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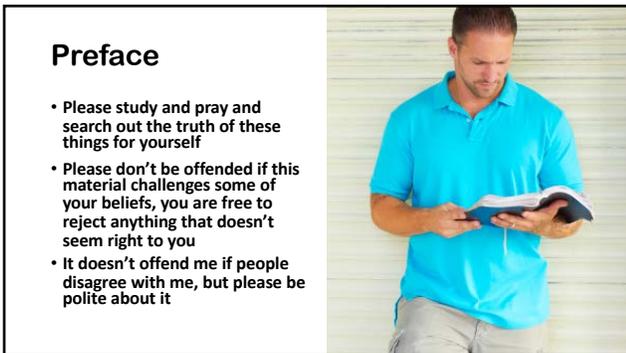
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### A Review of the Covenant Promises

- God made unconditional promises to Abraham that he would:
  - Multiply his descendants exceedingly
  - Bless those that blessed him, and curse those that cursed him
  - Cause all nations of the earth to be blessed through his offspring
  - Cause his descendants to possess the strategic locations (gates) of their enemies
- His son Isaac inherited these promises
- Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, inherited these promises and was also told that:
  - Other nations would bow down to his descendants and serve them
  - That they would be blessed with great prosperity
  - That kings would come from his descendants
  - That his descendants would become "a nation and a company [group] of nations"

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### The Twelve Tribes of Israel

- Jacob had 12 sons, whose descendants became the twelve tribes (or nations) of Israel
- Ephraim and Manasseh were adopted by Jacob as his own son's, giving Joseph a "double portion" and creating 13 tribes
- Judah was given the blessing that the royal families (kings) and the Messiah would come through his descendants
- Joseph received the birthright (promises made to Abraham) and an additional blessing that Jacob had received above the promises made to Abraham and Isaac

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### Tracing the Lost Tribes

- We know who the descendants of Judah are, but that is only one of the tribes of Israel
- The key point is that all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews
- Furthermore, the Bible makes very clear that the name Israel would be primarily associated with the descendants of Joseph (especially Ephraim) and the tribes that were part of the Northern Kingdom
- If we are the descendants of the "lost tribes," then many of these prophecies were written about US and not just about Judah
- Decide for yourself if this is true or not.

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### The Phoenician Empire

- The Phoenician empire was contemporary with the time of King David and King Solomon
- The Greeks said that it included the land of Palestine
- The Phoenician's controlled access to the Atlantic, had colonies in North Africa, Spain and Britain, traded with China and even had mines (and possibly colonies) in the New World
- These were Semitic people and were allied with Israel



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### Carthage

- The next empire to rise to power was Carthage
- There is ample evidence that Carthage also had Hebrew origins
- It is likely that as civil war developed between Israel and Judah and the demise of the northern kingdom seemed evident, that many of the Israelites fled to their colonies, including Carthage
- Carthage also controlled access to the Atlantic and sent ships to Britain, Spain and the New World
- Carthage sent Hannibal, who crossed the alps and nearly conquered Rome, but they became immoral and corrupt and eventually fell to the Roman Empire

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### Parthia

- At the time of the Roman empire, they had a powerful rival east of the Euphrates river known as Parthia
- Flavius Josephus, a Jewish historian in the first century wrote:
  - "...there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated in numbers"
- This means that it was known in Roman times that the empire of Parthia was an Israelite empire and inhabited by descendants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel

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## Parthian Kings and Wise Men

- Parthia was ruled by two governing bodies, the wise men (or magi), who appear to be descendants of the tribe of Levi and the royal lineage, who were elected by the magi to be kings over the people
- The royal house appear to be descendants of the house of David (Judah)
- The king over the entire land was known as "the king of kings"
- At the time of Christ, the king had killed most of his relatives trying to prevent them from being able to ascend to the throne
- Knowing that a descendant of the royal lineage had been born in Judah, the magi were sent to honor a potential heir to the political throne of Parthia.

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## Sons of Isaac

- God promised Abraham that his descendants would be known by the name of Isaac. There are no vowels in Hebrew writing, only consonants, so Isaac's name is S-K or S-C
- The Parthians and people living in the area around the Black Sea in New Testament times were known as: saka, sacae or scythians. Scythian derives from Cimmerian, a name given by the Assyrians to the people they took captive from Samaria, the capital of the Northern kingdom of Israel
- Old Testament prophets spoke of two nations in their prophecies:
  - Judah and Jerusalem (the Jewish capital)
  - Israel, Ephraim and Samaria (the Israelite capital)

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## Anglo-Saxons

- The sacae left the Orient and black sea region to migrate northward into Europe (Germany, Scandinavia, etc.) and eventual become known as the saxons. (SK-SN or Isaac Sons)
- Some of them eventually landed in Britain where they established themselves in Essex (East Saxon land), Sussex (South Saxon land) and Wessex (West Saxon land)
- They had a form of government that included:
  - They considered themselves a body of freemen
  - Elected representatives of groups of 10, 50, 100, 1,000 judged the law and lead the people
  - Law was made by a covenant (agreement) of the people
  - Restitution to the victim was the essence of the law
  - When Christianity was brought to them, they recognized that their system of laws was described in the Old Testament

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### The Migration of Israel

- Since the ten tribes went north after their captivity in Assyria it appears they went into the area now known as Europe and became the people of Europe
- Tradition suggests that the descendants of Ephraim settled in Ireland along with part of the tribe of Dan and the royal family of Judah
- It is likely that the other nations of Europe are also descendants of the ten tribes, making the entire Western world (Western civilization) a fulfillment of the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel)
- The tribes are "lost" only because they lost the knowledge of who they are

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### The Tribe of Dan

- "Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path..." (Genesis 49:16-17)
- "Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan." (Deut 33:22)
- Everywhere the tribe of Dan went in the Bible they named the land "Dan"
- The tribe of Dan also became seafaring and took to ships
- In Hebrew, there are no vowels, so "dan, dun, din, don, den" all refer to Dan
- Europe is filled with the "trail" of Dan in the name of towns, rivers places and people
- Dan-ish, dan-mark, scan-din-avian, dan-ube, lon-don, etc.

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### Ephraim the Ox or Unicorn



- Remember Moses' blessing on Joseph:
- "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and is 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"
- Is it possible that Ephraim wound up in the British isles and became the Anglo-Saxon people (Sac's son or Isaac's sons)

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### Ephraimites Had Trouble with “H”

- In a battle, the men of Gilead identified the Ephraimites by making them pronounce the word “shibboleth.”
- If they said, “s-iboleth” they were Ephraimites
- Many people in the UK have problems with pronouncing the “h” sound, particular those with a “Cockney” accent.
- In Hebrew, Brith-ish means covenant people and Brith-tan means covenant land, in other words, the ancient English called themselves the “covenant people of the covenant land”

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### The Covenant People

- That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day:
  - That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
  - Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;
  - But with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day
- (Deut 29:12-15)

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### The Blessings

- They would become the greatest nation on earth
- They would be blessed with food, clothing and comfortable homes
- They would be blessed with good health
- Their enemies would fear them and they would be victorious in war
- They would be blessed with good weather (abundant rains and flourishing crops)
- They would be wealthy and not have to borrow, but would instead loan money to other nations

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### The Cursings

- They would suffer diseases, plagues, famines, pestilences, etc.
- They would become weak and vulnerable and would be conquered by their enemies, losing their land, having their wives raped and their daughters enslaved
- Their numbers would be greatly diminished
- They would end up wandering, scattered, homeless and poor
- They would be cursed, despised and abused as they were scattered among the nations

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### Deuteronomy 30:1-5

- And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,
- *And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;*
- That *then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations*, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.
- If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:
- And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

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### Jeremiah 30:3,8-9

- 3 For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again [i.e., turn around] the captivity of my people *Israel* and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.
- 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, *that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds*, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:
- 9 *But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.*
- Note: The Revised Standard edition renders this as: *when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity*

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### Finding the Lost Sheep

- Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the *lost sheep of the house of Israel*" (Matthew 15:24)
- Jesus also said to his disciples, "*I will make you fishers of men.*" (Matthew 4:19)
- After Jesus' own people, the house of Judah, rejected him and crucified him he sent his disciples to the "gentiles"
- "Behold, *I will send for many fishers*, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after will I send many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill... (Jeremiah 16:14-16)
- In the New Testament (covenant), Jesus is the bridegroom and his followers are the "bride"
- So as promised, God wooed lost Israel back to him with a new covenant

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### A New Covenant

- "Behold the days come, saith the Lord; that *I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel*, and with the house of Judah; *not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt*; which covenant they brake, although I was *an husband* unto them...
- "But *this shall be the covenant* that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, *I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*" (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

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### Protestants

- The invention of the printing press and the translation of the Bible by King James made the Bible available to the common man
- The Protestant reformers read the Bible and saw that their religion didn't match what the Bible said and wanted to reform the Church
- They were persecuted and many suffered fines, imprisonment, torture, etc. for their desires
- When the Bible To escape persecution and to better practice what they believed were God's laws, many of these reformers came to America seeking to better live God's laws




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### Pastor John Robinson to the Pilgrims Leaving for America

“Now as the people of God in old time were called out of Babylon civil, the place of their bodily bondage, and were to come to Jerusalem, and there to build the Lord’s temple...*so are the people of God now to go out of Babylon spiritual to Jerusalem [America]...and to build themselves as lively stones into a spiritual house, or temple, for the Lord to dwell in...for we are the sons and daughters of Abraham by faith.*”



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### Mayflower Compact (1620)

**IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.** We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King *James*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. *Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith*, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of *Virginia*; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.

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### Timothy Dwight – Christian Leader in Revolutionary Times

• “*God brought his little flock hither and placed it in the wilderness*, for the great purpose of establishing permanently the Church of Christ in these vast regions of idolatry and sin, and *commencing here the glorious work of salvation. This great continent is soon to be filled with the praise and glory of the Millennium. But here is the seed, from which this last harvest is to spring.*”



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### Jeremiah 31:1-2, 6-7

At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of *all the families of Israel*, and they shall be my people.

Thus saith the Lord, *The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.*

For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, *O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.*

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### Thomas Jefferson

- "Thomas Jefferson had already learned that it was not sufficient to learn from the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy that modern man was expected to restore the "perfect law" given to Moses, but the monumental problem was finding out how it originally worked and how to put it into operation.
- "Consider for example, the 'statutes' given to Moses. They had never been codified into a simple, readily available text for reference. After 3,200 years they still remained scattered throughout the books of the Pentateuch which Moses had written.
- "And that was not the only problem. Even if these statutes had been codified, there were no treatises or instructions on the manner in which the jurisprudence of the Israelites operated. There was also no background on the way the political system worked. *When a serious student of the Bible pursued an in-depth understanding of the Lord's statutes and divine system of government, he was likely to come away with some extremely puzzling problems.*" —The Majesty of God's Law by Skousen

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### Principles of Anglo-Saxon Law

- They were organized in groups of 10, 50, 100 and 1,000 after the pattern given given by Moses (Deut 1:13-15):
  - Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.
  - And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.
  - So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.
- All laws, as well as the election of leaders was done by the common consent of the people
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### The Organization

- The head of 10 families was a tithing-man
- The head of 50 families was a Vil-man and the head of a village
- The head of a 100 families was a Hundred-man and the head of a ward or township
- The head of 1,000 families was called an Ealdorman, later shortened to Earl and the group was called a shire and the assist to the Earl a “shire-reef” which later became the word sheriff
- Justice was about making reparation to the victim

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### Jefferson Sought Legal Reform

- “Jefferson was so impressed by the possibility of using the Anglo-Saxon system to make a gargantuan leap forward toward the laws revealed to ancient Israel, that he advocated stringent and immediate reforms”
- He wrote to the Virginia legislature urging them to return to the “ancient principles” which carry with them a promise from God
- The above is from *The Majesty of God’s Law*

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### Our Nation was Saved by God

- Jeremiah 31:10 Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, *He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.*
- *For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.*
- [America has] without arms, ammunition, discipline, revenue, government or ally, with “staff and sling” only, dared “in the name of the Lord of Hosts,” to engage a gigantic adversary — Continental Congress, 1779
- Providence has heretofore saved us in remarkable manner and on this we must principally rely — George Washington 1777

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**Revolutionary Song by William Billings**

Let tyrants shake their iron rod,  
And slavery clank her galling chains,  
We fear them not, we trust in God  
New England's God forever reigns.

Howe and Burgoyne and Clinton, too,  
With Prescott and Cornwallis joined,  
Together plot our overthrow,  
In one infernal league combined

When God inspired us to the fight,  
Their ranks were broke their lines  
were forced

There ships were shattered in our sight,  
Or swiftly driven from our coast.

The foe walks in with haughty stride,  
Our troops advance with martial noise,  
Their vet'rans flee before our youth,  
And generals yield to beardless boys.

What grateful offering shall we bring?  
What shall we render to the Lord.  
Loud Hallelujah's let us sing,  
And praise His Name on every cord.

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**American Great Seal**

"Out of many, one"

Thirteen colonies symbolic of the reunion of the thirteen tribes, the olive branch a symbol of peace, but also a symbol of Israel and the arrows (his bow abode in strength) as well as the Eagle a symbol of the tribes of Manasseh and Dan (who built ships)



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**Great Seal Reverse**

"Providence approved our undertakings" and "a new order for the ages"

The descendants of Joseph were half Egyptian and the founding fathers believed they were laying the foundation for a new order.



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### An Ensign to the Nations

- And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:
- None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken...

• Isaiah 5:26-27

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### Gathering Israel Together

- “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord God shall set his hand **again the second time** to recover the remnant of his people...and **he shall set up an ensign to the nations**, and shall assemble the **outcasts of Israel** and gather together the **dispersed of Judah** from the four corners of the earth.
- “In envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah will be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly on the shoulders of the Philistines towards the west; they shall spoil them of the east together...”

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### More About Israel’s Gathering

- “I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, wither they be gone, and will gather them on every side and bring them to their own land; and **I will make them one nation** in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king to them all**; and **they shall no more be two nations...**
- “**And David my servant shall be king over them**; and they all shall have one shepherd: **they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes and do them.**
- “**And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant...**” (Ezekiel 36:21-25)

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### America by Rev. Samuel F. Smith



- My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side Let Freedom ring.
- *Our fathers' God* to Thee, *Author of Liberty*, To thee we sing, Long may our land be bright With Freedom's holy light, *Protect us by thy might Great God, our King.*

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### Recommended Reading

- Books by Steven Collins ([www.bibleblessings.net](http://www.bibleblessings.net))
  - The Origins and Empire of Ancient Israel
  - Israel's Lost Empires
  - Parthia: The Forgotten Ancient Superpower and It's Role in Biblical History
  - Israel's Tribes Today
- Yair Davidity ([www.britam.org](http://www.britam.org))
  - Joseph: The Israelite Destiny of America
  - Biblical Truth: The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel in the West According to the Book of Genesis
- The Majesty of God's Law by Cleon Skousen
- The American Covenant: One Nation Under God Vol. I and II by Timothy Ballard

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### Q&A Time




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