Last time we looked at a topic that has gone basically unmentioned for the past several decades and that of the house of Israel. If you look in a phrase concordance if you happen to have one, and you really should get one if you can possibly do so, and you look up the phrase, "the House of Israel".

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It is mentioned in scripture 146 times. 140 in the Old Testament and 6 times in the New. The phrase, "House of Judah" is used 40 times. And all but one is in the Old Testament. When one looks up the phrase, "The Children of Israel", it occurs in excess of 800 times. 14 times in the New Testament.

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And it is last used in the scriptures in Revelation 21, verses 10 – 14 and we'll read that passage. It's a description of a future event. It says:

¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹²Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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And the twelve apostles of the Lamb were not Gentiles. Just God is choosing to work through a group of people and it's there basically throughout the entire bible. And considering it is used so many times in scripture, these people so referenced might be important to God and His plan.

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And perhaps not so important to team dark? Or perhaps so important to team dark that they would seek to hide this. Following the first rule of talking about something it's always good to define things so everyone is on the same page.

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Since my definition is worth about as much as your definition, which is nothing and God's definition is worth everything; let's go with His. If we turn to Exodus 16; Exodus 16, and verse 31 we look at a detailed description of when we see the phrase, "Children of Israel", that we will know exactly who it is.

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In Exodus 16:31 it says:

³¹And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

So the house of Israel then is a reference to the group of people that God brought out from Egypt to deal with specifically. And that's not to exclude, there was a mixed multitude that also came out with Israel, but that is another sermon in itself.

3:18

If we walk through that phrase we can see that the house of Israel is a reference to all of the tribes, all 12 of them, who came out of Egypt, that God had freed from enslavement that they might serve Him. If we go back into Exodus 8:1, that, like there is always a reason that God does something.

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And He brought Israel out of Egypt specifically so that they may serve Him. While they were in Egypt they served other Gods. And if we read Exodus 8:1 it says:

¹ And Yahovah spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says Yahovah: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

4:02

So they were all let out of Egypt so that they could begin worshipping God. Service is one thing, worship is another. Go back to Exodus 5:1.

¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says Yahovah (God) of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness."

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So they were called to a different life totally. And serve and worship God are the two themes that just continually go on in scripture and it's important to remember those foundational pillars. God never does anything without a reason. Matter of fact, why is He going to restore Israel again?

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Well, we can go to Exodus 36, or Ezekiel rather, Ezekiel 36 where we read a description of the restoration of Israel and what God is going to do and why He is going to do it.

5:04

And it says, speaking of a future exodus. (Verse 24)

²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. ²⁸Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

5:42

You see this over and over again in scripture. When we come across the phrase, "The Children of Israel" as opposed to the house of Israel, we find that it is used over 800 times by my count, I get 840, but you know, there could be a glitch there. And we also need to define the children of Israel so that there is no confusion here as to what we are talking about.

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In walking through it, ah, if you do that, you don't have to get through all 800 to realize that maybe this is important to God. But if it takes all 800, well, you know, get it done because it is very important to God.

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In Genesis 46:8; in the book of Genesis chapter 46 and verse 8 it refers to, I'll read it directly, it says:

⁸Now these were the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: ...

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And then it lists, you know, if you're into families and genealogy, if that's your thing; it walks through all of, all 12 of them. So there is no mistaking it, when the children of Israel, the children of Jacob are referred to; referring to the 12 sons.

7:04

But we need to understand these who are referred to as the children of Israel. Notice in verse 1 of Genesis 46 it says:

¹ So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

7:26

And it's important to remember that Jacob's name was changed to Israel, originally he was the supplanter, and we will get into that a little bit as we move along. But his name was changed by God to more accurately reflect what God was doing with him and what he turned into.

7:46 If we go back to Genesis 32; Genesis 32, verses 24 - 28 where we read of the encounter that Jacob had, and where his name was actually changed by God. So Genesis 32, verses 24 - 28.

²⁴Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. ²⁵Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" ²⁷So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." ²⁸And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

8:41

So we conclude that is an important thing to understand, that Israel can be and is a reference, and is in many places, as a reference for Jacob himself. And yet there is more to grasp, to rewind the tape. Abraham, the father of the faithful, had huge promises made to him by God and God ether fulfilled them or will fulfill them, or He didn't and He won't.

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It's pretty simple. I know when I was being called, I thought okay, let's take a look at what God said and then look in history and see whether or not this actually happened or not because I did not believe there was a God.

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And the proof of what was done, ah, it has to be inspired, just because no human could do such a thing. So if we go to Genesis 17, verses 1 - 8 we read:

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahovah appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ²And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." ³Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

10:10

God looking down through history and time that would be occurring, knew that He was going to work with this man, ah, for the betterment of all really.

⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

10:52

A prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled. If we go through verses 15 - 21 we will see that Sarah's involvement.

¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, (This is Genesis 17:15) God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai (And I may not be pronouncing her name correctly) your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"

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He already had a son by Sarah's handmaiden.

¹⁹Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

12:04

This is very important.

²⁰And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."

12:24

It's very clear that God had made a decision that He was in fact going to work through those people. Notice in Genesis 21, verses 5 - 13. Genesis 21, verse 5.

⁵Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, "Yahovah has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me." ⁷She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age." ⁸So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. (Or sneering) ¹⁰Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac." ¹¹And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.

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No doubt there was a bond there with his son that he had had through Hagar.

¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. ¹³Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed."

13:48

Well God is going to fulfill those promises that the nations would come from him; something that is totally forgotten by the world today as they reject the bible and they reject the word of God.

14:02

We can follow the story on in Genesis 25; Genesis 25 and pick it up in verse 19. It says:

¹⁹This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac. ²⁰Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. ²¹Now Isaac pleaded with Yahovah for his wife, because she was barren; and Yahovah granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²But the children struggled together within her;

14:39

Now that's interesting. They're not even born yet and they are fighting and struggling against each other.

and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of Yahovah. ²³And Yahovah said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger."

15:03

We don't always necessarily pay attention to those kinds of things. God clearly knew what He was doing and He knew what He would create; He has a plan and He will fulfill that plan. Going on:

²⁴So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when (he was born).

²⁷So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

15:48

So different mentalities, different dispositions, different spirit if you will, and we walk through this as the incident is very important.

²⁸And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom. (Which means red) ³¹But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

16:17

The first born, Esau, had a birthright that actually came to him in the plan of inheritance; ah, Jacob coveted it. Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright.

³²And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

16:35

He didn't place any value in it.

³³Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

16:52

He didn't realize the value that there was in that. Of course Jacob always seeking an angle and wanting things, ah, it was right there. The firstborn is special to God and Jacob coveted that. And God knew of the two nations and knew that, who He would actually deal with.

17:12

And we get some additional incite; we, I'm finding as I go down this road and look at this stuff it's important to look at the spirit or the mental disposition of these people. In Hebrews 12; Hebrews 12, verses 14 – 17 we learn a little bit about this. A direction here:

¹⁴Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

17:41

So it doesn't matter whether you are an Israelite or a Gentile, that's the directive.

¹⁵ And looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

17:56

Was there some bitterness between Esau and Jacob? Well, ya' think?

¹⁶lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau,

There's a description of him there that we need to sit up and pay attention to. You can see why God could not work through him.

who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance,

18:30

When we were called by God we simply must find a place for repentance; we have to be different.

though he sought it diligently with tears.

So we can see, looking through history, of the things that happened there. If you go back to Genesis 26; Genesis 26, verses 1 - 6.

¹ There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. ² Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. ³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants

19:12

The descendents of Isaac, the Saxon.

I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; (Very Important) ⁵because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

19:45

And you see God being faithful here because of Abraham's obedience to Him. And God is fulfilling this, He is carrying it on, He is cognoscente of what He is doing in mankind.

If we go to Genesis 27; Genesis 27 and look at verses 26 – 29 we will see this continuity that is cognizant with God fulfilling His word and His promises.

20:13 Genesis 27, verse 26

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now and kiss me, my son."

Speaking to Jacob.

²⁷And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which Yahovah has blessed. ²⁸Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!"

20:55

And if you go on to verse 30 it's, this is Isaac blessing Jacob, and "always a day late and a dollar short" Esau shows up. And he had gone and he had prepared the food that his father wanted and he identifies himself in verse 32.

³³Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed." ³⁴When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!" ³⁵But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing." ³⁶And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted (or replaced) me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!"...

21:58

So you can see the stuff being transferred over, God would have worked through Jacob anyway because that is what the promise actually was. And you can see then this animosity that built up time and time again between the two.

22:17

In verse 41:

⁴¹So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

22:30

And that animosity exists to this very day. The world has forgotten, the world does not give any credibility to what God is doing through the nations. Notice Genesis 28, verses 1-4.

¹ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. ² Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

Again, notice the blessing.

³"May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples; ⁴and give you the blessing of Abraham,

23:15

The transfer, you can see that from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob.

⁴and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, (That would be us) that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham."

23:31

There is further involvement yet. If we go to Genesis 28, we'll pick it up in verse 10.

¹⁰Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of Yahovah were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And behold, Yahovah stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. ¹⁴ Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

24:33

That's a pretty massive promise, don't you think? And God indeed fulfilled it. If we go down in the same book to verse 20.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, ²¹so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then Yahovah shall be my God. ²²And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

25:05

Jacob did have a relationship to God and with God and yet, you know, there is more. If we go over to Genesis 35; Genesis 35 and verses 9 – 12, Genesis 35, verse 9.

⁹Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." (This is a repeat) So He called his name Israel. ¹¹Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, (It either did or didn't) and kings shall come from your body.

25:58

So again we see a promise given to, and followed through.

¹²The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."

We go down to verse 22 of Genesis 35.

²²And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land,

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So Jacob is now in the land.

Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it.

So there was family issues, is family issues now there was family issues then. And we see a repeat here in the balance of this and I won't read it, but it shows you; actually we should read it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: ²³the sons of Leah were Reuben, Jacob's firstborn,

26:52

And that's significant, that he defiled his father's bed and was passed on to another.

and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; ²⁴the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin; ²⁵the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali; ²⁶and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, were Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram.

27:16

It's interesting, you have 12 boys, many of them step brothers really, and they were the seed of many nations that were to come and live in the earth. Some people can't grasp that concept; it just doesn't make sense to them. And yet it is very symbolic and very prophetic and it's necessary for us to understand that.

27:45

When Reuben lost the birthright, God then chose to work through Joseph. And we can see that in Genesis 37, verses 3 and 4.

³Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

28:19

Notice the brother's attitude; was it of Satan or was it of God? That's a pretty easy question to answer. These boys are not the same. Jacob was in Egypt in his old age to his death. And we read of that in Genesis 47, verses 27 – 31; Genesis 47, verses 27 – 31.

²⁷So Israel (Jacob) dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there and grew and multiplied exceedingly. ²⁸And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. ²⁹When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said." ³¹Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed.

29:42

You see that special relationship. When we go into Genesis 48, Yeah, Genesis 48 we see this passing on of things.

¹ Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father is sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed. ³ Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴ and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.'

30:31 That still hadn't happened.

⁵And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. ⁶Your offspring whom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

30:52

Very significant, that birthright blessing was passed on from Joseph, err from Jacob to Joseph to his sons. Going on in verse 8:

⁸Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?" ⁹And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." ¹⁰Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also show n me your offspring!" ¹²So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. ¹³And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. ¹⁴Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

31:56

God was showing him what He was going to do.

¹⁵And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, ¹⁶the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; let my name be named upon them,

32:13

So the name of Israel was placed on the head of Ephraim and Manasseh; it was not placed on the head of Judah. The rightful heir to the name of Israel is Ephraim and Manasseh.

... let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." ¹⁷Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." ¹⁹But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great;

33:02

Are they the same people? No they're not.

but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

The Jews have never become a multitude of nations; ever! It was prophesied of Ephraim and Manasseh to become exactly that.

²⁰So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May Yahovah make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers. ²²Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

33:49

So Joseph inherited a double blessing and if you look in Revelation 7 you'll see that Dan is not in the list of the twelve tribes, but Joseph and Manasseh are. And when we look into Genesis 49 we'll find out why exactly that was. This is a nuts and bolts thing; this is how God works through the nations.

34:15

And you know, if we go into Genesis 49 it says:

¹ And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

And we can read of Jacob's twelve sons and the prophecies of what were to become of those people. And the world and Christianity generally today, does not place any value on that, and yet the hand of God was there through the mists of time to look at and easily be seen if one is just willing to believe what God says and take a look.

34:56

If we read Genesis 49, verses 14 and 15 as we did last time.

¹⁴"Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between two burdens; ¹⁵he saw that rest was good, and that the land was pleasant; he bowed his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a band of slaves.

35:14

Does that prophecy apply to Judah? Of course not, it refers to a different group of people entirely. This is all about what God said, what He did or He will do. Most, as I said, find this meaningless or insignificant. But considering Revelation 21:12 which we read, clearly showing, you know, when that Holy City comes down it's not Gentile names, it is the names of Israel.

35:44

That this is meaningless or insignificant; nothing could be further from the truth. It is the story of salvation for all, including the Gentiles. Can you imagine Satan not seeking to hide this? Really! You know there is a place for the Gentiles, there just is.

36:09

If you go to Exodus 12; Exodus 12 and verses 48 and 49, we'll read a little bit about that too. Exodus 12, verses 48 and 49. There is a directive here to Israel, where it says:

⁴⁸ And when a stranger dwells with you

This is a Gentile amongst them.

and wants to keep the Passover to Yahovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it;

36:42

God is accepting of them if they wish to worship and obey Him, He has not problem with it.

and he shall be as a native of the land.

So they are grafted into Israel.

For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. ⁴⁹One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

37:05

Very clear! That's fine, they want to live in there and have Yahovah as their God, He's perfectly fine with it and that is a theme that is consistent through the entire bible. In Leviticus 19:34 it says:

³⁴The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: (Just like they're strangers within you) I am Yahovah your God.

37:36

It's all over the place. Leviticus 16; Leviticus 16, verse 29.

²⁹ "This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, (You know, referring to the day of Atonement) you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.

37:58

So the keeping of the statutes of God were applicable to the Gentiles as well as to the native born Israelites, and why not? God is God. In Leviticus 18:26, again:

²⁶You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation (The Israelites) or any stranger who dwells among you

38:32

So they were binding upon those who dwell, even in the millennium. When we get to a millennial situation, it does not change; the bible is entirely consistent about this. In Ezekiel 47:22; Ezekiel 47, which we would recognize as a millennial setting. In verse 22 we read, it says:

²²It shall be that you will divide it (Speaking of the land) by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; (And we know what that refers to) they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel

39:22

So here we see God being entirely consistent, doing exactly the same thing in a millennial setting, He doesn't change, that is just how it works. And we can see a further example of that if we go into the book of Ruth. We would all be familiar with that story where Ruth and Boaz actually hook up. And I am having a little trouble finding the book of Ruth here, excuse me for just a second.

39:54

We'll get to that, but I think we all know the story basically, how Ruth became enjoined to them and in fact came in. I am just about there, okay, so if we look into Ruth in verse 4 (Of chapter 1)

⁴Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth.

40:20

So Naomi is living amongst the Moabites and her sons took wives and ultimately her sons died and they had some decisions to make, things were very, very rough in their lives, and Naomi decided to return. In verse 14 it says:

¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; (Very important) return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, (She's a Moabitess as we will see) and your God, my God.

41:18

So Ruth was obedient to the God of Israel.

¹⁷Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. Yahovah do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."

So she was a very, ahm, the word just escapes me at the moment, very loyal person who clung to her mother-in-law and clung to God and His ways. And living amongst Israel she would have kept God's ways.

41:53 Verse 22

²²So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

So you can see that and we understand that it was actually through the Ruth and Boaz union, you know, that Christ's lineology (ancestry) is in there.

42:17

Going on in that, we can see a pickup of that if we go to the book of Isaiah; the book of Isaiah 56, Isaiah 56, which is a very, very powerful scripture. And verses 1 – 6 and we see the same theme.

42:41

If you are a Gentile person, is the Sabbath and God's statutes and God's ways binding upon you for salvation? Here is the directive.

¹ Thus says Yahovah: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. ² Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ³Do not let the son of the foreigner (The Gentile) who has joined himself to the Lord (As Ruth had done) speak, saying, "Yahovah has utterly separated me from His people"; nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." ⁴For thus says Yahovah: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, ⁵even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name (This is talking about salvation) that shall not be cut off. ⁶"Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him,

43:51

It goes right back to Exodus, Israel was called out of Egypt to serve God; these are Gentiles who are called out to, guess what? Serve God.

and to love the name of Yahovah, to be His servants—everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant— ⁷even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him."

44:34

The Gentiles are included if they too chose to be obedient to God. They are grafted into Israel, they are accepted before God. And it's there from one end of the bible to the other. There is an interesting passage in Psalm 147 that we'll touch on. In Psalm 147, verse 19, where it's very emphatic, He said:

¹⁹He (Being God) declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. ²⁰He has not dealt thus with any nation; and as for His judgments, they have not known them. ...

45:19

So God revealed and works through Israel. If we go to the book of Ephesians; Ephesians 2, verses 11 - 13. Ephesians 2, verses 11 - 13 we will see this is entirely consistent in the New Testament as well.

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. ¹¹Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹²that at that time you were without Christ (The true Christ), being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

46:18

So the covenants of promise of prosperity of race of national dominance of nations of blessings and also the seed of Christ came through Israel. They did not come through the gentiles. And that's God's choice, He could work through rocks if He wanted to work through rocks, this is what He has chosen to do.

46:46

If we go over to Romans; Romans 9 we will see exactly the same thing. Romans 9, verses 11, sorry, Romans 9, verses 1-3. Romans 9.

¹ I tell the truth in Christ.

Remember this is the true Christ, the biblical Christ.

I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴who are Israelites, to whom

47:25

Who is God working through?

to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Aman.

47:45

God is working through Israel and the Gentiles must be grafted into Israel for salvation; they must become as native born Israelites. Well, with all the false Jesus' out there, how tough a sell would it be to sell a false Jesus offering salvation apart from Israel if one understood what the bible clearly said, that salvation is of Israel?

48:16

Would Satan want to make a Jesus that offers salvation apart from Israel part of his package? Well, do yeah think? No kidding! That's exactly what he did, and that is exactly what he would do.

48:31

If one understood this process for Gentiles, as revealed in scripture, selling a false Jesus would be a very difficult thing. The connection to Israel must be severed, and once one understood what the bible says identifying the prophets of Baal, the false ministers who offer salvation apart from Israel would clearly be seen.

49:03

Identifying them is a key to sorting out the worms as it were, the deceit from the truth. The bible is an Israelite book and what a surprise, for it is they whom God has chosen to work through. How politically correct is that?

49:23

So much more on this topic.