father Abraham, in fact I belong to the House of Levi. It does not matter if you were a complete pagan but once you accept the faith of our forefathers you are full fledged Hebrew.**

**Genesis 48:16** the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; let my name be named upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

### **What's in a NAME?**

When **JACOB/ISRAEL** the father of the 12 sons blesses Joseph's children he says this "**LET MY NAME BE NAMED UPON THEM**"? Do we see this if not please re-read the passage. Israel is saying to Joseph that His name will carry through the children now if his NAME is Israel then what NAME do the children carry, Church? No, ISRAEL. There is something else important that the name Israel means UPRIGHT ones (YHWH the price over Israel the meaning of the ancient Hebrew) of God so do you see why ALL had to carry that name?

Now this one is brought out more clearly in the Abrahamic-Faith Nazarene Hebraic Study Scriptures.

**Genesis 48:16** The Malakh who has redeemed me<sup>1</sup> from all evil, bless the lads; let my name be named upon them,<sup>2</sup> and the name of my ahvot (fathers) Abraham and Yah'sac (Isaac);<sup>3</sup> and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.<sup>4</sup>

Notice these two sons were to become the ten tribes and then cast out as the ten tribes for their sin who were to become many goy (gentile pagan) nations. Thus the ingathering later described in **Matthew 4:19** and also in **Matthew 15:24** where Yahushua declared he came for the **lost sheep of the house of Israel** the Ten tribes particularly mentioned. You might say what about the Chinese dynasties which existed in Abraham's time? That is

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<sup>1</sup> Messiah Yahushua depicted in this.

<sup>2</sup> Many nations will be called and be in the character of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> Named in Abraham and Isaac, some like the Anglo/Saxons, qualify them to be from Isaac.

<sup>4</sup> In Hebrew, 'Vie-dagoo l'rov, karev eretz' means, Let them be like a great multitude of fish in the earth. This is why Yahushua used the drash (allegorical) to say, I will make you fishers of men (Matt 4:19). This prophecy details how the two sons of Yosef prefigure the Ten tribes of Israel to be a multitude, to be gathered in the last days, happening in our time today and onwards to the end.

easy there are three types of converts in the Bible. One type is Judah who is redeemed and by the way by the blood of Yahushua not dual covenant. The second type is Biological Ephramites who may not know their identities, the third type pure gentile with no biological link to the blood of Israel e.g. Gerim (true gentile converts) the Chinese can easily fit this type.

Let me clarify. Do I believe in two houses? I believe fully in the **restoration of a united Israel** all the twelve tribes, which is Biblical and required by the Father not just as divided two houses but as united Israel one day.

Do I believe by either wearing Tzitzits or the Tallit that I become Jewish? The answer is a definite NO since I was not born into Yahudah but born into Levi so therefore I am Jewish by birth but one can become a covert into messianic Judaism and will be seen as Jewish. It all depends where you live in Israel but technically your allegorical husband is Yahushua who is Jewish so you come under His banner.

Are you a true Gerim from the nations? I don't know but I can tell you one thing you are definitely a Hebrew just like my Assyrian father Abraham was (Gen 14:13) after he crossed over the river of death.

My point about the blessings should be clear by now if not already clear. Most Christians today do not realize that they have no other name to come under but **Israel** since some may belong to the House of Israel i.e. the ten tribes who were lost and now redeemed in the Messiah of Israel. Over all the church is **spiritual/prophetic** Ephraim carrying the NAME and nature of ISRAEL. One of the names of the Messiah is also ISRAEL so if we are His bride then we carry the bridegroom's NAME ISRAEL just like in a normal marriage the wife carries the husband's **NAME**.

This means when people keep saying oh, bless Israel the blessings do not apply to literally Jewish (With Benjamin the two tribes merged) Jewish Israel **only** but in fact with equal weights and measures to the gentile people who are grafted in and no longer remain gentile but "Hebrew" and thus fully Israel in the sight of God and remember Jacob/Israel said let them carry my NAME! The same way the curses equally apply if you curse Christians then you come under the same covenant RIGHTS that were granted to Abraham then Isaac and later Jacob so cursing Christians brings the curse upon you if you are an outsider.

### **Racism in Messianism**

There are many messianic churches, some small some big but the Messianic movement is gone haywire and into all sorts of weird and wonderful theologies. One such theology is they like to call non-Jewish people the gentile church those who believe in the Messiah yet the Bible has no "covenants" with any gentile church because the word itself is an oxymoron and thanks to the racism this persists. Secondly they believe that if gentiles

start wearing the Tallit or keeping the Shabbat it is not for them as they are becoming Jewish and it is only for the Jews to do these things. I like to remind them that in the Bible it was not the Jews who had the Sabbath commandment but it was man and that man was **ANY** man while there was no one yet called Jewish or Judah way back in Gen 3:2. I would also like to remind them that gentiles are not trying to be Jewish by wearing the Tallit since this was something done by Israel and by the way that was not Judah Israel but the 12 tribes you cannot have it both ways and ask Christians to support your work and yet call them pagan gentiles. Christians have as much RIGHT and ACCESS to the covenant set with the Patriarchs as any man from the tribe of Judah in the land of Israel because they come under the covenants of the patriarchs.

I would also like to remind the Jewish or Messianics that if you think you have a chip on your shoulder then you don't because by excluding or calling the Christian church gentile you commit a sin against the God of Israel since by His definition the Christian church that has accepted the Messiah are fully part of the commonwealth of Israel (Olive tree), who are you to say they are not? More importantly we are all Hebrews by definition just like our father Abraham which means all the church today in God's eyes are part of the Olive tree, Israel of God and this is not replacement theology since we fully affirm Judah's place in the land of Israel and confirm the land of Israel as YHWH's marker for His people i.e. not just Jewish but all 12 tribes, the house of Judah and the House of Israel. Let me demonstrate what Rabbi Shaul affirmed.

**Romans 11:17** And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a **partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree.**

When you are grafted into a tree do you become a separate tree? No, you become the same TREE thus the root is not JEWISH. The ROOT is the Rock of ALL Ages the Messiah of Israel or the God of Israel that many claim to know.

If the whole tree is Israel and the root as well then we have a problem because this skewed teaching does not take into consideration that this Tree does not support itself meaning the 12 tribes do not support themselves but are nourished by the ROOT, guess what friends the ROOT is not JEWISH or the 10 Tribes but the ROOT is the Messiah of Israel from Judah's tribe or equally called the Elohim of Israel who nourishes the whole Tree, without this nourishment what good is in us all? Jewish Israel today living in sin with all sorts of bad activities while the same in the church with all sorts of wrong activities and sins so do you think a sinful entity supports itself? It would be foolish to teach this and yet this is exactly what many people are doing yet the ROOT is our Messiah Yahushua – Hallelu'Yah for His love for us sinful men who do wrong things at times but He is there to forgive us and accept us. However the Messiah wants us to be one like Him like His **NATURE** since

He is also called ISRAEL. However I will be doing a teaching soon on the OLIVE TREE on what is it?

**Jeremiah 2:3** Israel was holiness to the Lord, the **firstfruits** of His increase. **All that devour him will offend; disaster will come upon them,**" says the Lord.' "

Do we need any further explanation from the scriptures when Jeremiah 2:3 is so clear about the twelve tribes of Israel?

Let me explain this deep truth, for the last 25 years Indonesia was persecuting Christians believers but did God remain silent? No, He sent the Tsunami to change their landscape and now continuous tremors to send them little reminders that they have been killing and cursing Christians for more than 25 years so God has revealed the curse upon that nation for rejecting Him. God sent Pakistan a reminder with an earthquake for what they have been doing to His people now that landscape and people have a changed attitude somewhat but the bigger judgments are yet to come. This means those that bless Christians and the Jewish people will get equal blessings so my friends let's start understanding God's heart, He wants the land of Israel for His house and His people but those people are not just Judah (Jewish) but the reunification of ALL twelve tribes because He loves ALL Israel not just part Israel.

We must not forget that Jacob fathered 12 children not one tribe of Judah, the only significance for Judah was that he held the kingly line and thus the Messiah had to come through that line while the double portion of the blessings actually went to Ephraim the younger son of Joseph. So in affect the two sons singled out are Rachel's son Joseph and Leah's son Judah. These two women show us the division and rivalry of the two Houses of Israel.

The other weird doctrine some Messianics believe in is like Pentecostals oneness theology that the Messiah is not divine. We actually do believe in God having a plurality but ultimately He is Ten not just three and these are His one could say emanations thus we fully affirm The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit just as scripture confirms in Gen 1:1-3.

Hopefully this should confirm that ALL non-Jews who come into the covenants of Jacob/Israel FULLY carry HIS NAME even they might be living in Pakistan, India or Katmandu because that is the only identity they can have just as Israel said. Praise Yahushua.

**Genesis 48:16** The Malach who redeemed me from all evil, [iii](#) bless the lads; and let my NAME-Yisrael be named on them...

I would like to conclude that wisdom chokmah should be sought because it only comes from YHWH and it is only by this wisdom that we may

understand the true meanings of the passages of the Bible and none of us are any exception.

**Proverbs 1:7 The fear [reverence] of the Lord [YHWH] is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Now there is something in this passage that I said that only some will understand for those who have chokmah: -) God bless you all.

Shalom Shalom

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