Hebrew Elements in the Caribbean

It is interesting to observe the various aspects of Levitical priesthood in Haitian religion. The Levites were “very spiritual,” and were the Lord’s portion out all the tribes of Israel (see Numbers 1:48-54 and Numbers 3:5-13). Therefore, their functions were to administer all the physical and spiritual aspects of the knowledge of God through his laws, statutes and commandments.

The name for a voodoo priest is “Hungan” which is “Kahan” in Hebrew, and which means “Priest, Mediator, and Servant of all to assist others in their inward growth toward God.” It is not ironic that the terms Kahuna, and Tohun in Polynesian cultures all originated from the Hebrew word “Kahan!” There is also the term “Rada” which is associated with the ancient city of Aladad in Dahomey. Aladad is Hebrew for “Beloved of God.” Just as the priests in Israel had various sanctuaries throughout Israel, the “Hungans” of Haiti have as well. (Read Numbers 18:1, 21; Numbers 35:1-8; and Joshua 21:1-8.)

Why did our people put blood around their posts to keep the wolf out? See Exodus 12:1-3, 7, 11-14. The kindred spirits of the Israelite nation were highly visible in the great slave rebellions during slavery times, by the Haitians and Maroon societies of the Caribbean and the Americas, led by the Hungans, Santeros and the Obeah man alike. The tactics of guerilla warfare were reminiscent of ancient Israelite battle tactics, especially those used during the era of the Maccabees (Apocrypha: I and II Maccabees.) In Jamaica, the ancient sounding horn of the “Abeng,” an instrument made from a cow’s horn, was used in different aspects of war. This is in the shadow of the same methods used with the “Shofar,” which is a ram’s horn (Numbers 10:1-9). The various revolutionary leaders all looked to the Holy Scriptures directly or indirectly for guidance, motivation and spiritual support. But of course, despite the many successful battles that were fought against the Europeans (the forces of oppression), the Most High would again, as He always will, have the final judgment (Deuteronomy 28:28, 45; Jeremiah 50:33; and Job 9:24). Even the monumental liberation of Haiti from the French could not change their fate. Why was this? Read Malachi 2:1, 8-9. The Haitians (Levites) shunned the Lord by not following and teaching the laws, statutes and commandments of life, and because of transgression which is sin, the Island of Haiti remains in a low and obscure state.

There are numerous scriptures which prove that the peoples of Haiti and the Dominican Republic are descendants of the tribes of Levi and Simeon. Read Genesis 49:5-7; and Deuteronomy 33:8-11). Also, the peoples of Jamaica, as well as the remainder of the Caribbean, are the original descendants from the tribe of Benjamin. (Read Genesis 49:27 and Deuteronomy 33:12.)

Salvation Is Of the Jews

For hundreds of years (Genesis 15:13; and Acts 7:6), we the Chosen People of the Most High God have been bombarded with lies regarding liberty, false promises, and political resolutions (Jeremiah. 8:11, 22), waiting on redemption from the very same people who were instrumental in placing us in this condition in the first place!! The only being who suffered for our crimes, by his death on the cross, was Yahawahshi, a.k.a Jesus Christ (Acts 4:11, 12; Acts 5:27-29; Acts 2:20, 21; and St. John 11:55, 56). As it is written in the New Testament, Jesus Christ, a dark man with hair of wool, is coming to deliver his people (the Israelites) from their captivity, pains, and malevolent conditions (Luke 1:70-77; Luke 4:16, 17). But, until that time comes, we cannot expect any type of political, economical or international treaties to relieve us of our present day circumstances. (Matthew 24:36, 37.) In others words, we should not seek salvation from our enemies (Lamentations 4:17, Psalms 60:11 and Hosea 13:4).

Let us return to the ways the Most High, which is righteousness (Deuteronomy 6:25; Jeremiah 6:16; and Zephaniah 2:1-3), and awake out of this deep sleep. For as it is written, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

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Moses, a black man from the tribe of Levi, gave the Children of Israel the commandments of life and death (Deuteronomy 30:19). These commandments came in the way of blessings and curses. (Read Deuteronomy 28:1 and 15-68.) We the Israelites as one nation, broke the commandments of the Most High God, and for that reason, we are paying the price (Deuteronomy 27:1-13; 31:16-21; 32:15-24). Therefore, we were scattered and oppressed throughout the four corners of the earth as captives (Deuteronomy 28:64; If Kings chapters 17 and 18; Daniel 7:1-7; and Hosea 9:17). In our captivities, we were classified as being of another nationality (Isaiah 64:15), and this has continued even unto this day.

It is also very important to understand that black Jews have always taken refuge on the continent of Africa either by fleeing from persecution and famine, or by the establishing of colonies. The Abomination of the Desolation.

**The Abomination of the Desolation**

In 70 A.D., the climactic and final dispersion of the Black Hebrew Israelites would fulfill itself according to the prophecies of Christ as found in Luke 21:20, 21; Daniel 9:24; and Revelation. 12:1-3. The destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (wretched Caucasians) who pillaged the city and slaughtered thousands of Black Jews, forced the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi into the African Continent (Revolution 12:1-4, 6) up until the time of the triangular slave trade. There is much biblical, historical and archaeological proof to substantiate these facts. These Israelite tribes were refugees in Africa for over 1500 years, living a very different, separate and “distinctive” lifestyle from the African nations surrounding them. They were still adhering to the laws and customs of our ancestors, the Hebrew Israelites, and they established many kingdoms throughout Africa. One such prominent kingdom was the Israelite kingdom of Ghana. We also formed smaller colonies, settlements and kingdoms all along the Gold Coast, from Morocco down to Angola.

Another deduction which can be made from this fact is that the ancient Israelites are parent stock of the ancient Yoruba, Ibo and Ashanti peoples. “Ashan” is a Hebrew word which means fire or smoke, and was an ancient city in the province of Judah. The Ashanti word for “Law-giver” is “Toro” which is the same as “Torah.” There were numerous Levitical customs being observed and practiced amongst the Israelite settlements throughout Africa. Examples of this are observing the Feast of Tabernacles, observation of the Sabbath, circumcision, and laws of women during menstruation; there were also observed duodecimal tribal division, and new moons. In all great probability, these customs were brought over to the Americas and the Caribbean. Numerous Ashanti peoples (Israelites) who became the Maroons of Jamaica were of the Coramantee tribe which personified the leadership of the many slave uprisings.

**O’ Good Ship Jesus Take Me Back To Canaan Land**

Black Slavery, or I should say, Israelite slavery from the beginning of the triangular slave to the hard bondage of the sugar, coffee and cotton plantations, along with the wretched physical atrocities that followed, were foretold three thousand years ago by the prophets. (Read Deuteronomy 28:68; 15-67; Joel 3:6-8; Ezekiel; 19:4 and Amos 1:6, 9, 13.) These scriptures are the key to understanding who we are today.

Another spiritual factor I must mention were the painful and melodic songs of slavery, or “songs of the curses” where the events of the Old and New Testaments became dramatically alive! Songs such as “Go Down Moses;” “I Want To Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John;” “My Lord’s Going To Remove This Wicked Race” (white people); and “Raise Up A Righteous Nation (Israelites) That will Obey.” In Jamaica, there were songs such as “Steal Away Home To Jesus,” and of course, the raving songs of Reggae, the Music of the Kings, which is constantly chanting down Babylon with songs such as, “Do You Remember the Days of Slavery?” “Fire ‘Pon Rome,” and “The Lord Is My Shepherd.” And yet, none of these songs had even the slightest hint of being of African origin. Why? Because the spirit of testimony and truth dwells within the so-called Negro peoples of the Caribbean and the Americas, the Hebrew Israelites (Deuteronomy 4: 7-9; Deuteronomy 7:6; Psalms 137: 1-7; Psalms 147:19-20 and Isaiah 59:21). That is why we called them Negro Spirituals!! (Deuteronomy 31:19, 21, 22.)

So what color was Christ? According to the book of Revelation 1:1, 13-15, Jesus Christ was a jet black Negro out the Israelite tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14). This clearly indicates that the Almighty God is a man of color, since he created man in his image (Genesis 1:27). The book of Daniel 7:9 testifies that the Ancient of Days (God himself) has black skin and woolly hair, like his Son! (See John 14:8, 9.)

**Now You See Them, Now You Don’t**

The God of Israel made a divine covenant with his people, Israel (Psalms 50:5; Psalms 147:19:20; and Amos 3:1, 2) based upon the commandments. These commandments were codified to be an integral aspect of our daily lives, showing us how to respect and honor one another in love (moral); how to run a harmonious government (civil); to know what are the clean foods to eat and what are the unclean foods to have nothing to do with (dietary); the holy days on which to reverence our Creator (ceremonial); and to make atonements for our transgressions (sacrificial laws).