

## Who Are the 12 Tribes of Israel?

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One of the most often debated questions in world and biblical history is “Who are the lost tribes of the Nation of Israel?” Many myths and fables have been told of the whereabouts of the Israelite descendants while several nations continue to attempt to lay bogus claims on being the descendants of the great legacy of God’s chosen and holy people like the Ethiopians, East Indians, Arabs and the Caucasians (white Jews/Jewish) just to name a few. However, the Bible gives great detail as to who the authentic Children of Israel are and where they will be found in the last days at the second coming of Christ. Please note that this is an extensive topic and only key points will be addressed in this article. Please visit our website at [www.truenation.org](http://www.truenation.org) and under our “Topics & Forum” and “Video & Audio” sections you will find numerous lessons that cover this topic at length.

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Napthali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Ephraim and Manasseh (these two tribes share the inheritance of Joseph) and Benjamin (the tribe of Dan will be discussed in another lesson) are the children of Israel the beloved nation of God. Because many that are unlearned cannot understand biblical prophecy to determine who the Children of Israel are today, they have come to the deceitful conclusion that the Israelites have simply vanished from the earth and make further malicious claims that now only a “spiritual” Israel exists. This deceitful conclusion then makes ANYONE that comes to God a spiritual Israelite/Jew. The Bible does not in any way say or endorse such heresy (false teaching). Let’s examine:

*Jeremiah 31:35-36: “<sup>35</sup>Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: <sup>36</sup>If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then **the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.**”*

This prophecy states that the descendants (seed) of Israel will no longer be a physical nation (race) of people ONLY if the ordinances that GOD created can be removed. Ask yourself then, does the sun, the moon and the oceans still exist? Absolutely! This is crucial to know because it proves that the real Israelites still exist in the flesh!

Before we begin to prove who the Children of Israel are, we must use deductive reasoning to know where they will be located. To cut to the chase without explaining an abundance of biblical and world geography, we will address a prophecy pertaining to the Israelites in the later days.



*Revelation 18:1-3: “<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. <sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.”*

It is widely known that the city of Babylon mentioned here is America and the wickedness it upholds. All nations cling to America to increase their wealth, education and doctrine, and by this the nations become absorbed into the wickedness it offers. (for more details of this topic read the literature “America is Babylon” at [www.truenation.org](http://www.truenation.org))

*Revelation 18:4: “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**”*

The Children of Israel are the Lord’s people (Exodus 3:10). The Lord instructs Israel in Revelation 18:4 to not partake in the sins that America promotes, “*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.*” To “come out of her” means to mentally disconnect oneself from the ideas and wicked ways America endorses. This scripture further proves that the Children of Israel will be in America at the time of the second coming of Christ.

*Micah 4:10: “Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, **and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.**”*

As the Children of Israel have been oppressed and afflicted, the Most High promises that he will deliver them from their enemies, but from where? BABYLON. Yes, Israel was captured and oppressed by the ancient Babylonians however that ancient city had long been conquered and fallen at the time John was shown the vision in Revelation chapter 18 and Micah saw the same vision regarding the Children of Israel. This speaks of a new or modern place that will resemble the ancient city. It is important to know that many American traditions, holidays and religious practices originate from ancient Babylonian customs such as Christmas (Jeremiah 10:1-4), the worshipping of female deities like Astarte of which Easter derives from (Jeremiah 7:18).

*Revelation 11:7-8: “<sup>7</sup>And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And **their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**”*

John was also shown another vision of what would befall the Israelites after the time of Christ. Esau (the so-called white man) is the beast that would ascend out of the bottomless pit and overcome and afflict the Israelites with slavery and oppression. Again, John is shown the location being a place called “spiritual” Egypt and Sodom. This location again is America. The children of Egypt did not go into Egypt again as slaves after the exodus during the time of Moses. However, it speaks of a place that would spiritually resemble ancient Egypt and also the city of Sodom. When we read the history of the activity that took place in these cities, it is understandable why it refers to America (read Exodus chapters 1-12 and Genesis chapters 18-19). In Egypt, idolatry was highly prevalent. The sun god known as Ra was worshipped (this is the origin of Christian Sunday worship). With the worship of Ra derived the ideology and use of magic, witchcraft and astrology became common practice especially in places like the city of Sodom. Sodom is known for its immoral practices of homosexuality and fornication. America is the leading nation today which passes laws to allow and protect such



wicked activity. The Children of Israel is prophesied to be in America in the last days. To further establish and prove this point we will examine how the Israelites will get to America also known as spiritual Egypt.

*Deuteronomy 28:68: "And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you."*

Moses prophesied that the children of Israel would be taken to spiritual Egypt (aka America) in "ships" (slave ships) for disobeying the Most High's laws (Read Deuteronomy 28:15). They would then be sold to "their enemies" for slave men and slave women and no man will be able to "buy" meaning to save or rescue them.

*Lamentations 4:17: "As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us."*

While serving bondage/slavery, the Children of Israel will seek help, but there will be no one to rescue them. The bible gives three great clues regarding the Israelites:

1. The Israelites still exist in the flesh.
2. The Israelites will be in America.
3. They will be brought into bondage.

Knowing and understanding these clues, it becomes clear to see the nations that exist in America and how the prophecies of slavery and oppression in America only point to the Negroes, Native American Indians and Latinos or Hispanics. Remember America consists of North, South and Central America along with many of the neighboring Caribbean Islands like Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Many nations live in America like the Caucasians (whites), Arabs, Eastern Indians, Japanese, Chinese and even the African tribes (Ethiopian, Nigeria, Libya). However, none of these nations have tasted of curses of slavery or oppression on this American soil. On the other hand, the Negroes (Blacks or African American), Native American Indian tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Seminole etc.), the Latino or Hispanic Tribes (Aztec, Mayan, Inca, Taino, Boricua, Cubanos etc.) along with Haitians, the Caribbean tribes and those of the West Indies, all of these families of people have always felt oppression unto this day at the hand of their oppressor. All of them have been conquered and defeated mentally, socially, economically, and spiritually as prophesied.

*Deuteronomy 28:49-50: "49The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:"*

The bible again prophesied that a nation located on the other side of the earth would travel to the furthest end and subdue the Israelites. This prophecy was fulfilled when the white race travelled from Europe all the way to the Americas and conquered the pre-existing Indian and Latino civilizations. These pre-existing civilizations come by way of ship from Israel after the Assyrian captivity in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. The French and Spanish Conquistadores (conquerors) murdered millions of those inhabitants whom did not speak Spanish or French prior to their arrival. This is why the Latino tribes now speak Spanish instead of the languages of their cultures. In addition to being stripped of their native languages, they will also be murdered at ANY age (including the unborn fetus) and brought into subjection. Historical records indicate



that the death count has reached the 100's of millions. These heinous crimes have not fallen upon any other people that reside in the Northern Hemisphere or the WORLD for that matter.

*Deuteronomy 28:32: "Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand."*

It is a fact that during slavery the children of the oppressed was taken from them and sent to other places or states where slaves were kept. This is how the Children of Israel were stripped from their true identity. The children would be violently taken away from their families and taught other languages and religions causing the children to forget their ancestry and made to embrace the names of their oppressors.

*Isaiah 65:15: "And ye shall **leave your name** for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, **and call his servants by another name:**"*

The names placed upon those oppressed in America are Negro, Black, African American, Mexican, Hispanic, Indian, Haitian, Puerto Rican and the list goes on. These "new" names further prove and fulfill many prophecies regarding the circumstances the Children of Israel would face in the last days. Again, no other nation or race of people in the Americas can attest to these prophecies.

*Deuteronomy 28:54: "So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, **his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:**"*

The men of Israel that were once strong and helped each other will begin to behave wickedly towards their brothers and leave off raising their children. It is without a doubt that this prophecy again points to the Negroes and Latinos who seek to destroy one another through gang and drug violence. It is no coincidence that Negro and Latino homes are rank highest in single-parent homes where typically the father is missing whether due to death, imprisonment or simply due to a lack of responsibility.

*Deuteronomy 28:65-66: "<sup>65</sup>And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: <sup>66</sup>And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life."*

Wherever the Children of Israel are held captive and oppressed, they will not find any peace or ease pain. They will be made to work for little or nothing and live in a state of complete fear. Death, sicknesses, imprisonment, police brutality, unemployment and poverty are commonplace among the Negro, Indian and Latino communities just as prophesied in the scriptures. Keep in mind that the Israelites will be made to forget their history, name and legacy.

*Psalms 83:4: "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."*

When we examine the other nations living in America, people other than the Negroes, Indians and Latinos, it is a fact that their language, identity, race and culture is still intact. Furthermore, their OWN country still exists as it always has and they can return to at their own will. Can the same be said for the Negroes, Indians and Latinos? NO. They hold their oppressor's last names, they speak their oppressor's language and live in their oppressor's land or the land they once



possessed but was taken by their oppressors. All of these horrific events came upon the Children of Israel because of their disobedience to God's laws. When in bondage, these curses will also be a sign to identify the TRUE Israelites and only by adhering to the laws of God will Israel be delivered.

*Deuteronomy 28:45-46: "45Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: 46And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever."*

Alongside biblical prophecy, there are many references that scholars have written which uncover the fact that the Negroes, Native American Indians and Latinos are the lost tribes of Israel.

In the book "Indians or Jews" by James Adair, the author quotes, "*Like so many others King becomes passionately convinced that the Mexicans Indians were in reality descendants of the lost ten tribes....*" This author also quotes in this book "*Pages sixteen to two hundred thirty one list twenty three arguments in proof that the American Indians being descended from the Jews....*" Also, in a book called "Lost Tribes and Promised Lands" by Ronald Sanders, the author discusses literature published by an explorer named Antonio de Montezinos who verified that he had located one of the tribes of Israel living in a province of Quito, Ecuador during his travels to that area. He also found out that some of the other tribes of Israel also lived in various areas in and around South America. Ronald Sanders also states: "*A brief conversation then ensued in their common ancestral tongue, according to Montezinos, whose fluency in it is almost perplexing to the reader of his narrative as is that of his three mysterious new companions. They told him that they themselves were of the Tribe of Reuben, and that the tribe of Joseph lived on an island nearby....*"

Many scholars have labored diligently to gather information to resolve the mystery of "where are the tribes of Israel?" The answers have been in the Bible for many years. In the Apocryphal book of 2 Esdras (the books known as the Apocrypha were part of the original Hebrew and Greek writings used to translate the English Bible to the King James 1611 translation) the prophet Esdras writes of the historical event which explains how the 10 tribes or "Northern Kingdom" tribes of Israel came to the Americas.

*2 Esdras 13:40-45: "40Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. 41But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, 42That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. 43And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow places of the river. 44For the Most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. 45For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth."*

The Bible clearly explains that after the Northern Kingdom tribes were carried captive by the Assyrians in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, when they were released from bondage, they found "strange" nations inhabiting their homeland Samaria (Reads 2 Kings the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter). So they chose rather to go to a FAR COUNTRY where NEVER MANKIND DWELT. This place was known as Arsareth. Many ancient and modern day scholars will agree that Arsareth refers to the land mass America. The same scholars will also agree that prior to the American Indians and Meso-American civilizations (Aztec, Maya, Inca etc.) no race of people had ever lived in the land known today as America. It was this knowledge and history that gave Christopher Columbus the idea to travel to the Americas. Upon his arrival, Columbus discovered that the land he



has been credited to have discovered was already inhabited by great and advanced Indian civilizations who we know now are the descendants of the Tribes of Israel.

Seeing that only ten tribes came to the Americas in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, further research proves that the three remaining tribes Judah, Benjamin and Levi were still residing in Jerusalem during the time of Christ. But Christ also prophesied that these tribes will eventually be taken captive as well.

*Luke 21:20-22: “<sup>20</sup>And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. <sup>21</sup>Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. <sup>22</sup>For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.”*

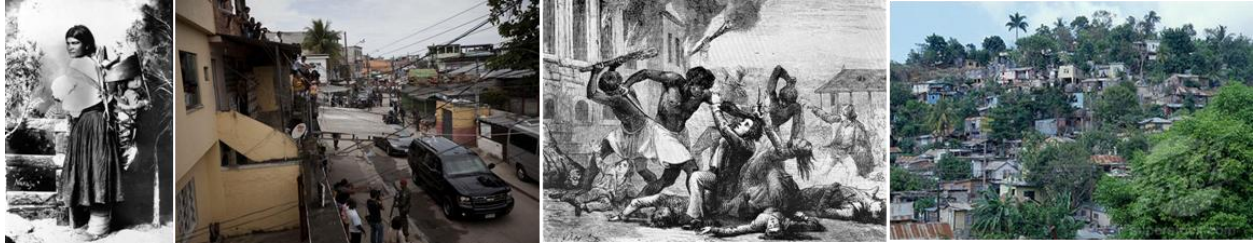
The armies that Christ warned Israel about are the Roman armies that would invade Jerusalem in 70AD. This invasion caused many Jews/Israelites (the Israelites were people of color read Job 30:30, Jeremiah 14:2, Revelation 1:13-15, Isaiah 29:22, Song of Solomon 1:5-6, and Lamentations 5:10) to flee the land of Israel into other areas of the world primarily fleeing into the western coast of Africa where the Jews resided for nearly 1,500 years. Scholars have also documented this aspect of history. One book which documents this aspect of history is called “From Babylon to Timbuktu” by Rudolph R. Windsor which on Page 84 says: *“In the year 65 b.c. the Roman armies under General Pompey captured Jerusalem. In 70 A.D General Vespasian and his son, Titus put an end to the Jewish state, with great slaughter. During the period of the military governors of Palestine, many outrages and atrocities were committed against the residue of the people. During the period from Pompey to Julius, it has been estimated that over 1,000,000 Jews fled into Africa, fleeing from Roman persecution and slavery. The slave markets were full of black Jewish slaves.”*

It is then basic black history to know that in the 16<sup>th</sup> century the British (English) then traveled to the Gold coast of Africa to obtain these blacks to be brought on ships as slaves to colonize the Americas (Deuteronomy 28:68). These blacks were not of African descent, but as history shows, they were the descendants of the Israelites. As mentioned earlier, the Bible prophesied that the Children of Israel would go to “Babylon” (America) as slaves to be oppressed by those that conquered them. Biblical and historical evidence proves that the oppressed races in America are in fact the descendants of God’s chosen people the Israelites. The Bible also teaches that the Children of Israel will remember once again their true culture and history while in America.

*Baruch 2:30 (Apocrypha): “For I knew that they would not hear me, because it is a stiffnecked people: but in the land of their captivities they shall remember themselves.”*

*Hosea 1:10: “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.”*

When the Children of Israel arrived to the Americas and were subdued by their oppressors, they were told that they were not the Israelites neither were they God’s people, but instead were savages, wild, niggers, wetbacks, uncivilized, and less than a human being (Deuteronomy 28:37), thus destroying their self esteem and pride. However, the Most High has sent his spirit to awaken his people causing them to now inquire and research the truth of who they truly are. Now the “so-called” Negros, American Indians, and Latinos are waking up to the fact that they are the TRUE Children of Israel, the authentic descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the history taught about them by mainstream education is false.



They have now begun recognizing that their history is found within the pages of the Bible and they must repent in order to be fully delivered from the hand of their captors.

*Deuteronomy 30:1-3: “<sup>1</sup>And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, <sup>2</sup>And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; <sup>3</sup>**That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.**”*

It must also be understood that the Israelites have been scattered into many countries due to slavery and oppression (Zechariah 7:14). Nonetheless, the scriptures still stand true and accurate showing us that a great majority of Israelites dwell in America (Babylon). Please continue to download the reports that are on our website as we will continue to add more detailed lessons on various aspects of the migration of the tribes of Israel.