

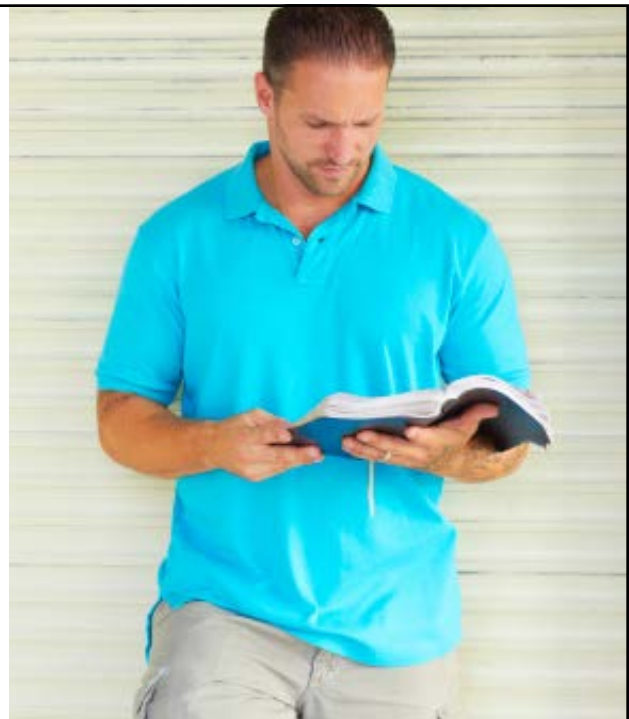
A Biblical Perspective on the Purpose and Destiny of America

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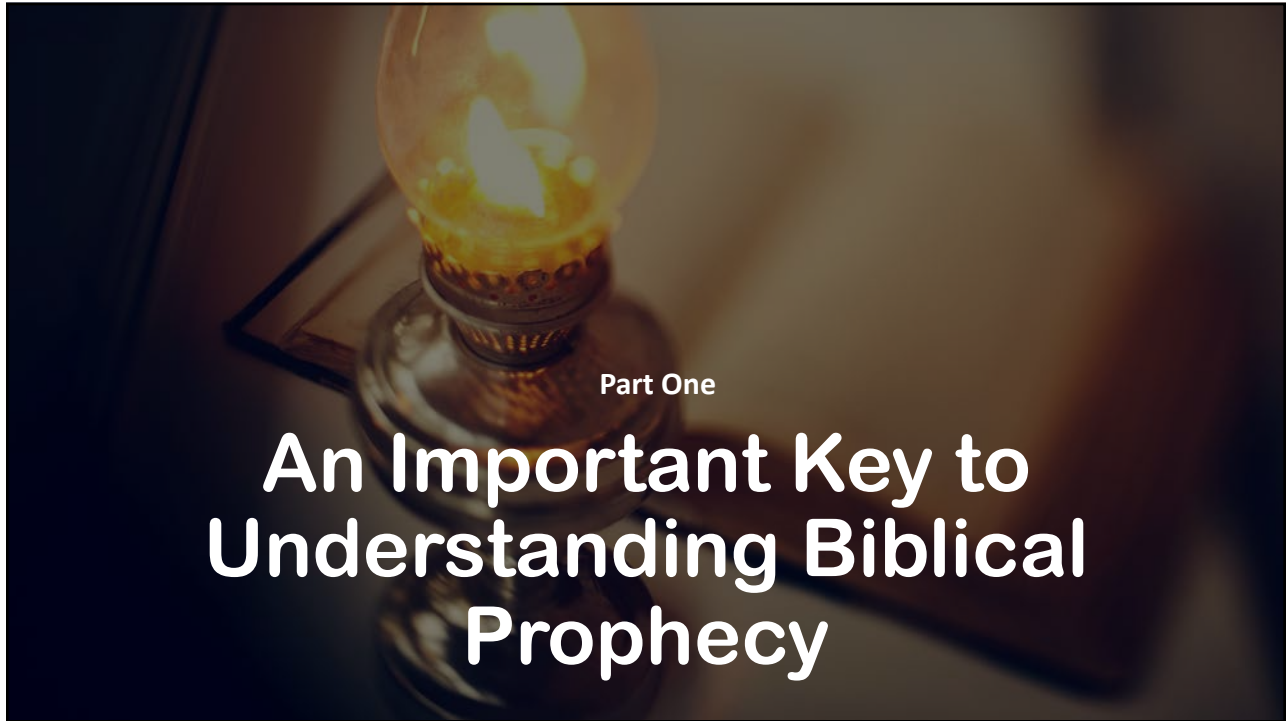
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Preface

- Please study and pray and search out the truth of these things for yourself
- Please don't be offended if this material challenges some of your beliefs, you are free to reject anything that doesn't seem right to you
- It doesn't offend me if people disagree with me, but please be polite about it



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Part One

An Important Key to Understanding Biblical Prophecy

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Noah and His Vineyard

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Noah Blessings and Cursing

“Cursed be Canaan [Ham’s son]; a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren.

“Blessed be the Lord God of Shem...

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob descended from this line

“God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem...” (Genesis 9:25-27)

Gomer, Magog, Tubal, Meshech

“By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations”

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Abraham’s Promise

- **“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” (Genesis 12:2-3)**
- **“By myself I have sworn, saith the Lord...that in blessing thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, as the sand which is upon the seashore; for thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...” (Genesis 22: 16-18)**

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Abraham's Son Isaac's Blessing

"...I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father and I will make thy seed multiple as the stars of heaven; and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 26:3-4)

Abraham had another son Ishmael from whom many Arab people's descended



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Issac's Blessing to His Son Jacob

"...God give thee of the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine; let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee: be lord over they brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee." (Genesis 27:28-29)

Note: Jacob was the younger of Isaac's sons. The elder was named Esau and many of the Arab people are also descended from Esau



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Jacob's Name Was Changed to Israel



“Thy name is Jacob; thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel...

“I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.” (Genesis 35:10-12)

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Israel's (Jacob's) Sons

- **By Leah**

- Reuben (1)
- Simeon (2)
- Levi (3)
- Judah (4)
- Issachar (9)
- Zebulun (10)

- **By Zillah (Leah's handmaiden)**

- Gad (7)
- Asher (8)

- **By Rachel**

- **Joseph (11)**

- Manasseh (grandson)
- Ephraim (grandson)
- Note: these children were half Egyptian

- **Benjamin (12)**

- **By Bilhah (Rachel's handmaiden)**

- Dan (5)
- Naphtali (6)

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Jacob Adopts and Blesses Joseph's Sons

“God Almighty appeared unto me...and blessed me, and said unto me, ‘Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and I will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession,’ and now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh...are mine; as Reuben and Simeon they shall be mine.” (Genesis 48:4-5)

“The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth...

“In thee shall Israel bless, saying God make thee as Ephraim and Manasseh.” (Genesis 48:16, 20)

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Ephraim Set Before Manasseh

“Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim [and said] ‘Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn...’

“And his father refused and said, ‘I know it my son...he [Manasseh] shall also become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.” (Genesis 48:17-19)

“I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born” (Jeremiah 31:9)

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Birthright Blessings Was that His Descendants Would:

- **Be multiplied (like the sands of the sea and stars of heaven), meaning they would become large populations of people.**
- **Would become a nation and a company of nations (also described as a multitude of nations), which means that they would create many countries.**
- **Would have power over their enemies, meaning they would have power over many other nations.**
- **Would bless all nations, meaning that they would be a blessing to all the nations**

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This Birthright Went to Joseph Through His Sons Ephraim and Manasseh

- **This means that Ephraim and Manasseh were given the unconditional promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel)**
- **Either these promises have been (or will be fulfilled) through their descendants, or God lied**
- **The Jews are descendants of Judah, not of Joseph, so the promised birthright blessings cannot be fulfilled through them**
- **Judah got a blessing, but it was different from Joseph**

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Israel Blesses His Sons

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. (Genesis 49:1-2)



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Israel's Blessing to Judah

"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hands shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

"Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey my son, thou art gone up; he stooped down, he crouched down as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be, binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: his eyes shall be red with wine and his teeth white with milk." (Genesis 49:8-12)

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Israel's Blessing to Joseph

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall; the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him; but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel) even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

“The blessings of thy father [Israel] have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors [Abraham and Isaac] unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.” (Genesis 49:22-26)

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Important Points

- Joseph's seed would be so numerous that they would “run over the wall” suggesting that they would depart for other lands
- Joseph's seed would have enemies but they would prevail against them with God's help
- Joseph's seed would receive both spiritual (from above) and material (from beneath) blessings
- Israel (Jacob) received a blessing (promise) above the promises given to Abraham and Isaac that extended to “the utmost bound of the everlasting hills” and this additional blessing was given exclusively to Joseph's descendants
- There is a hint that Joseph's descendants would be “separated” from the rest of Israel

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Moses' Blessing on Joseph

“Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that croucheth beneath, and for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

“His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh” (Deuteronomy 33:13-17)

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A Little History Lesson

- The children of Israel became slaves in Egypt and were brought out of Egypt by Moses and lead back to the land promised to their fathers
- Moses gave them laws (a system of government) known as the “reign of the judges” where the law applied equally to all and all the people were free
- The people wanted to be like other nations and have a king so they were given kings to rule over them
- Saul, David and Solomon ruled over the united Israel
- David was a descendent of Judah in fulfillment of the promise concerning the scepter belonging to Judah and was promised that his descendants would rule over Israel forever

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More History

- After Solomon the kingdom was split (because of Solomon's iniquities)
- The Northern kingdom consisted of 10-1/2 tribes) and was called Israel; it was lead originally by a descendant of Ephraim, and later by a descendant of Judah
- The Southern kingdom was called Judah and consisted of Judah and ½ of the tribe of Benjamin
- All the major old Testament prophets (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc.) lived after the time of the split, so they referred to the Southern kingdom as Judah or Jerusalem and the Northern kingdom as Israel or Ephraim

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...And a Little More History

- The Northern kingdom was conquered by Assyria in the time of Isaiah and Ezekiel
- After they were freed from captivity they went North and were lost to history becoming known as the "lost then tribes"
- The Southern kingdom was conquered by Babylon in the time of Jeremiah
- After they were freed from captivity they returned the the land of Jerusalem where they lived until they were conquered and scattered by the Roman Empire

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The Two “Families” of Israel

Leah’s Family (Judah’s birthright)

- All of the children of Israel would bow to Judah’s descendants
- Held the right to the scepter (the ruling or political power); in other words, kings would be born of this lineage
- The Messiah (Shiloh) would come from this lineage (Jesus descended from this lineage)
- The descendants of Judah are know as the Jews

Rachael’s Family (Joseph’s birthright)

- Would be very fruitful (many nations arising from their descendants)
- Would be blessed with great prosperity
- Would bless all nations
- Would “push the people together to the ends of the earth” (that is, gather the scattered descendants of Israel)
- Who are the descendants of Joseph?

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Setting Things Straight

- The original twelve tribes of Israel actually became 13 tribes with the adoption of Joseph’s sons
- Manasseh became the 13th tribe, with Ephraim being the tribe representing Joseph
- The Jews are ONE of the thirteen tribes of Israel, but there are twelve others and the Jewish nation did NOT inherit the birthright promises
- So, according to most people’s interpretation of Biblical prophecy, God’s promises were NOT fulfilled
- However, if we look more closely at the prophecies and the modern world, we will understand that these prophecies have been and are being fulfilled right now

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God “Divorced” Israel

- Israel were a “covenant people” meaning that they were under a covenant with God which was likened unto a marriage.
 - Because they worshipped other Gods and gave themselves over sacrificing to idols God divorced them.
- “...when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce...”
(Jeremiah 3:8)
- “...Where is the bill of your mother’s divorcement, whom I have put away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.” (Isaiah 50:1)

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Divorced Israel Was Scattered

- “Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their own doings...wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it;
- “And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.” (Ezekiel 36:17-19)
- In contrast Judah was dispersed but retained the identify of who they were.

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But God Did Not Forget Divorced Israel

“Listen, O isles unto me; and hearken, ye people from afar...” (Isaiah 49:1)

“...Zion said; the Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget thee...” (Isaiah 49:1, 14-15)

“...for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy maker is thine husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.” (Isaiah 54:1-5)

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God Would Still Multiply the Seed of Israel in their Divorced State

“...for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was [or will be] said unto them. Ye are not my people, there it shall be said to them, Ye are the sons of the living God.” (Hosea 1:10-11)

“...Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear...for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations...for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited” (Isaiah 54:1-2)

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He Promised to Again “Marry” Israel

“For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forgotten thee; but with great mercies shall I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.” (Isaiah 54:6-8)

“...I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her...and I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies...and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy, and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.” (Hosea 2:14, 19, 23)

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God Keeps His Promises

“But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen...I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name’s sake...And I will sanctify my great name...

“...I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people and I will be your God.” (Ezekiel 36:21-23, 26-28)

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Who Are the People of Israel?

- If the Old Testament promises are true, then the descendants of the ten tribes (and Joseph in particular) must have become “many nations”
- This means that the descendants of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh), who inherited the birthright promises would constitute a large and powerful part of the modern world’s population, specifically they would:
 - Have become a powerful nation and a company (or group) of powerful nations
 - They would have prevailed above other nations in warfare
 - They would be very wealthy and prosperous nations
 - They would have “blessed” the world (that is, brought spiritual and/or material blessings to the world)

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Next Session

- We’ll trace the migrations of the ancient Israelites and show how they became the nations of Europe
- They were wooed back to God with a new covenant (Christianity) to become again the Lord’s people
- This is essential to understand because we need to recognize which Biblical prophecies relate to Judah and which relate to Israel and the descendants of the other 10 tribes in order to understand these prophecies
- The premise we will discuss is that America is the land of Joseph, specifically Manasseh (a nation) and the British empire is Ephraim (a company of nations) while the other tribes occupy other European (Christian) nations

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