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ANGLO-ISRAELISM AND ISRAEL

ONE of the strangest, most amusing, as well as one of the most tragic interpretations of God's Word which have been projected before the minds of God's people in recent years is Anglo-Israelism, or British-Israelism. Anglo-Israelism and British-Israelism possess the same meaning, the former having a wider sweep than the latter. This strange system of Biblical interpretation originated about the second half of the nineteenth century, and is supposed to answer a question which is not a question at all, that question being: Where are the lost ten tribes of Israel?

The ten tribes are not lost physically, and never were, but Anglo-Israelism supposes that they were actually lost, and that its system of teaching answers that question. Its answer to that supposed question is one of the most amazing, amusing speculations that have ever been presented to Bible students, this speculation being that the lost ten tribes are none other than the British people. According to this theory the inhabitants of the British Isles and the United States of America are intimately connected, Britain being of the tribe of Ephraim and the United States of the tribe of Manasseh. Those who adhere to this theory also teach that these nations, England and the United States, are in themselves the lost ten tribes of Israel and accordingly are heirs to the promises of God.

In propounding this theory, Anglo-Israelism declared that with the first captivity, the members of the ten tribes (the kingdom of the North) were carried away into the valley of the great river of the Assyrians. Later a second expedition made captives the people of the South, Judah. At the time of the restoration only the victims of the latter captivity (Judah) were returned to Palestine. These people go so far as to say that the tribe of Judah was

the only part of Israel in Palestine at the time of our Lord's earthly ministry, and consequently were responsible for the crucifixion of Christ.

The others regained their freedom from the Assyrians and pushed their way westward, preserving their identity as they moved and giving the name of their tribes to certain cities which they founded and to certain rivers which they crossed.

The tribe of Dan, so Anglo-Israelism says, gave its name to the DANube, DarDANelles, and to DANmark. Reaching England they founded, among other cities, the one that bears the name DANelagh. How it came to pass that Dan was the only tribe which left traces of its movements, is something which Anglo-Israelites have not explained.

The United States of America is brought into the picture because their progenitors emigrated from Britain to this land. How a trip across the Atlantic changed them from Ephraim to Manasseh is another point which has not been made clear; however, the Anglo-Israelites are positive that the people of England and the United States are the lost ten tribes of Israel, and are heirs of the promises which God made in His covenant to Abraham.

ANGLO-ISRAELITES AND JEWS

THE question naturally arises, If England and the United States are to be identified as the ten tribes, who are the Jews and what is to be their destiny? The Jews, according to these Anglo-Israelites, are the descendants of Judah, and since this was the only tribe in the land of Palestine during the earthly ministry of Christ, they alone are responsible for His crucifixion, and upon them rests the curse of God as a result. Anglo-

Israelism applies all the promises to the British nation, while the curses are left to the Jews, the descendants of Judah.

After making a recent itinerary through Canada, which gave me an opportunity of talking to many Anglo-Israelites, I have come to the conclusion that this whole system is a delusion of Satan, a denial of the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus, a presentation of a false Messiah, leading people to rest upon their national connection for their salvation rather than upon the redemptive work of Christ. The system, like Christian Science, Modernism, Russellism, and the Oxford Group Movement, is a sign of the days in which we are living. I have been reading the magazine, "Biblical Truth for the Bereans," and have found therein the following tenets of Anglo-Israelism sent from the "Anglo-Saxon Federation of America," Haverhill, Mass.

1. "The Bible does not state or infer that the Jews are God's chosen people, Judah and Israel are entirely distinct and separate entities. II Chronicles 11.

2. "The Bible made these prophecies and recorded these facts concerning Israel and the Jews. Israel was to find an island home and be moved no more. The Jews were to be strangers in all lands. Israel was to constitute a kingdom but the Jews were never to be a nation, until reunited with Israel. Jews were to remain under the law and Old Covenant, whereas Israel was to be a Christian people.

3. "Israel had nothing to do with the crucifixion of our Lord, not being in the land, except Benjamin, who accepted Him."

4. "Ephraim' is England and 'Manasseh' represents the United States. Manasseh was the thirteenth tribe, and that accounts for the discovery of America on October 13, 1492; and the following 'thirteens' in American history. Thirteen colonies; 13 bars and 13 stars (flag); 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum" and 13 feathers, 13 olives, and 13 arrows on American coins. First American navy, 13 ships. Cornerstone of White House laid October 13, 1792. The 13th amendment abolished slavery. General Pershing born September 13, 1860 and arrived in France for participation in the World war June 13, 1917. The first letter in

Manasseh is the 13th in both English and Hebrew languages. Herbert Hoover and Charles Curtis each had 13 letters in their names.

5. "The Celtic-Anglo-Saxons are Israel, the chosen people of God. The British Isle inhabitants are descendants among others, from the tribes of Saxons (Isaac's sons), the Danes of Dan, the Jutes of Judah, the Fresians, the Picts, and the Scots, and Normans of Benjamin.

6. "'Brith' in Hebrew means 'covenant'; therefore, we have Britain, 'covenant law', British the 'covenant man', Britannia 'covenant ships'. 'Britannia rules the waves,' controlling the English Channel, Gibraltar, Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong, the Suez Canal, Malta, Aden, and other gates and stations. America controls practically all of the remaining gates. This, all in fulfillment of Genesis 22:17, 'thy (Abraham's) seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.' (Read Isaiah 14:1 to 8).

"The Anglo-Saxons are 'Christianized Israel' and are fulfilling Isaiah 49:7: 'I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.' The Church is the priesthood of the nation.

"In 1776 A.D. the Lord divided Israel into two nations, so that God's promises to both Ephraim and Manasseh might be realized.

7. "When General Allenby, the British soldier, drove the Turks out of Palestine and took possession of that land, the British were the children of Israel from the north and all lands returning to the land given to their fathers by God, in fulfillment of Jeremiah 23:7 and 8.

"During the centuries before this return of Israel (the Anglo-Saxons) to Palestine, God had fulfilled Ezekiel 20:33 to 35, bringing scattered Israel with a mighty hand out of countries into the wilderness (Great Britain), and the wilderness was to blossom like a rose, and be the place prepared of God where Israel should be nourished. And there Israel was to fulfill Deuteronomy 32:13, and be the lion lifting himself up with the strength of the unicorn—as a great Lion. Numbers 23:24, 24:9.

8. "In this latter day the New Covenant is first for the Anglo-Saxon Israelites. As under the Old Covenant, strangers and sojourners can become Israelites, members of the kingdom nation (Britain) and partaker of its benefits. These partakers are grafted into the Israel stock for kingdom benefits. Every Anglo-Saxon who complies with the law is re-covenanted to God. The law has not been set aside, only the form of circumcision. The punishment of those refusing to comply with this law shall be destruction.

"The present failure of Anglo-Saxons and Americans to recognize Great Britain as the kingdom of Israel is responsible for the present misery and suffering in the two lands. Israel's time of punishment foretold in Daniel 4:23 and 32, 'seven times' has expired. "Seven times" was a period of 360 weeks, or 2520 years. Adding 2520 years to the time of Judah's captivity, about 600 B. C., we come to about 1920 A. D. One of the chief speakers for the Anglo-Israelites declares the Lord will come for His Church September 16th, of the year (1936).

9. "Only Spirit-filled Christians will be saved from the great time of trouble. The rest of the Church and all Israel (Britons) will survive until Jesus' feet stand on the mount of Olives to save His people from destruction, in fulfillment of Zechariah 14:1 to 3. (Howard B. Rand). The wise virgins of Matthew 25 are the Spirit-filled Church members who will be raptured. These will know in advance the arrival of the day of their removal. This will include only a few.

10. "(Rev. Wm. P. Goard.) The throne of David has come down to Great Britain through a clear line of descent and, therefore, the fulfillment of God's promise that David's throne would endure forever. Great Britain and America, Ephraim and Manasseh (who are to render willing obedience) are preparing the way for the coming of the King. The house of David, removed from Jerusalem in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, was brought to Ireland by Jeremiah the prophet in the person of Tamar Tephi, thus establishing the present line of descent. The Ten Tribes came from Assyria to Europe, thence to the British Isles to be joined to the house of David. God's Jehovah throne was established in the midst of His kingdom, Modern Israel, or Britain. An ancient King of Ireland was married to a Jewish Princess from the East and their coronation was on Jacob's stone, and the royal house of Britain has descended from that union.

"The present King of England, Edward, Albert, Christian, George, Andrew, Patrick David is the prince descended from King David, the one hundredth generation from King David, born 1076 B. C. His name was at the suggestion of the Marchioness of Waterford, for said she, 'I believe that he will be "David your prince" foretold by the prophet, under whom we shall repossess the holy land.' The royal mother replied, 'Baby is called David.' The present King David is on the throne and Ezekiel 37:24.

11. "According to Daniel 2:44 and 45, a Stone is to come from heaven, smite all other kingdoms, become a mountain and fill the whole earth. This Stone kingdom is to stand forever. Israel is to stand forever. Jeremiah 31:35 and 36. Therefore, Great Britain

is the Stone Kingdom, the forever Israel. To prove this, there are two emblematic stones, the little stone in Britain's possession and the big stone, the pyramid of Egypt. This stone in Egypt is the altar of Isaiah 19:19 and 20, God's witness.

"The little stone now occupies the chief seat in the kingdom, the coronation chair at Westminster Abbey. The Kings of the House of David have been crowned upon this stone. During the past 130 years the Kingdom of Great Britain has expanded into the mountain and the emblematic big stone, the pyramid, is God's witness to Great Britain's claim.

"The Anglo-Israelites decide much by the structure and measurements of the pyramid. They say 'When the time arrived for the Kingdom to grow into a mountain, God revealed a mountain of stone as a witness to the Kingdom people. Cutting the pyramid open from north to south, the diagram of the passages gives a chronological history of Israel and Judah.' There is recorded, that the transfer of the Kingdom activities was from Judah to Israel, because the Jews, and not Israel, crucified Christ. Even the very time of Britain's ultimatum to Germany and the Anglo-Saxon's entrance into the World War in 1914, is told of the pyramid measurements, midnight August 4 that was the beginning of Jacob's trouble in fulfillment according to Jeremiah 30:7."



HOW DO ANGLO-ISRAELITES SUPPORT THEIR THEORIES?

BECAUSE there is no historical and Scriptural foundation for these claims, Anglo-Israelism is forced to appeal to legends, traditions, and folk-lore for evidence to support the foregoing statements and to obtain sufficient basis for their theory. For instance, they claim that hundreds of years before Christ, Jeremiah and a daughter of Zedekiah sailed for Ireland where she married a member of the tribe of Dan, who was the King of Ireland.

In this way the present reigning house of England was established.

The legend also includes the amazing story that Jeremiah took with him to Ireland the stone on which Jacob slept at Bethel. This stone, they claim, had been carried by Jacob from place to place during his lifetime, and toward the end of his pilgrimage he bequeathed it to one of his sons. Finally, it was placed in Jeremiah's hands and taken with him to Ireland.

Later this stone was taken from Ireland to Scotland, and for centuries the kings of Scotland received their coronation while seated upon it. From Scotland it was taken to England and placed under the coronation chair, the chair on which all the kings of England have been crowned from William the Conqueror to the present time.

In his book entitled "The Destiny of the British Empire and the United States of America," Lieut. Col. W. G. Mackendrick, D.S.O. of Toronto, an exponent of Anglo-Israelism, says of this chair and stone, "The British coronation chair built around Jacob's stone which the Bible refers to as the throne of God (*i.e.*, set up by God), establishes the throne of England and connects it with David's throne."

Of course, for all this there is no Scriptural or historical evidence; in fact, geologists have examined this stone under the coronation chair and have found that it is a red sand-stone common to Scotland and entirely different in character to any stone forming the geological content of Bethel, or in fact Palestine.

Because there is no Scripture to support this fanciful story concerning Jeremiah and the ten tribes making their way toward Great Britain, Anglo-Israelism is compelled to resort to methods adopted by the Roman Catholic Church, appealing to the Apocryphal books in quoting from II Esdras 15:40-43. When a cult is obliged to refer to the Apocrypha for proof of its position, it

must be hard pressed for source material on which to prove its foundation. The Roman Catholic Church appeals to the Apocrypha for the support of the doctrine of purgatory, and in her trail Anglo-Israelites follow. The Apocryphal books are wholly unreliable, and they do not claim inspiration. The Jews have never accepted them as a part of the Jewish canon. Jesus Christ never quoted from them, but Anglo-Israelites use them, for they find some fanciful proof of their fantastic tales. The following reference (II Esdras 15:40-45) is used:

Those 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.

But 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.

That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land.

And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river.

For the Most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over.

For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth.

These theorists continue their statements by reasoning that the present King of England, King Edward VIII, is the descendant of David, the heir to David's throne. Therefore, they enlarge upon the fact that one of his names is David, forgetting that he has other names, including Edward, Albert, Christian, George, Andrew, and Patrick. The name David was given him, we are informed, because the Marchioness of Waterford prophesied that he would be "David your King," and that Ezekiel 37:25 and 34:23 would be fulfilled in him.

Before the death of King George V, the Anglo-Israelites were positive that when the Prince of Wales came to the throne he really would be David II, and with him would come the "British Millennium," but as you know, this David, the Prince of Wales, has taken the title King Edward VIII, which completely terminates another of their delusive claims. But like the Russellites, who prophesied that the Times of the Gentiles would come to a close in 1914, failure in their supposed prophesy gives them little embarrassment.

Now before I show how Scripture refutes this whole system, I want to point out how Anglo-Israelites misinterpret and pervert the Scriptures, and how close some of their statements approach blasphemy. A favorite proof text used by this system is Gen. 22:17.

"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand is upon the sea shore; AND THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES."

This is supposed to be a prophetic picture of the British people and the people of the United States controlling Gibraltar, Malta, Heligoland, Suez, Aden, and Singapore. These seaports are "the gate of the enemies" the Anglo-Israelites tell us, and Great Britain now possesses that. Reasoning from this, Great Britain (Israel) holds "the gate of the enemies." In this text, as with many others, Anglo-Israelism takes the glory that belongs to Jesus Christ and ascribes it to Great Britain and its King. Paul in commenting on Gen. 22:17 tells us who the seed is that God mentions. Refer to Gal. 3:16.

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

Christ then is the one to whom reference is made and not the British nation. In Christ all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and when He reigns He shall possess the "gate of the enemies" — all of His former enemies — for He shall be King of Kings and Lord of Lords and "have dominion from sea to sea and from river even unto the ends of the earth."

Another instance of misinterpretation is found in Gen. 17:4-6:

"As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

"Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

"And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee."

Great stress is laid upon the statement that Abraham was to be a Father of many nations. These prophecies refer to the millennial age when nations shall be brought to the Lord — the sheep nations of Matt. 25. Israel shall be the instrument in the hands of God in their conversion. But Anglo-Israelism applies this prophecy to the company of nations which comprise the British Empire.

Another text is Isaiah 27:6, and 35:1, 2:

"He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

"It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, *and* the excellency of our God."

Commenting on these verses Anglo-Israelism says, "Israel had to colonize barren land, establish the earth, thereby causing the desert to blossom like the rose. This is the achievement which the Anglo-Saxons have accom-

plished with signal success." The Anglo-Israelite commentator, like all the rest of his cast, twists the statement from its context, which clearly shows that the prophecy will be fulfilled "IN THAT DAY," referring to the millennial glory. At this time verse 12 will also be fulfilled: "And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel." The Anglo-Israel commentator makes no comment concerning verse 12, because he knows that it does not apply to the British nation, for when were they ever gathered one by one? This will be true of Israel only, as the Scripture makes clear.

Two other verses wrenched from the context and applied to the Anglo-Saxon race are Deut. 8:18 and 28:12.

"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

"The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."

These words are supposed to be fulfilled in the Anglo-Saxon race, the members of which are recognized as the world's greatest bankers, lending to many nations, *and BORROWING FROM NONE*. We shall not mention the war debts of the Anglo-Saxon race, for that would be too embarrassing. We ask only for a careful reading of the text, which reveals that the statement refers to ISRAEL IN THE LAND, AND NOT THE BRITISH IN ENGLAND.

"The Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, *IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS TO GIVE THEE*. The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give thee rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend to many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."—Deut. 28:11-12.

A word should be said concerning the philological and ethnological claims which have been advanced in support of this theory. It is asserted that the word "British" is derived from two Hebrew words: "Brith" meaning covenant, and "ish" meaning man, thus making "British" the covenant man. Every Britisher is a "Brithish," or a covenant man. A careful study, however, of the Hebrew language, under the guidance of real Hebrew scholars, will show the error in such translations. David Baron, the great Christian Hebrew scholar, said, "Thus suggestion of the word 'British' being derived from the two words 'Brith' and 'ish' deserves no other characterization than being childISH."

The British Isles were originally called "Barantanic," which means the "tin islands," because great quantities of tin came from England's mines in Cornwall. The word "British" finds its derivation from this original word.

Still more ridiculous is the explanation that the word "Saxon" is also Hebrew and that it has the meaning, "Isaac's sons." They state that every Saxon is an "Isaac son." Dr. J. A. Vaus, the director of the Hebrew department of the Bible Institute, and an outstanding Hebrew scholar, says, "Anyone claiming correspondence between the Hebrew term 'Isaac's son' and 'Saxon' is woefully ignorant of the Hebrew. Isaac in Hebrew is 'Yits-hok,' and son is 'ben.' 'Isaac's son' is 'Ben Yitshok.'

"A religious system that seeks to justify its claims by an appeal to resemblances in words of different languages, succeeds only in displaying the poverty of its proofs."

The interpretation given to Numbers 23:9 is strange indeed:

"Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."

This utterance made by Balaam is made to mean that a portion of Israel (Britain) was to be an isolated or an

island nation which is fulfilled in the British Isles. This reference cannot apply to Britain, however, because Britain is reckoned among the nations. She was in the Roman Empire, and is today in the League of Nations. When the Times of the Gentiles close she will be found in the Roman Empire Revived. How gullible people must be when they accept such interpretation of Scriptures which are so clear in their meaning that comment is scarcely needed.

When were the following prophecies in Deuteronomy ever fulfilled in the history of Great Britain or the United States?

Read Deuteronomy 28:28:

"Thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore." 28:37: "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee." 28:48: "Therefore shalt thou serve thy enemies, which the Lord shall serve against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, in want of all things. And he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck." 26:62: "And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude." 28:64 and 65: "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from one end of the earth even unto the other—Among these nations shalt thou find no ease." 28:53: "Thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons, and thy daughters."

Thus scattered and punished Israel is to be the tail and not the head. Deuteronomy 28:44.

Now let us bear in mind that this was spoken to all Israel. Read carefully these verses and then read in history the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D., and you will read the fulfillment in part of Deuteronomy 28, as to eating the flesh of sons and daughters. If you have read the history of Great Britain and the United States, do you know when either of these nations ever fulfilled the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy?

Some of the misinterpretations of the Word of God are more serious than those already given, for some border on blasphemy. For instance, the glorious Messianic prophecy in Dan. 2 concerning "the stone" which "was cut out of the mountain without hands," and which smote the image of Nebuchadnezzar, clearly representing the Messiah and His glorious rule, is made to mean the British people, and Britain's King. Britain, which is one of the Gentile world kingdoms, and one which the Bible clearly teaches shall be a part of the ten confederate kingdoms of the Antichrist, is made out to be identical with the throne of God, and the British people are said to be "the saints of the Most High" to whom all the kingdoms of the world will be given. It has even been declared by some Anglo-Israelites that the smoke which ascends from the blazing furnaces and the steam engines of London is identical with the Skekinah glory.

From "Heresies Exposed," by Wm. C. Irvine, we find that one of the great Messianic prophecies, Romans 11: 25-26, is supposed to be fulfilled in Edward Hine, the great Anglo-Israelite. The prophecy reads:

"I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

An Anglo-Israelite writing in the magazine "Life from the Dead," attributes this great prophecy to Edward Hine, and declares the prophecy is fulfilled in him. These are his words: "Are the British people identical with the lost ten tribes of Israel? And is the nation, by the identity, being led to glory? If these things are so, then where is the Deliverer? He must already have come out of Sion. He must be doing his great work. He must be amongst us. It is our impression that, by the glory of the

work of the identity, we have come to the time of Israel's national salvation by the Deliverer out of Sion, and *that Deliverer and Edward Hine are identical.*"

When Hine can publish in the paper of which he was editor a statement of this kind, it reveals that he is a man who might easily believe anything.

It would require too much space to explain how Anglo-Israel advocates wrest the Scriptures to make Old Testament prophecies, which have to do with the millennial reign of our Lord, fit in with their amazingly idiotic scheme.

THE DECIDING QUESTION

WERE the twelve tribes of Israel in the land of Palestine during the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, or were only Jews, members of the tribe of Judah, present at that time? According to the answer to this question, the complete theory of Anglo-Israelism stands or falls. If we can show from Scripture that the twelve tribes, or representatives of the twelve tribes, were in Palestine during the earthly ministry of our Lord, and that not Judah only, but the whole house of Israel, were gathered together at the crucifixion of the Messiah, and that not only Judah, but Ephraim, Manasseh, Naphtali, Asher, Dan, and all of the rest were equally guilty of that crime, then the system of Anglo-Israelism disintegrates.

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?

We want first to show that hundreds of years before Christ, shortly after the division of Israel into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, large numbers of

the people of the Northern Kingdom immigrated into the Southern Kingdom, until *ALL of the twelve tribes were to be found in the Southern Kingdom.*

Let us see how this came to pass. After the death of Solomon civil war divided the house of Israel into two kingdoms, Jeroboam and Rehoboam becoming the rulers of these separate kingdoms. The kingdom of the North retained the name of Israel, while Judah was the name of the Southern Kingdom. The Kingdom of Judah had the advantage over the Northern Kingdom because the city of Jerusalem was located there, and God had stated clearly that sacrifices were to be offered there and *there only*. This command had been given in the days of Moses. (cf. Deut. 12:5-7):

"But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

"And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

"And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee."

Jerusalem was where God had placed His name. (cf. John 4:20-22.) The only place at which the passover could be observed was Jerusalem, as Deut. 16:2, 5, 6 plainly states:

"Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the Lord shall choose to place His Name there . . . Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee: but at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place His Name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover . . ."

If any question arises with regard to Jerusalem being that place, Isa. 18:7 makes it clear: "The place of the name of the Lord of Hosts, the Mount Zion."

Under these conditions we can understand the feelings of the people in the Northern Kingdom at the time of the approach of the feast days. The kings of the North attempted to establish places of worship within their own borders, but these would not satisfy the hearts of the men and women of the Northern Kingdom who studied the Book of the Law and desired to obey its commands. Jerusalem was the only place where worship could be given acceptably; consequently, there were thousands among the northern tribes who crossed the border, journeyed to Jerusalem, and dwelt thereafter in Judah. Thus all of the twelve tribes were located in the Southern Kingdom, leaving only apostates in the Northern Kingdom. Note how God later addresses the twelve tribes in the South: 2 Chron. 11:3.

"Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin."

Please note the order in which the people came from the Northern Kingdom into the South. *First* we have the Levites, the tribe of Levi.

In 2 Chron. 11:14, 16-17 we read:

"The Levites left their suburbs and their possessions, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the Lord: . . . and after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as had set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Lord God of their fathers. So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam, the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon."

Later, during the reign of Asa, another great company came from the North. We find this recorded in 2 Chron. 15:9.

"He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him."

From these verses, the evidence is plain to every person except the incurably gullible that the "lost" ten tribes are not lost at all, and that the contention of the Anglo-Israelites that the people of the Kingdom of the North remained separate from the Kingdom of the South is without Scriptural support.

In Ezra 1:5 we find that when Ezra prepared to restore Palestine, members of other tribes, aside from Judah and Benjamin, returned to rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:5:

"Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem."

Together with Judah and Benjamin there were Levites and "all them whose spirit God had raised." This included men of the ten tribes who have emigrated from the North.

Let us now turn to the New Testament and see how clear the statements are that the twelve tribes were in the Land of Palestine during the life of the Lord, and let us see how this fact completely annihilates the position of the Anglo-Israelites which is based upon the supposition that only Jews, people of the tribe of Judah, were in the land at that time.

Luke 2:36:

"And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity."

Note: "Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of THE TRIBE OF ASER (Asher)." How does it happen that Anna of the tribe of Asher was in Palestine at the time, when, according to Anglo-Israelism, she should have been in Great Britain or Ireland?

Turn to Matt. 15:24 for further proof:

"But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

The house of Israel was not lost physically but spiritually, and when He came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel He found them in Palestine and not in Britain. In Matt. 10:5-6 we find the twelve disciples commissioned by the Lord. What were their marching orders? Listen:

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

"But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

They were not sent to the lost sheep of the house of Judah, merely, but to the "LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." Where did they find the lost sheep of the house of Israel? In Britain? In Denmark? In the Dardanelles? In Ireland? In the United States? Surely not! They were in Palestine, and to the twelve tribes the twelve disciples ministered. Numbers in the Bible have a significance, and the disciples were twelve in number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. The fact that twelve disciples were sent by the Lord to the house of Israel is evidence that the twelve tribes were in the land of Palestine at the time.

Let us read Peter's message at Pentecost, observing how the theories of Anglo-Israelism are annihilated: Acts 2:14, 22, 23, 36:

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

"Therefore let *all the house of Israel* know assuredly, God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

In these verses Peter calls those who were listening to him "Jews," and "Men of Israel," and "All the house of Israel." How can Anglo-Israelites declare then that only those of the tribe of Judah were responsible for the death of Christ, in the light of the statement recorded in Acts 2:36? Read the verse carefully.

"Therefore let ALL the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom YE have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Stephen's message before the Sanhedrin recorded in Acts 7 also undermines this theory. In his address he traces the Apostle Paul from the early days to this day and he says in verses 51 and 52:

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so do ye.

"Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers."

These charges were made against the whole house of Israel and not against Judah only.

To say that Israel did not crucify the Son of God after reading these verses (Acts 2:22, 23, 36; Acts 4:26, 27; Acts 5:30, 32; Acts 7) is to be either grossly ignorant of the Word of God, or to deceitfully handle and wrest the Scriptures.

For further proof that the twelve tribes were known then and were in Palestine, read a portion of Paul's defense before Agrippa (Acts 26:4-7).

"My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

"Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

"And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

"Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews."

The service mentioned in verse 7 was rendered in the temple, and consequently all of the twelve tribes were represented there. The identity of the twelve tribes is also set before us in the introduction to the Epistle of James, chapter 1, verse 1:

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to *the twelve tribes* which are scattered abroad, greeting."

These Biblical references have been called to your attention in order to show conclusively that there are NO LOST TRIBES. The Jews today are Israel, temporarily set aside, but they are to be the recipients of God's grace in the day of the revelation of Christ.

Mr. Baron, a noted Jewish authority, testifies to the fact, saying: "The name 'Jew' and 'Israelite' became synonymous terms from about the time of the captivity. It is one of the absurd fallacies of Anglo-Israelism to suppose that the term 'Jew' stands for a bodily descendant of Judah. It stands for all of those from among the sons of Jacob who acknowledge themselves subjects in the Kingdom of Israel. Anglo-Israelism teaches that members of the ten tribes are never called 'Jews' and that 'Jews' are not 'Israelites'; but both assertions are false. In the New Testament the same people that are called 'Jews' one hundred seventy-four times are also called Israel no fewer than seventy-five times." Compare such statements as given in Acts 21:39; 22:3; Rom. 11:1; I Cor. 1:22; Phil. 3:5; Rom. 9:4, 5.

Brethren, we are certainly in the last days. Cults and sects which bodily attack the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are flourishing on every hand, leading multitudes away from God. Together with these,

there are vagaries that are being projected in order to destroy the testimony of those among God's people who are untaught in the sacred Scriptures. I call upon you to exercise care about accepting any system of teaching until it has been placed under the lens of Holy Writ. Christian Science cannot stand when it is submitted to such a test; neither can Anglo-Israelism. If you accept this theory, you repudiate the clear teachings of God's Word.

I cannot find a more striking conclusion to this message than that which appeared in the "Revelation" magazine a few months ago. It is as follows:

"We must see the terrible danger in Anglo-Israelism, not only in its substitution of a counterfeit Messiah, not only in its denial of God's purposes for Israel, not only in its questioning of the promises of God and the substitution of a worldly British empire for the kingdom of God on earth, but also because the whole system substitutes confidence in the flesh for faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Anglo-Israelism is 'another gospel' (2 Cor. 11:4). St. Paul knew that he belonged to the children of Israel. He was of that stock, of the tribes, a Hebrew of the Hebrews (Phil. 3:3-8). Confidence in his family tree, confidence in his association with Israel by his ancestry, he counted as dung that he might win Christ. Anglo-Israelites go to this dung-heap, pick up its morsels and make it their only gospel. The fact that Paul belonged to the tribes and was able to trace his ancestry back to Adam counted him nothing. Any confidence in the flesh, any claim to racial superiority is only a detriment to the individual if he trusts in it instead of trusting in Christ. In the same chapter Paul tells us that those who mind earthly things, and certainly this is a description of Anglo-Israelism, 'are enemies of the Cross of Christ.' " (Phil. 3:18.)



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