

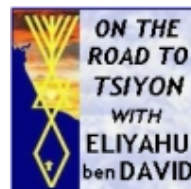
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Sukkot - Messiah's Birthday

Sukkot is called "The Season of our Joy." Could there be a better time for our Messiah to be born into the world? By popular demand, in commemoration of this Sukkot, we bring you this Tsiyon Radio classic, *Messiah's Birthday*, which will help you to enjoy the full blessings of this very special festal season.



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Happy 2010th Birthday to Messiah!

As this week's program explains in detail, the 1st day of Sukkot is Messiah's birthday as a man. Since Scripture says He is a man in Heaven, though a resurrected and glorified man, you might be wondering what birthday we are celebrating with Him this year (1 Tim 2:5). Messiah, we wish you a very happy 2010th birthday this Sukkot! We are longing to see You SOON!

More Guest Appearances Coming Up!

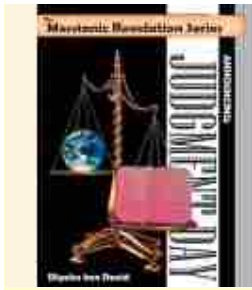
I have been asked to do an encore guest appearance on some of the radio programs I've already guested on. These will provide me an opportunity to bring the message further with these audiences. As usual, we will make these programs available to you. Please keep these upcoming appearances covered in prayer.

Listener Feedback - British Israel?

Listener Comment: *There is a religious organization that is teaching that some of the lost 10 tribes had migrated as far west as western Europe and even as far as Canada, the USA and Australia. They also teach that Ephraim is England and that the USA is Manasseh (Joseph's 2 sons whom Jacob blessed with unlimited prosperity, descendants too numerous to number and they would possess (or control) the gates (ports) of their enemies, and that we (both Ephraim and Manasseh) have been blessed greater than any country that has ever existed, which supposedly proves that we ARE their descendants according to those teachers. Can you verify this or prove this teaching is wrong?*

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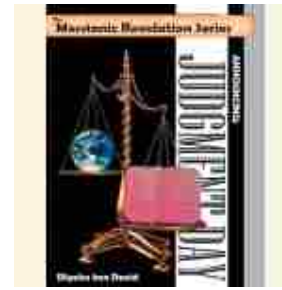
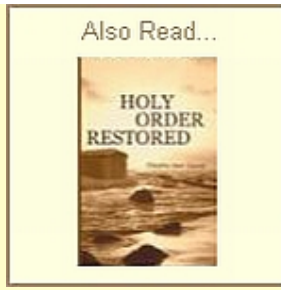


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Tsiyon Answer: The teaching you are speaking of is sometimes called "British Israel" teaching. Probably the most well known proponent of this teaching was the late Herbert Armstrong of the Worldwide Church of God. There are significant fragments of that group today that continue to adhere to some form of British Israel teaching. That teaching has served the purpose of focusing attention on the lost tribes of Israel, which is good.

However, the specific claim that Britain and the USA are Ephraim and Manasseh requires the opposite to be true, namely, that all other people are not. This claim, in my opinion, is a narrow-minded and racist claim, leaving the impression that only persons of white Anglo-Saxon heritage can be of the lost tribes. There are variants of this teaching that would admit descendants of other European countries as well, with no mention, for example, of Asian or dark-skinned peoples generally. It has been demonstrated that a form of British Israel ideology even contributed to the subjugation and slaughter of native populations (called 'savages') by the British Empire and by the USA in its westward expansion.

It strikes me as wrong to claim that land and riches stolen from native peoples to the enrichment of empire builders should be called the "blessing of God." Torah says; "You shall not steal." Yet, the Anglo-American empire has made itself vast and rich by stealing lands and resources from the native peoples of the earth. It may sound a bit shocking for me to say this. However, history is clear on these issues and if our standard is the Ten Commandments then we can arrive at no other conclusion then the unassailable fact that the Anglo-American empire has what it has today by stealing from and killing native populations around the world. That is historical fact. Wealth obtained through stealing and killing is no indication of the blessing of YHWH but is indication of inevitable coming judgment upon the guilty - a judgment that has already begun to fall.

In contrast to British Israel teaching, the Scriptures represent Israel as having been scattered to the "four corners of the earth" - everywhere. For example, Isaiah wrote:

"And it shall be in that day, YHWH shall again set His hand, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel, and gather those dispersed from Judah, from the four corners of the earth." Isa 11:11-12

"Behold, these shall come from afar; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim." Isa 49:12

Places like Britain, Canada, USA and Australia ARE included here in the phrase "the coasts of the sea." This simply means areas then unknown. Look at the other places listed though. "Assyria" is modern-day Iraq, which is primarily an Arab population. "Ethiopia" is an African location. The "land of Sinim" is China and other parts of Asia. The returning remnant of Israel will not be only Anglo-Saxon, but will be a multi-colored Israel, recovered out of all the varied ethnic populations of the world.

Listener Comment: They also teach that the Jewish Sabbath and Holy Days should be observed by both Jews AND gentiles instead of the other "so-called" Christian holidays. I need to know the REAL truth.

Tsiyon Answer: All Israel is commanded to keep the appointments of YHWH. Nowhere are we told to keep the holidays of this world. Look up "Christmas" and "Easter" in your Encyclopedia. You will find that these are not "Christian" in origin, but are actually pagan holidays incorporating pagan customs. It is time to return to Holy Time as given to Israel. (Lev 23)

Listener Comment: Another question---When Messiah re-gathers his people from the 4 corners of the earth, will my daughter be taken while I am left behind? I KNOW she is Jewish but I don't know about my origins.

Tsiyon Answer: Any person with the faith to do so can join themselves to the remnant and return with them to the Land. See this link for more on the Remnant of Israel:

<http://community.tsiyon.org/smf/index.php/topic,235.0.html>

We have more about the lost tribes in our new DVD, which we are giving out as a gift right now to everyone signing up as a [Tsiyon Ministry Partner](#).

Listener Comment: *I almost forgot. I have one LAST question, I promise. The people I was talking about before also claim that the throne of David was taken to Ireland and was later taken to England and that the British monarchy rule from the throne of David. I'm having a hard time swallowing that one. Your input would be very much appreciated. I don't know of anyone else to go to for the answers.*

Tsiyon Answer: In our programs we have taught that there are two sides to the House of David. The wicked and the righteous. Suffice it to say that it has not always been the righteous side that has been on the earthly throne, wherever it may be.

Thoughts from Eliyahu ben David:

Enjoy your Sukkot!

Blessings and shalom in the name of Y'shua Messiah,

Eliyahu ben David

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