WHO ARE THEY?

Since there is a Circumcision remnant in the current era, where is it? Who belongs to it? Are the members obvious Jews? Some of them, yes. Others are not so obvious. I believe that we are surrounded by unheralded Israelites here in the United States—literal descendants of the lost ten tribes that escaped the Assyrian captivity. They may be among the remnant of Israel, but more likely they are the apostates. We ourselves may well be counted among the descendants of Abraham, though to us it is of no consequence for we are members of the body of Christ, where there is neither Jew nor Greek (Galatians 3:28). Nationality means nothing to us. This cannot be said of those Israelites who will enter into the kingdom headquartered in Jerusalem. There, nationality means everything.

Millions of Jews escaping from Assyria around 710 BCE settled in Europe, then lost their national identity when they became French, Spanish, English, and so forth. Some of them then migrated to the New World to become Americans, making them three times removed from their ancient Israelite identity. Yet God knows who they are.

The teaching objected to so vociferously by A.E. Knoch is that which claims to know exactly where in Europe these Assyrian-Israelite refugees first settled. I, too, object. If one wishes to identify contemporary Israelites descended from the ancient ones, there are better ways. Leave their nationality alone, I say. Rather, analyze their traits. They will be found acting like Israelites. This is unfortunate, of course, yet one can spot disobedient Israelites from a continent away.

I am saying, then, Does not God thrust away His people? May it not be coming to that! For I also am an Israelite, out of Abraham’s seed, Benjamin’s tribe. 2 God does not thrust away His people whom He foreknew. Or have you not perceived in Elijah what the scripture is saying, as he is pleading with God against Israel? 3 Lord, Thy prophets they kill, Thine altars they dig down, and I was left alone, and they are seeking my soul. 4 But what is that which apprises saying to him? I left for Myself seven thousand men who do not bow the knee to the image of Baal. 5 Thus, then, in the current era also, there has come to be a remnant according to the choice of grace.
In his article attempting to refute Anglo-Israelism in Volume 27 of *Unsearchable Riches* magazine, A.E. Knoch writes—

Having lived in the United States for over half a century, I confess that I find it hard to even consider any argument that, as a whole, is descended from the tribe of Manasseh. When I am told that Anglo-Saxons predominate in the population, I am inclined to wonder whether there has not been some more “genealogical” proof, and what is really meant is that about half of the population has some Anglo-Saxon blood. Remembering the strict laws against intermarriage with foreigners in Israel, I cannot help thinking that such an admixture must be most evil in the sight of Jehovah, even as an alliance between a gentile and a Jew is contrary to His holy law. I fear that only a small part of the population of the United States is of pure “Anglican” ancestry, if these are indeed descendants of the tribe of Manasseh.

Knoch assumes that any natural Israelite would by nature be obeying Mosaic law, especially that law regarding intermarriage. My question would be: when has any natural Israelite obeyed the law? They are, most of them, hypocrites. They speak of law, but rarely do it. They do the opposite. Thus, looking for well-behaved Israelites to identify the lost tribes is futile. Try the Zender method: Look instead for ill-behaved Israelites. Yes, look for bad Israelites, and there you will find true Israelites. As I said, these are easy to spot. To help you along, here is a brief list of classic Israelite traits—

1) They will be holding and promoting the Scriptures while never understanding a word of them.
2) The very Scriptures they purport to love will testify against them, but they’ll never realize it.
3) They will use God’s name for their own power and fame.
4) They will use God’s name to enrich themselves.
5) They will seek miracles first, personal spiritual growth second—if at all.
6) They will be self-righteous as hell.
7) Speaking of hell, they will without fail exalt themselves and damn others.
8) Jesus Christ Himself could appear to them, and they would not recognize Him.
9) They gauge everything according to flesh, not spirit.
10) They are whitewashed tombs, saying one thing yet doing the opposite thing; they’re hypocrites.
11) They educate themselves professionally concerning God and Jesus Christ, yet do not recognize one true and essential thing about either God or Jesus Christ.
12) They are snakes and vipers, traveling around the world making converts who then become hypocrites like them.
13) They look down on sinners, never realizing that they are the biggest sinners of all.
14) They long for a political savior. If they don’t get one, they’ll make one.
15) They will inadvertently persecute true saints, imagining that they are offering divine service to God.
16) They don’t understand Paul.

When you have found a flock of similarly-feathered birds believing in the manner just described, then you have located the relatives of the lost ten tribes. It’s that simple. It’s that reliable of a test. And where do you find these birds? You will not find them among the Chinese, no. You will never find them among any tribes of Africa, nor among Saudis, Indians, Asians or Russians. Forget seeking
among the Aborigines. None of these nationalities promote the Book authored by the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus Christ, only to pervert it and profit by it.

Where do you find people like this? You find them in the Christian religion. Where is this religion to be found? It is found wherever the Bible is promoted, sold and corrupted. It is found wherever the effort goes forth to proselytize the world into “the family of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” which is in fact a cult freighted with human regulations and satanic beliefs. Geographically speaking, the greatest (worst) missionaries for the so-called cause of Christ hail from Europe and the Americas. From here have come the greatest (worst) Bible associations ever, and the greatest (worst) “men of God” ever to wave a Bible into a heathen face and demand money and fealty from it. From here, the worst teachings ever concerning God and Christ have circumnavigated the globe thousands of times in thousands of books and tracts, driving rational, thinking people everywhere from the authentic God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Christ; I speak primarily of the doctrines of eternal torment, free will, and the Trinity.

“For because of you the name of God is being blasphemed among the nations” (Romans 2:24). I just quoted Paul there. Paul said this of the Jews, but I can say it of European and American Christians.

It’s the same problem with the same kind of people. There are exceptions. Thus, “there has come to be a remnant according to the choice of grace” (Romans 11:5).

None of this is an accident. These Christ-naming hypocrites—from the greatest of them to the least—are descended from the lost tribes of the house of Israel. They are so full of Jewish blood that they can’t help but whitewash their precious tombs. They can’t help exalting themselves and damning others. They can’t help using the Bible to build kingdoms, collect millions of followers, and fleece every man, woman and child in their charge. They can’t help proselytizing the world—misery loves company, I suppose—generating more followers and more money. Not only does proselytizing mean profit, power and pride here on Earth for the modern-day Israelites, but it earns them favor with God in heaven.

Or so they think.

The truth is that the victims of such errant evangelism become double the sons of Gehenna as the “evangelists” themselves. It happened in our Lord’s day (Matthew 23:15), and it happens now.

THEY’RE OUT THERE

I am personally acquainted with sectors and members of the remnant. I have known ministries that teach the kingdom of God on Earth and marginalize Paul to the point of rejecting the teaching of the snatching away of the body of Christ and the celestial destiny of saints. The ministry of Ray Prinzing was one of these ministries. Paul Mueller ran another such outreach. J. Preston Eby was (perhaps still is) another proponent of “entering into the kingdom.” These men specialized in “spiritualizing” Scripture, another way of saying that they were more Pentecostal than spiritual. Pentecostals, we know, “get the anointing,” which allows them special powers of interpretation that smack more of fantasy than fact. Nevertheless, for the most part these groups reject free will, eternal torment, and the Trinity. Segments of these camps herald themselves as natural Israelites. They know that they are descendants of the lost ten tribes.

Just as the Concordant Publishing Concern, formerly of Santa Clarita, California, supplies spiritual literature to members of the body of Christ, thus also Destiny Publishers of Merrimac, New York, supplies the spiritual needs of those feeding upon the identity, the purpose, and the destiny of Jewish kingdom saints. I find it remarkable that Destiny Publishers operates on the East Coast of the United States—the coast of tradition and of the founding forefathers—whereas the Concordant Publishing Concern for decades operated on the West Coast, the coast of radicals, rebels and anything newfangled. Here, I thought, were Peter and Paul come down to the modern era.
In the mid-90’s I used to teach at a church up in Detroit, Michigan called the Restoration Bible Church. The congregants there were Israelite Christians. They knew they were of the lost tribes. I went there to teach on the reconciliation of the universe to God via the cross of Christ, for they believed in that. Most of the Israelite-types I have known believe in the salvation of all. In spite of this, they neither like nor trust Paul. Thus, they’ve no grasp whatsoever on justification by faith. Well, it takes away their law. For some reason they would rather struggle against sin than unhand the dictates of Moses. In addition, they bristle at the very concept of being snatched away from Earth. They disparage it as “escapism.” They want to stay on Earth and rule the other nations. Earth is their beloved home; they are happily stuck here. Many of them tend gardens. These people in Michigan had maps of the Holy Land tacked onto the walls of their church—right next to genealogical charts that resembled the formulas of Einstein. Several of them claimed to know their home tribe. One lady told me, “I’m a Benjamite.” I introduced myself as a resident of Ohio.

One Sunday I decided to teach on the topic of justification apart from law—Romans three through six. I knew this would irritate them because, as I have said, they loved law. Part of my motivation may have been that I was tired of driving up to Detroit every Sunday. Giving myself the benefit of the doubt, truth is truth and I’ll herald whatever truth God puts on my heart. So I thought that I would teach my last message there and make it a good one. I am by nature a herald of Pauline truth, and also a pain in the ass. So justification it was.

Halfway through the message I began sweating like a wrung sponge. I felt the congregation turning from me. Coincidentally, this was the precise time that I quoted Romans 3:28, “For we are reckoning a man to be justified by faith apart from works of law.” There began then a cacophony of twitching among the congregants. These people ordinarily liked me and sat still while I talked, but that was when I was teaching one of their pet doctrines, namely universal salvation. Justification apart from law was not a beloved teaching of theirs, and so it caused a great amount of twitching. Paul upset their bagel cart.

After my message, I dabbed my face dry with a beach towel. I was thinking of how nice it would be to sleep in the following Sunday. People usually came up to the front after my talks to shake my hand and thank me. Today, this was not happening. But wait; here came a lone woman approaching the podium. I checked to see if she was carrying a rock. No, she appeared unarmed. But even unarmed assailants, I thought to myself, can still kill people by, say, strangulation. I prepared for the worst but hoped for the best. Arriving, the angel-woman gazed into my eyes and said, “Sir, I have just heard my evangel for the first time in my life.”

She left that day to never return. Lo and behold, she was a Paul person all along, but no one had ever heralded Paul to her. Leave it to me to radicalize and scandalize the remnant of Israel. It was worth it to find one person. No one else got the message; it wasn’t for them. The one person the message was for, heard it, and I left that church a satisfied man.

What happens to the remnant? After the body of Christ is snatched away to celestial realms, God calls the remnant to witness to truth and then to administer the kingdom of God on Earth. It is likely that many of the remnant comprise the 144,000. The strangest and most unlikely
corollary conclusion of A.E. Knoch’s teaching—the teaching that it is of no advantage whatsoever to be an Israelite today and that the remnant died with Paul—is that God must start from scratch with Israel at the snatching away of the body of Christ. According to Knoch’s teaching, the day that the body of Christ is removed from Earth there will not be one faithful Israelite on the face of the planet. Remember, according to A.E. Knoch, there are no Israelites faithful to the Circumcision message alive today. Either these Israel wannabes are flat-out unbelievers, or they are all ignorant Pauline people—according to Knoch. I consider this a ludicrous scenario. After the initial creation, God has never started from scratch. Even at the flood, He transferred eight people from the old world to the new. When He brought Israel into the promised land, He left all from the previous generation dead in the desert save for Joshua and Caleb. These two came through—the tiniest of remnants but a remnant nonetheless. God never leaves Himself without witnesses, without a testimony. Because there is a remnant in the current era also—just as there was in Elijah’s day of mass apostasy when God kept 7,000 to Himself who did not bow the knee to Baal—I believe that God is even now grooming Israelites to take the kingdom. This is the remnant.

Of necessity, the remnant will endure the day of Indignation. They are not of the body of Christ, therefore the snatching away is not theirs. Since the remnant will taste of Jacob’s Trouble, then certainly the riff-raff of Israel cannot escape it.

Most of the kingdom teachers I knew revel in the day of Indignation. It will be a time of proving and glory for them. This is how they speak of it. They knew that they are slated to endure it. They knew that they are meant for Earth. Most of them assume that they will be sealed through that time. Either they will be a part of the 144,000, or of the vast throng (Revelation 7:9). The vast throng comes out of “every nation and out of the tribes and peoples and languages” (Revelation 7:9). Most of these, then, will not be called forth from the land of Israel. They don’t live there; they live everywhere else. Amos 9:9 confirms that the house of Israel was shaken “among all the nations.” Surely there are typical—that is, acknowledged—Israelites everywhere; even faithful ones. But birds of a feather do flock together, and most of the lost tribes occupy Europe and the Americas—wherever Bible are sold and misinterpreted.

WHAT ABOUT THE BAD ISRAELITES?

Those of the lost tribes who are not of the remnant are the hardened ones. These are to be found in the churches of Europe and the Americas. These are your run-of-the-mill nominal Christians. We know them; they walk among us. It is they who will be tried hardest during the day of Indignation. They are not members of the body of Christ, and neither are they of the remnant of Israel, sealed by God. Occupying a no-man’s land, the troubling times will force them into tough decisions. Will they join the wild beast or be shaken from their spiritual stupor to finally see and follow the true Christ? Some will die unbelievers as they passionately renounce God and Christ. They never followed the true God and Christ and so will continue that unfortunate course, this time honestly. They will die and miss the kingdom but will reappear at the Great White Throne, where they will be raised and judged. As most of them were probably good people, their names will have been written in the book of life and they will pass on to the New Earth, albeit as mortals who, to sustain their lives, must eat monthly of the leaves of the tree of life (Revelation 22:2). They are judged in accord with their acts, not their faith (Revelation 20:12). They never had faith.

I believe that many, however, will see the light here on Earth, before death. God will use the days of Indignation to awaken them and knock them up with sense. He will flood them with His spirit.

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**WHAT ABOUT PROSELYTES?**

A person does not have to be an obvious Israelite or even a non-obvious Israelite to partake of the kingdom coming to Earth. One can also be a proselyte of Israel. A proselyte is anyone not from the holy nation who attaches him or herself to that nation via the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Such individuals love the religion of the Jews. If they take their profession seriously and bear fruit worthy of repentance, the Jews accept them. This is how it used to work. Proselytes cannot be but second-class citizens, but will still reap many kingdom benefits. Christ will raise them from the dead along with David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve disciples. Two of the most notable proselytes of Israel in Scripture are the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts chapter 8) and Cornelius (Acts chapter 10). These men will share rewards with Israel in the kingdom, even if they do not rule and reign there. They may be carrying cups or sweeping around the sanctuary, but no matter. This will satisfy them; they will not complain about being made immortal seventy-five days after the coming of Christ to the Mount of Olives.

**DAWN OF THE NEW COVENANT**

After our departure from Earth, God rejoins His plans for Israel. Many think that the return of Israel to Palestine prior to the 1948 declaration of statehood was the fulfillment of the prophecy of God to bring Israel to the motherland. This is mistaken. If anything, this was the gathering of tares to be burned. For the most part, these people still reject their own Messiah. They are fakers. I call them posers.

On the other hand, some sons and daughters of the kingdom (the offspring of the lost tribes under discussion) name the name of Messiah, yet have fallen under popular delusions and typical Jewish self-righteousness. When the time arrives, however, God will illumine them. They will escape their deception at the dawn of divine light. God will call them and it will be the beginning of the New Covenant era. God will rattle them; His spirit will come upon them so suddenly, and they will repent of their apostasies and learn through great tribulation to embrace the true God and Christ. The Tribulation will refine whatever gold lies within them, in the rough. Others will be burned in the fire. The majority will become enlightened, I think. The remnant will have already been prepared. The remnant will have come to God in the time of apostasy. Paul writes of these in Romans 11. Some of the remnant will be sealed to become part of the 144,000. Others will comprise the vast throng. Perhaps those called out from the nation’s hardened sector (the majority), will join the vast throng.

Remember, these are the ancestors of the house of Israel, not of Judah. These are of the northern tribes, taken into captivity by the Assyrians. They are not of the southern tribes taken to Babylon at a later time. Those Jews taken to Babylon eventually returned to the land, but the house of Israel never saw Jerusalem again. Since then, most of them have been lost even to themselves. Only a few—like those of the church in Michigan—realize their identity.

One day, God will turn Israelite hearts of stone into flesh. He will call His true people from the Catholic churches, from the Lutheran churches, from the Baptist churches, and from every Pentecostal assembly. God will supernaturally invade the hearts and minds of souls in pews from Amsterdam to Athens, from New York to Los Angeles, and the deafened ears will hear. These will no longer be the days of the remnant, but of the New Covenant. At the dawn of the new time, the presence of a
remnant becomes moot. Such a move of God will stun the world. The question will be, “Where did these people come from?” The question will be, “What has come over them?” Now will begin the era of the New Covenant and the final days of this con. It has been a long time coming—thousands of years. No longer will God hide Himself. God at last births His true ones. They will come from the least likely places (Paris, Prague, Venice, Schenectady, Toledo, St. Louis, Amarillo, Burbank) and the world will know shock. God knows the bloodline and has cataloged the real Israel all along. He alone traces the DNA back through America, back through Europe, back through the Assyrian captivity, back through Jerusalem, and back through Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham.

EZEKIEL 37 SHOCKER

A passage of Scripture describes the marvel that I have just described to you. Ezekiel chapter 37, commonly referred to as the Valley of Dry Bones passage, does the job. Ezekiel wrote about your church neighbors and family members, many of whom will be awakened to this calling after you’ve gone. Here are verses 1-14 of this prophecy:

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.” 4 Again He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.’” 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, “Thus says the Lord God,”Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.”’” 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. 14 I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,” declares the Lord.’”

The bones are figurative, and therefore so are the graves. The graves are the churches today and the dead religion. From here God raises His people, rattles them, and fills them with spirit in startling measures. This is nothing—nothing less—than the dawn of the New Covenant. It is the house of Israel, not the house of Judah, that exists in secret. With these, God begins. The house of Judah is yet in Jerusalem. It says, “we see,” so therefore it is blind. It stuffs prayers into the cracks of a wall mistakenly assumed to be a remnant of Herod’s temple; no one who sees does that. It thinks that it is the Israel of God but it is instead the progeny of the Pharisees who crucified Christ. Since then, it has accomplished nothing but apostasy. The House of
Israel is another story. This is the hidden Israel, the Israel that God will spring upon the world. It is this Israel that shall be called from “the four winds” and brought to Jerusalem to minister in the coming kingdom with Peter, James, John, David, Abraham—and Messiah Himself.

ISAIAH’S TURN

Isaiah 43:4-10 reiterates this beautiful truth—

“Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. 6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, 7 Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made. Israel Is God’s Witness 8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, and the deaf, even though they have ears. 9 All the nations have gathered together so that the peoples may be assembled. Who among them can declare this and proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified, or let them hear and say, “It is true.” 10 “You are My witnesses,” declares the Lord, “And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He.”

See? Isaiah, too, prophesies concerning your friends and family members. These are your relatives, attending church and yet barely understanding a word of what you tell them about God—especially Paul. The times will change. God will shake and rattle these people and raise them to their calling. Such revelation comes with much distress, but these acquaintances shall endure to the end and be saved.

God will rejoin them to the house of Judah. Descendants from the house of Judah also walk among us, some good and some bad. Israel, as you know, was split in the days after Solomon. This was of God. The ten tribes walked north into Samaria, while the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to the house of David in Jerusalem. The split never healed. The king of Assyria took the northern tribes into captivity in 722 BCE. These tribes eventually escaped their captors but never returned to Jerusalem. They wandered. Some of them are now in Iowa and attend the First Assemblies of God in Des Moines. Nebuchadnezzar captured the southern tribes, dragging them from Jerusalem to Babylon. These returned after seventy years of exile and eventually became the people who crucified Christ. The northern tribes, scattered to the four corners of Earth, escaped that stigma. They became the bearers of the Word of God, of which they understand nothing.
HOUSES REUNITED

The day approaches when the house of Israel shall be reunited with the house of Judah. It will be the reunion of the con’s. The chosen of the hidden Israel of the West shall join again with the recognized Israel of the East to partake jointly in the New Covenant of God, supernaturally filled with spirit to fulfill the destiny first whispered to Abraham. Once again, God grants Ezekiel the honor of describing this phenomenon in the same chapter he prophesied of the dry bones. It is Ezekiel 37:15-28. Here is what the church people subconsciously long for; the remnant pines consciously for it—

The word of the Lord came again to me saying, 16 “And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions’; then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.’ 17 Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. 18 When the sons of your people speak to you saying, ‘Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?’ 19 say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.”’

20 The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. 21 Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms. 23 They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24 “My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. 25 They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, for the eon; and David My servant will be their prince for the eon. 26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an eonian covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst for the eon. 27 My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. 28 And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst for the eon.”’

We will have long since gone to heaven. —MZ