

## **Eretz Israel, only the first installment of a two stage prophecy**

Early in the last century an astonished world witnessed a great miracle . After some 2700 years the Jewish people returned to their historical land and became the Nation of Israel. The tribe of Judah first came in small numbers, then in a great volume after the year 1950 and now more than six million Jews prosper in a very modern Israel, speak their own Hebrew language and defend themselves with one of the world's most powerful armies. Those who believed in the witness of Scripture knew that a major prophecy had been fulfilled.

Few people, then or now, understood that this was only the first installment of a two stage prophecy. For just as the Scriptures foretold the return of Judah to her ancient land, the Scriptures also foretell that the other tribes of Israel will return. The other tribes are those from the northern kingdom after the time of Solomon that YHWH scattered among the nations because of their idolatry. Called "Ephraim" in the Scriptures, the ten northern tribes will return in such vast numbers, that they will greatly out populate Judah and will require far more space than what is needed by the Jews. Ephrayim will then inhabit Galilee, what is now Syria and Lebanon, and the vast area east of the Jordan from the Euphrates to the Nile. Today we are in the early stages of the prophetic fulfillment of Ephraim's return to her ancient land.

Ephraim's return will do much more that astonish the world. The defining characteristic of the returning Ephraimites will be their zeal for the Torah and the Laws of Moses. Yahweh Himself is going to pour out His Spirit upon them and they will keep His commandments with all their heart and all their mind. Ephraim's obedience to the Torah will be without compunction or any misguided attempts to be righteous. Their righteousness will be in Yahweh, and they will love His Sabbath's, His sacred festivals and all His right rulings in the power of Yahweh's Spirit. They, together with Judah, will be a holy nation and a people set apart as a light to the nations. The world will be in awe and everyone will recognize and openly acknowledge that this great nation is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Perhaps a little human imagination can be helpful. Can you not imagine millions upon million of Israelites all keeping the seventh day Sabbath holy? Can you imagine a time of unprecedented agricultural renewal? Can you imagine unbounded physical health with the healing of the blind and the lame? World peace for a thousand years? The nations bringing their wealth to Jerusalem? Can you imagine Messiah sitting on the throne of David and the righteous dead being raised to serve as kings and priests in His kingdom? For this is the kingdom of heaven that Master Yeshua announced and preached about almost two thousand years ago. Can you believe?

Perhaps, just as Judah returned, Ephraim's return to Israel will begin as a trickle and then escalate into great masses. Perhaps they will even be forced to return as some Scriptures indicate. Ephraim will return just as the prophets have said.

But the important question is how you will respond to your calling? Will you be able to utterly reject the idolatrous church system that believes it has replaced Israel as Yahweh's chosen people and teaches so wickedly that the Law has been nailed to the cross? Or will you truly seek Yahweh who knows your heart and is able to grant repentance? Will you be one of those who knows that you are Ephraimite and where you belong? Will you be returning to the land of your inheritance with your innumerable brethren to serve Elohim and to be a light to the world?

We live in an unbelieving world. Those who call themselves Christians and believe that they are saved, think that they are going to heaven when they die or will be raptured out of this world. Few today truly believe that Yahweh's salvation will be here on this earth. And when it comes, many will say, "[Master, did we not preach in your name and cast out demons in your name?](#)" [Then the Master will answer them, "Depart from Me you Lawless ones."](#) As the apostle John wrote, "[If we say that we love Him and do not keep His commandments then we are liars and the truth is not in us.](#)" The time of testing is already here and so soon will be the time of the revealing of the sons of Elohim. Those who keep the commandments and their faith in Yeshua will enter into His kingdom. [Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.](#)

Shalom