

Parasha 10: Miketz (At The End)

B' resheet/Genesis 41:1 – 44:17)

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We now enter the 'second in the series of Torah portions' that have to do with Yosef's/Joseph's 'pivotal role' in YHWH's 'eternal/redemptive purposes' regarding the 'nation of Yisrael'. All of mankind will be affected by YHWH's plan in time to come. As in last week's portion, we alluded to the 'prophetic words' given to our avinu/father Abraham concerning Yisrael's 'future captivity' in Mitzrayim/Egypt and their 'subsequent deliverance'. Everything that is happening at this point in Yisrael's 'budding corporate identity is setting the stage' for those words to be fulfilled.

In fact, Yosef/Joseph is very much playing a role in 'type and shadow' of our blessed Master Yeshua. There are so many facts that can be pointed to, such as Yosef's/Joseph's picture of 'death and resurrection'. He was 'thrown into the pit, then, exalted to a place of supremacy' in Mitzrayim/Egypt. **(a type of the world)** From here he became Yisrael's 'Savior and Deliverer' and to Mitzrayim/Egypt. He was 'rejected by his own brothers' even as Master Yeshua was. **(both familial and by those in Jewish Leadership **[Pharisees & Sadducees] in that day, resulting in the Jewish nation itself being 'partially blinded' to who He was in the process. (Romans 11)]** Finally, Yosef/Joseph was 'revealed to his brothers' and there was a wonderful 'reunion' with his 'whole family'. All of which foreshadows the prophesied, yet future reunion of the 'Whole House of Yisrael' and their recognition of Him as Mashiach/Messiah and M'lekh/King. All confirmed by the nevi'im/prophets of the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures **(D'varim/Deuteronomy 30; Yechezk'el/Ezekiel 37; Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11)** and the Kethuvei HaNotzrim/Writings of the Nazarenes **(Messianic Scriptures- Ma'asim/Acts 1:6; 3:21; Hitgalut/Revelation 11:15)**.

“And I will pour upon the Bais Dovid [House of David], and upon the inhabitants of Yerushalayim [Jerusalem], the Ruach (Spirit) of Chen (grace) and of Tachanunim (supplications for favor); AND THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED.” (Zecharyah/Zechariah 12:10 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

“For I do not want you to be unaware, Achim b'Moshiach [brothers in Messiah], of this raz (mystery), lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a hardening in part has come over Yisroel, UNTIL THE FULL NUMBER OF THE GOYIM [NATIONS] HAS COME IN; And so Klal Yisroel [community of Yisrael] shall be delivered, as it is written: “OUT OF TZION [ZION] SHALL COME THE GO'EL (DELIVERER, REDEEMER); HE WILL TURN AWAY, REMOVE PEYSHA [REBELLION; TRANSGRESSION] FROM YAAKOV (JACOB), AND THIS WILL BE MY BERIT (COVENANT) WITH THEM, AND TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.” (Romans 11:25-27 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

While all of this is 'true and of supreme importance', I believe there is still something more YHWH would have us consider. 'Another aspect' which is on the 'sod/hidden level' within this

particular portion of the Torah we are presently looking at. For the sake of clarification, I am not in any way *'lessening the supreme value'* of the Scriptures regarding our *'eternal redemption'* so clearly set forth in this Torah portion. In fact, there are many other *'Messianic ministries'* available online that do cover this all-important truth. I only wish to defer to look at *'another revelation'* held in this parasha. When this aspect *'comes to light'*, the wonderful *'prismic qualities of Torah'* will cause YHWH's *'Full Truth'* to begin to come into view. YHWH's *'unfathomable mind'* is so awesome. Yet, He *'allows us glimpses'* into those *'hidden treasures'* through the *'revelatory ministry'* of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. The nation of Yisrael is so much more than its accepted *'traditional Jewishness'* has allowed to be conveyed. As we are about to see, there is also within this nation a *'noticeably clear, inherent and inclusive non-Jewish element'*. The Truth of which has been skewed using the seemingly innocent term... *'Gentile'*. The inclusion of this one term has succeeded in the *'dumbing down'* of YHWH's most powerful intentions surrounding the existence of the nation of Yisrael. This Truth is contained here in our Torah portion! **WARNING! Seeing it WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING!**

We are living in a most wonderful time of restoration. YHWH is bringing back the *'divided house of Yisrael'* to be **ONE** people, under **ONE** King and **ONE** Shepherd. Most within the confines of orthodox religion, have no idea that the nation of Yisrael was divided into two separate *'houses'* over 2700 years ago! Yet, it is true. There is within the prophetic writings of Amos in the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures and the book of Ma'asim/Acts in the *'Messianic Writings'* ****[errantly referred to as the *'New Testament'*]** a *'prophetic promise'* concerning the *'divided house'* of Yisrael. It says the *'fallen tent of David's tabernacle will be raised up'*. It means, YHWH's *'holy nation of Yisrael'* which was *'divided and scattered'* after the death of David's son, Sh'lomo/Solomon, is to be **RE-GATHERED AND RESTORED**. Then, this restored *'Whole House of Yisrael'* will **WORSHIP YHWH ONCE AGAIN IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH! (Amos 9:11; Ma'asim/Acts 15:16)** This includes the **JEWISH HOUSE (YEHUDAH/JUDAH)** along with the **NON-JEWISH HOUSE** represented in Scripture as **THE HOUSE OF YOSEF-EPHRAIM**. Both Houses and their **COMPANIONS ARE IDENTIFIED AS YISRAEL!** ****[There are those individuals and even nations who are *'Scripturally classified as true Gentiles'*. This means, they have NO DIRECT GENETIC LINK OR HERITAGE WITH YISRAEL THROUGH THE *'PHYSICAL ZERA/SEED OF ABRAHAM'*. However, they may also be MADE A PART OF YISRAEL *'through their belief'* upon Yeshua HaMashiach as the *'Savior and Redeemer of Yisrael and the whole world'*]** The non-Jewish house of Yosef/Ephraim *'lost their identity'* due to their *'assimilation, first into Assyrian captivity'*, followed by their *'further historical scatterings among the nations'*. ****[Note- YHWH never lost them. He knew where they have been all along. The term *'lost'* identifies them and their relation to Yisrael]**

Today, *'Yehudah, the Jewish house of Yisrael'* has deemed these *'assimilated Yisraelites'* to *'wrongly be considered'* as **WHOLLY GENTILE**. This is because of their *'having been scattered among the nations'* of pagan, idolatrous and non-Torah observant peoples. Their children are referred to as *'strange'*. ****[This word in Hebrew is... זר [resh-waw/vav-tsade- read right to left]- *'zur'*... meaning among other things, *'strange'*, as in a *'harlot/prostitute'*. Thus, the *'product of these unions'* are seen by Yehudah/Judah as *'unclean'* to the Jewish mindset]** From this understanding, in light of the Torah, these *'succeeding generations'* are recognized by *'rabbinic authority'* as **COMPLETELY GENTILE** and therefore to be **COMPETELY REJECTED!** This can be confirmed by examining *'Tractate Yebamot 17A in the Jewish Traditional Writings of the Talmud/Oral Torah'*. (**Babylonian Talmud**) Further, in reference to a *'prophecy in the prophetic book of Obadyah/Obadiah'* in the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures, vs. 18.

The 'rabbinic commentary' makes this clear statement... **'ONLY** by the 'joining together' of the 'Jewish house/Yehudah with the house of Yosef' will the 'nation of Yisrael' **BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY DEFEAT THE MULTI-NATIONED ENTITY IDENTIFIED AS EDOM.** ****[End-Time multi-nationed composite under the control of the Anti-Mashiach, whose goal is the destruction of the nation of Yisrael and world domination]** However, this Yisraelite union of Yehudah/Judah and Yosef/Ephraim will deliver Yisrael **FROM THIS INTENDED ANNIHILATION!** **** (see Babylonian Talmud Tractate Baba Batra 123b)**

The Truth however is that these 'scattered peoples' from among the 'house of Yosef-Ephraim', the 'Northern house/kingdom', while not Jewish are regardless, **STILL CONSIDERED TO BE YISRAEL BY YHWH!** So, considering this, the rest of our time in this parasha will be spent examining the 'prophetic sign' provided for us by YHWH in His Torah of Yosef's/Joseph's future generations. A sign revealing how this **FUTURE** reunion of these 'Two-Houses' finds its root here in this very parasha!

A Hebraic Idiom

Hebraic idioms are statements used to 'posture prophetic scenarios' by contrasting actual 'historical happenings' with their 'future counterparts'. It is a very 'common method' of 'rabbinic/Hebraic teaching practice'. One of these idioms states:

Ma'aseh Avot siman le'vanim...
**** (Mah-ah-say Avote see-man lay-vaneem- phonetic pronunciation)**
The deeds of the fathers are signposts to the children

In other words, 'the things that happen to the fathers, will happen to the children'. What we are about to consider concerning Yosef/Joseph and his dealings with his brothers is just such a situation.

What Happened To Yosef?

We saw last week how that Yosef's/Joseph's brothers had concocted a plan to get rid of him. It is implemented by his brothers as a way to get around actually murdering him. They 'threw him' into a pit and then 'sold him' to a travelling band of Ishmaelite merchants. They then 'sold Yosef/Joseph as a bond-slave' into the house of one of Pharaoh's top men, Potiphar, the Captain of the Guard. This portion of the Torah covers Yosef's/Joseph's 'rise, fall and rise again', bringing us to our present parasha which still finds Yosef/Joseph in prison.

As we remember from last week, the same butler that forgot about Yosef/Joseph before 'suddenly remembers him'. He watches the unsuccessful attempts through Pharaoh's magicians and wise men to attempt to interpret the two dreams Pharaoh had. In the process, the butler 'remembers' Yosef/Joseph and how his ability to 'interpret dreams' resulted in his 'release from prison and being restored in service' in Pharaoh's house. He tells Pharaoh, and Yosef/Joseph is summoned to appear before the king of Mitzrayim/Egypt. Here is just as a note, this is Yosef's/Joseph's **THIRD TIME OF BEING STRIPPED.** Only this time... **HE STRIPS HIMSELF!** **** [Why? This shows that the 'sense of Yosef's/Joseph's fleshly esteem and strength' which was a 'natural part of his youth' had FINALLY BEEN TOUCHED. HE WILLINGLY STRIPPED HIMSELF in order to come to YHWH's next level in His 'eternal purpose'. The 'principle of**

the execution stake’ had reached its goal. This can also be seen in Yosef’s/Joseph’s words of humility. He *‘deferred credit’* for the ability to *‘interpret dreams’* from something within himself. He clearly gave *‘YHWH the glory’*. Yosef’s/Joseph’s ability to make YHWH’s purposes known to Pharaoh was not his. It belonged solely to YHWH]

Now, let us fast forward a little bit to the moment when Yosef’s/Joseph’s brothers have initially come into his presence for the first time. What happens?

“And Yosef RECOGNIZED his achim [*his brothers*], but they RECOGNIZED NOT HIM.”
(*B’resheet/Genesis 42:8 OJB- definitions/emphasis mine*)

Yosef’s/Joseph’s brothers, all except the youngest, Benyamin/Benjamin, came before him and prostrated themselves to him. We are told that Yosef/Joseph *‘immediately recognized them’*, but they had no idea who he was. Why? Well, we are told that first, he was older. He is now thirty years old. (41:46) This means that Yosef/Joseph at this point had been in Mitzrayim/Egypt for thirteen years. The number *‘thirteen in Hebraic understanding’* means... *‘love’*. It is the *‘love of YHWH’* that is bringing about the *‘restoration of Yosef/Joseph with his family’*. But, beyond this, he did not *‘look like’* a Hebrew anymore. (41:42) He had taken on the *‘appearance’* of a Mitzri/Egyptian. He did not speak Hebrew in the presence of his brothers. In fact, he used an interpreter to communicate. (42:23) So, his brothers were *‘completely in the dark’* as to his real identity. This brings us back to our Hebraic idiom we referred to earlier.

Ma’aseh Avot siman le’vanim...
The deeds of the fathers are signposts to the children

Through Yosef’s/Joseph’s *‘assimilation’* into the culture of Mitzrayim/Egypt he no longer could be identified with his *‘Hebraic identity’*. This is exactly what is destined to happen to the *‘ten tribes of the northern kingdom/house of Yisrael, the house of Yosef-Ephraim’* in the future. They will be *‘assimilated into the identity and culture’* of the multi-faceted nation of their Assyrian captors. As a result, they will *‘lose their Hebraic identity and connection to the nation of Yisrael’*. The loss of their *‘true Hebraic identity’* will continue for over 2730 years to the present. Now, today, YHWH’s promise through the writings of the nevi’im/prophets concerning the *‘awakening of the house of Yosef-Ephraim’* is happening. Millions within the *‘realm of the church of Christendom are suddenly realizing their forgotten identity and culture’*. All across the world people are realizing *‘who’* they really are. No, they are not a part of the *‘Jewish House of Yisrael’*. However, **THEY ARE STILL A PART OF YISRAEL!** They are a part of what the Scriptures prophetically term the *‘scattered, outcast, northern non-Jewish house of Yisrael’*. (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:12) *‘Yehudah, the Jewish house’*, has always been readily recognizable. Only now today, as the *‘repatriation process’* is taking place are those from the *‘non-Jewish house’* (Yosef/Ephraim) also becoming identifiable.

The History Of Yosef’s Future Generations

In the not too distant future of the two sons born to Yosef/Joseph while in Mitzrayim/Egypt, both will be *‘adopted’* by their grandfather Ya’akob/Jacob. Both boys were given an *‘inheritance as legally qualified family heirs’*. These two sons... M’nashe/Manasseh and Ephrayim/Ephraim were given their father’s (Yosef’s/Joseph’s) place among his other brothers. Thus, making up the *‘twelve tribes of Yisrael’*.

The *'future history'* of these *'twelve tribes'* is not good. Shlomo/Solomon, M'lekh/King David's son, *'succumbs to the worship of idols'* and to taking foreign wives. In turn, YHWH brings judgment upon Yisrael. The nation is *'divided into northern and southern houses and/or kingdoms'*. Yet, as an *'act of mercy'* because of his *'father, David'*, YHWH *'would not allow this judgment to occur'* during Shlomo's/Solomon's lifetime. Instead, it would come to pass *'during the time of his son, Rechab'am/Rehoboam'*. (**M'lekhim Aleph/1 Kings 11-12**)

Long story short, the elders from the *'tribes of northern Yisrael'*, who had served Sh'lomo/Solomon, Rechab'am's/Rehoboam's father, had come to him with a request. They asked him to stop the forced labor on the first Heikhal/Temple which had been started by his father. Now, that the Heikhal/Temple was finished, there was no more need for the forced labor to continue. Rechabam/Rehoboam went to receive counsel from his father's elders. They said it was a good thing. However, he also went to his own elders and explained the request. They disagreed and told him to increase the labors of the *'northern tribes'* so they would fear and continue to serve him. Therefore, Rechab'am/Rehoboam refused to *'honor the request of the northern elders'*. When they heard their request had been denied, they *'rebelled and split away from their southern counterpart'*. Yisrael was then *'divided into ten northern tribes'*, which retained the moniker as the *'house of Yisrael'* and also became known as the *'house of Yosef-Ephraim'*. The two *'southern tribes'* became known *'collectively'* as, the *'house of Yehudah/Judah'*. This is where the title *'Jewish or Jew'* comes from. Rechab'am/Rehoboam heard what had happened. He gathered all the men of Yehudah/Judah to go up and *'stop the rebellion of the northern tribes'*. In the process, he was met by a navi/prophet named *'Sh'mayah/Shemaiah'*. He brought a *'word from YHWH'*, telling Rechav'am/Rehoboam and his men **NOT TO GO UP AND FIGHT** with his brothers against the *'northern tribes'*. This was followed by a *'very curious statement'*.

"...for this thing is FROM ME. [YHWH]" (M'lekhim Aleph/1 Kings 12:24b OJB)

How could the *'division of Yisrael'* as a nation be of YHWH? Again, we see the *'Hebraic idiom'* we quoted above coming into play.

****For further insights into the division of the nation of Yisrael into *'two distinct houses and kingdoms'*, you may click on the following link. You will be taken to our article called *'Restoration 101: The Fundamental Principles of the Restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael'*-**

Restoration 101

The Northern Tribes Are Taken Captive By Assyria

After the split, the *'northern tribes of Yisrael began a downward spiral'* into paganism, idolatry and sexual uncleanness. Finally, YHWH had enough. He had sent the nevi'im/prophets to them over and over again. Yet, they *'refused to repent and return to the Ancient Paths of His Torah'*. Therefore, beginning around the year 740 BCE, the nation of Assyria began a *'multi-year campaign against the northern tribes'*. In basically *'three dispersions'*, the *'second'* being in 734 BCE, much of these tribes were taken into captivity into Assyria. However, many of those from the *'northern tribes'* went down to the *'southern house of Yehudah/Judah'* in order to escape being taken captive into Assyria. By 722 BCE the last dispersion was complete with the last of the *'northern Yisraelite rulers'* being removed.

Assyria itself was a 'composite' of the many nations which they had conquered. It was made up of 'many people groups with various customs and cultures, socio-economic and religious'. One of the ways Assyria used to 'break the spirit' of its captives was to 'assimilate' them into the 'many people groups' which made up their nation different than their own. In time, as these captives became 'assimilated', they would 'lose their national/cultural identity'. These 'northern Yisraelites' followed suit. After a few generations, they 'lost all appearance of their Yisraelite heritage and culture'. Interestingly, the name of Yosef's/Joseph's oldest son 'M'nashe/Manasseh' means, 'who makes to forget'. This is exactly what ended up happening to the 'northern tribes of the house of Yosef-Ephraim'! In time, they were 'made to forget' their Hebraic/Yisraelite identity.

Now, look at Yosef/Joseph. As we said above, he had 'lost all identity as a Hebrew'. In every way he resembled a 'Mitzri/Egyptian'. Even so, as the 'Hebraic idiom' we learned above states, Yosef's/Joseph's children too lost all their 'Hebraic identity' due to their 'captivity and assimilation into the Assyrian empire'. From this 'place of captivity', over time, these 'assimilated Yisraelites' began to migrate from Assyria into other nations. Thus, becoming scattered further and further as time marched on. We must always remember that YHWH is a 'covenant keeping Mighty One'. He had made a promise to Abraham concerning his 'multitudinous zera/physical seed' that they would find their way 'into ALL the nations of the earth'. We touched on this in our earlier Torah portion 'Lech L'cha'. (B'resheet/Genesis 12) Thus, Abraham and his progeny were given the 'blessing of multiplicity'. In Ya'akov's/Jacob's blessing of Ephraim, Yosef's/Joseph's second son, which he, by the 'sovereign choice' of YHWH, was made to assume the place of 'bechor/firstborn' despite Yosef's/Joseph's protests. Look at the words which describe the prophecy of Ephraim's descendants,

“But his father [Ya'akov/Jacob] refused and said, “I know, my son, I know; he [M'nashe/Manasseh] also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be GREATER THAN HE [M'nashe/Manasseh], AND HIS [Ephraim's] DESCENDANTS WILL BECOME A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS.”
(B'resheet/Genesis 48:19 NASB- (New America Standard Bible) *definitions/emphasis mine*)

The last part of the above statement is almost exactly 'the same wording' that YHWH gave to avinu/our father Abraham in His 'prophetic promise of multiplicity'...

“And Avram fell on his face; and Elohim [the Mighty One] talked with him, saying, As for Me, hinei [behold], My brit (covenant) is with thee, AND THOU SHALT BE AN AV [FATHER] OF MANY GOYIM [NATIONS].” (B'resheet/Genesis 17:3-4 OJB-
definitions/emphasis mine)

The 'House of Ephraim', which descends from their abba/father Yosef/Joseph, 'holds the key' to YHWH's fulfillment of 'multiplicity' promised to Abraham and his seed! The 'House of Yehudah/Judah, the Jewish part of Yisrael's equation of the Whole House', **CANNOT FULFILL THIS PART OF YHWH'S PROMISE ALONE**. Even today, you can count the Jewish people. There are some 15-16 million Jewish people in the world. However, 'through Ephraim and his scattering among the nations', **YHWH HAS BEEN SILENTLY FILLING THE WORLD WITH YISRAELITES FOR THESE PAST FEW THOUSAND YEARS!** Now, we can understand the meaning of YHWH's words through the navi/prophet, that the 'division of Yisrael' was **FROM HIM**. The 'division' would lead to Ephraim's 'scattering and their multiplicity'. (Ephraim means 'doubly blessed') These Yisraelites, like their ancestors who were first 'scattered, have lost and forgotten who they are'. However, like their abba Yosef/Joseph, they

can 'immediately recognize their Jewish brothers' despite the fact that their Jewish brethren can't 'recognize them'. In many cases, 'much of Ephraim' is to be found within what we know today as the 'organized church of Christendom'. They love the Mighty One of Yisrael but are ignorant of their 'probable Hebraic heritage'. They are still 'Torahless' and act that way. There is a 'great sense of contention' between these brothers. However, YHWH today is 'fulfilling a great promise' He made through Moshe in the Torah. Many people say that there is no prophecy in Torah. This statement could not be further from the Truth!

A Prophesied Great Awakening And Return Of Scattered Yisrael

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the berakhah [blessing] and the kelalah [curse], which I have set before thee, and thou shalt cause them to return to thy heart among kol HaGoyim [all The Nations], whither Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath driven thee,

And shalt return unto Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee today, thou and thy banim [sons], bekhool levavcha uvekhol nafshecha [with all your heart and with all your soul];

That then Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will bring you back from the golus [exile], and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from kol ha'amim [all of the peoples] whither Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath dispersed thee.

If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of Shomayim [heavens], from thence will Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] gather thee, and from thence will He bring thee back;

And Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will bring thee into ha'aretz [the land] which Avoteicha [your fathers] possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above Avoteicha [your Fathers]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 30:1-5 OJB-definitions mine)

Did you read this! There are 'two gatherings' spoken of here. YHWH promised that the 'day would come' when those of the 'scattered house of Yisrael' (**Yosef-Ephraim**) would 'return' to His Torah. They would 'come to their senses' among the nations where they had gone. They will 'begin to remember, turn and make teshuvah/repentance and return/come back to His Torah and pursue His commandments'. He will regather His 'scattered people'. (**The house of Yosef-Ephraim**) He will cause these 'regathered people from the scattering and golus/exile among the nations to return and possess The Land/Yisrael'. They, along with their brothers from the 'Jewish House', as promised to their avot/fathers. **BARUCH HASHEM YHWH!**

Now, some will say yes, but isn't 'Yehudah/Jewish house of Yisrael' found among the nations too? Yes, they are. In fact, it wasn't long after the 'northern House of Yisrael' went into captivity into Assyria, that the 'southern House' was taken captive too. The 'house of Yehudah/Judah' was taken into Babylon. (**Approximately 586 BCE**) They were there for almost seventy years. However, while they were there, they **NEVER** 'forgot' who they were. They were **NEVER** 'completely assimilated' into Babylonian culture. Even after Yisrael's worst defeat following the Bar Kokba rebellion against Rome (**mid-130 CE/AD**) the Jewish people suffered terribly. They were 'dispersed' among the nations. Yisrael, as a viable and recognized nation 'ceased to physically exist'. In spite of this, Jewish Yisrael **DID NOT** and **HAS NOT** 'lost their identity and culture'.

Only the 'house of Yosef-Ephraim' fits that description. In fact, in the writings of the navi/prophet Yeshayahu/Isaiah, there are 'two different words' used to describe those from these 'Two Houses of Yisrael'. We have cited them earlier, but here is the quote again below.

“And in Yom HaHu [That Day] there shall be a Shoresh Yishai [Root of Jesse], which shall stand for a nes (banner) for the peoples; to Him [Moshiach] will the Goyim [Nations] seek; and His menucha (resting place) shall be kavod [glorious].

And it shall come to pass in Yom HaHu [That Day], that Adonoi [YHWH] shall set His yad [hand] again THE SECOND TIME to recover the She'ar (Remnant) of His people, which shall be left [as survivors], from Assyria, and from Mitzrayim [Egypt], and from Patros, and from Kush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Chamat, and from the islands of the sea.

And He shall raise up a nes [a banner, i.e., send a signal] for the Goyim [nations], and shall assemble the OUTCASTS of Yisroel, and gather together the DISPERSED of Yehudah [Judah] from the four corners of ha'aretz [the land].” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:10-12 OJB-emphasis/definitions mine)

Notice, in the last verse of the above passage the 'emphasized words'. This is how YHWH describes those from each of the 'Two Houses' who have been 'scattered or dispersed into all the nations'. Those of the 'House of Yosef-Ephraim' are said to be **OUTCASTS**. This perfectly describes those of the 'northern kingdom/house' because they were 'assimilated first' into Assyria and then into 'all the nations'. As a result, they 'lost both their cultural and national heritage' as Yisraelites. The 'house of Yehudah/Judah' on the other hand, while having been 'also scattered are identified as the dispersed of Yehudah/Judah.' Why? Because while they too were forced out of the Land of Yisrael, they managed to 'retain their cultural/national identity'.

Today, many rabbis, especially in The Land of Yisrael and also among the Chassidim/Ultra Jewish Orthodox 'know and believe in the return of Ephraim', both to the Mighty One of Yisrael and to The Land itself. While they will not discuss the possibility of the 'Jesus of the church of Christendom being the true Messiah of Yisrael', they do believe that whoever comes and is able to re-gather all of Yisrael back to The Land will be the 'chosen Mashiach/Messiah'. **JUST LIKE YOSEF/JOSEPH WAS ABLE TO BRING HIS FAMILY TOGETHER, SO THE TRUE MASHIACH/MESSIAH OF YHWH WILL TOO!**

“And now, saith Hashem [YHWH] My Yotzer [the One/Creator who forms] from the beten [womb] to be Eved [Servant] of Him, to bring back Ya'akov [Jacob] to Him, so that Yisroel would be gathered to Him; so shall I [Moshiach] be honored in the eyes of Hashem [YHWH], and Elohai [my Mighty One] shall be My oz (strength).

And He said, It is too small a thing that Thou [Mashiach] shouldest be Eved [Servant] to Me to raise up the Shivtei Ya'akov [Tribes of Jacob], and to bring back the Netzurei Yisroel (Preserved of Israel, the She'erit [remainder]); I will also give Thee for Ohr Goyim [a light to the Nations], that Thou mayest be My Yeshuah (Salvation) unto the ketzeh ha'aretz [end of the earth].” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 49:5-6 OJB- definitions mine)

The Judgment On Ephraim Is Lifted

It is very interesting under the insight given by YHWH through His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness you can begin to see into YHWH's 'prophetic timeline'. In the book of Yechezk'el/Ezekiel we are told that YHWH has 'called a judgment' to be placed upon the

'northern house of Yisrael'. One year for every day of their iniquity/torahlessness, for a total of 390 years.

“Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the avon Bais Yisroel [iniquity/torahlessness of the House of Yisrael] upon it; according to the mispar [number] of the yamim [days] that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their avon [iniquity/torahlessness].

For I have laid upon thee the shanim [years] of their avon (iniquity/torahlessness), according to the mispar (number) of the yamim [days], three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the avon Bais Yisroel [iniquity/torahlessness of the House of Yisrael].” (Yechezk’el /Ezekiel 4:4-5 OJB- definitions mine)

Now, YHWH has also established in the Torah, that if Yisrael ‘fails to make teshuvah/repentance and return to Him’ when they are disciplined, He will ‘multiply their judgment by seven’.

“And if ye will not be corrected by Me, but will walk keri (contrary, hostile) unto Me, Then will I also walk b’keri (contrary, hostile) unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your chattot [sins].” (Wayikra/Leviticus 26:23-24 OJB- definitions mine)

If you take 390 and multiply it by 7, you get 2730 years. If you take the time when Ephraim was taken captive into Assyria, depending on which date you use (**734 BCE the start of Assyria’s second major campaign or 722 BCE the end**) you will come up with a date on our Gregorian calendar of sometime in the mid 1990’s or as late as the year 2008! So, what we are seeing is, YHWH in the mid-1990’s began to ‘open the eyes of scattered Ephraim’. Many within the ‘church system of Christendom’ who had been studying Hebraic roots for years, some since the 1980’s, began to realize not only did their ‘faith have a Hebraic root’, but **THEY HAD ONE TOO!**

Much of Ephraim ‘who has been asleep’ within the walls of the ‘church of Christendom’ **BEGAN TO WAKE UP!** Suddenly, the desire to ‘return to Torah’ burned in their hearts. They began to leave the ‘paganized ways of the modern church of Christendom’ and return to a ‘true Hebraic worship’ of YHWH as their Mighty One. They began to ‘learn about and keep the Mo’edim/Appointed Times and Chagim/Feasts of YHWH’. He gave these ‘celebrations to the Whole House of Yisrael’ not just to the ‘Jewish House’. They began to allow the ‘Ruach HaKodesh/YHWH’s Spirit of Holiness’ to place the ‘Jesus’ they had believed upon according to the ‘church of Christendom’s view’, **BACK INTO HIS PROPER JEWISH/HEBRAIC SETTING.** In turn, they realized that Adon/Lord Yeshua **NEVER** taught that the Torah had ‘passed away’ or that Yisrael, as YHWH’s ‘chosen nation’, had been ‘replaced’ by another entity known as ‘church’. They learned that the Mighty One of Yisrael has a Name and that the ‘true Name’ of His Son is ‘Yeshua’, not the Anglicized name of ‘Jesus’. The promise YHWH made to Abraham is suddenly becoming more of a viable reality. There’s still a lot of work to be done before the ‘Two Houses’ can be made **ONE** again, but that’s something YHWH will work out in His infinite wisdom. **THE FACT THAT IT’S EVEN HAPPENING IS A MIRACLE IN ITSELF.** You can read more about this ‘prophesied reunion’ in the book of Yechezk’el/Ezekiel chapter 37.

We don’t have time to go into all that surrounds this great ‘Hebraic restoration’. We will touch more on this in our next parasha, as Yosef/Joseph ‘reveals himself’ to his brothers and his abba/father Ya’akob/Jacob. Hopefully, we have been able to present enough of this wonderful ‘restoration truth’ hidden within the pages of our Torah portion. It will encourage those who know the reality of this ‘prophetic call’ to keep reaching out with expectancy to YHWH for the fullness

of His promise to be realized. Also, for those who may have just encountered this 'revelation' for the first time, may it cause a 'fire to be kindled' in your heart to discover **ALL** that YHWH has for you. May YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness awaken you to your 'possible' true 'Hebraic identity and to begin taking your place' in this last day restoration. The hour is critical. **TODAY IS THE DAY AND NOW IS THE TIME!** Let YHWH, by His HaRuach HaKodesh/Spirit of His Holiness, shine His light into your heart and reveal the place He has for you in His restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael. **THE TABERNACLE/TENT OF DAVID IS BEING RAISED UP AND RESTORED! (Amos 9:11)** This will bring about the greatest event known to all of mankind: **THE RETURN OF OUR BLESSED ADON/LORD YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH. M'LEKH HAM'LEKHIM, ADON V'ADONIM- THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS! AMEIN.**

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

*Chazak u'Baruch...
Strength and Blessing!*

Parasha 10: Miketz/At The End