



Ancient Israel

A Picture of the Kingdom of God

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the Kingdom of God

- “kingdom of God” mentioned 52 times in the Gospels
- “kingdom of God” mentioned 68 times in NT
- According to David:
 - **Psalm 103:18-19** ¹⁸ To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. ¹⁹ **The LORD has prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.**
 - **Psalm 145:10-13** ¹⁰ All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. ¹¹ **They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,** And talk of Your power, ¹² To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And **the glorious majesty of His kingdom.** ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,** And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.



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Matthew 6:33 ³³ *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

The Disciples Had the Vision



Jeremiah 33:7 ⁷ *'And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first.*

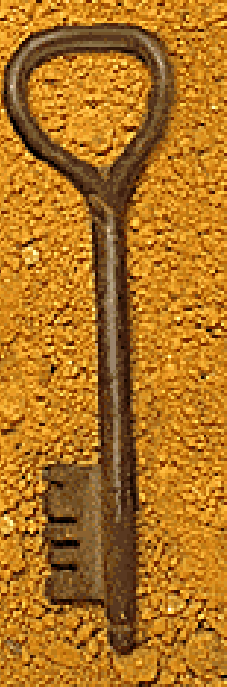
Luke 24:21 ²¹ *"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.*

The Disciples Had the Vision

Acts 1:6 ⁶ *Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"*



Kingdom Truth Hidden

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- ◆ We have not been given the truth
 - *NAS **Jeremiah 16:19** O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge in the day of distress, To Thee the nations will come From the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, Futility and things of no profit."*
 - ◆ God removes blindness
 - *NKJ **Mark 4:11** And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,*
 - ◆ The truth is beginning to be understood
 - *NKJ **Daniel 12:4** "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall increase.**"*



Correcting the Current Dogma

- ◆ The difference between Jews and Israel
- ◆ Israel was not an insignificant player in secular world history
- ◆ Israel will again play a major role in shaping world affairs

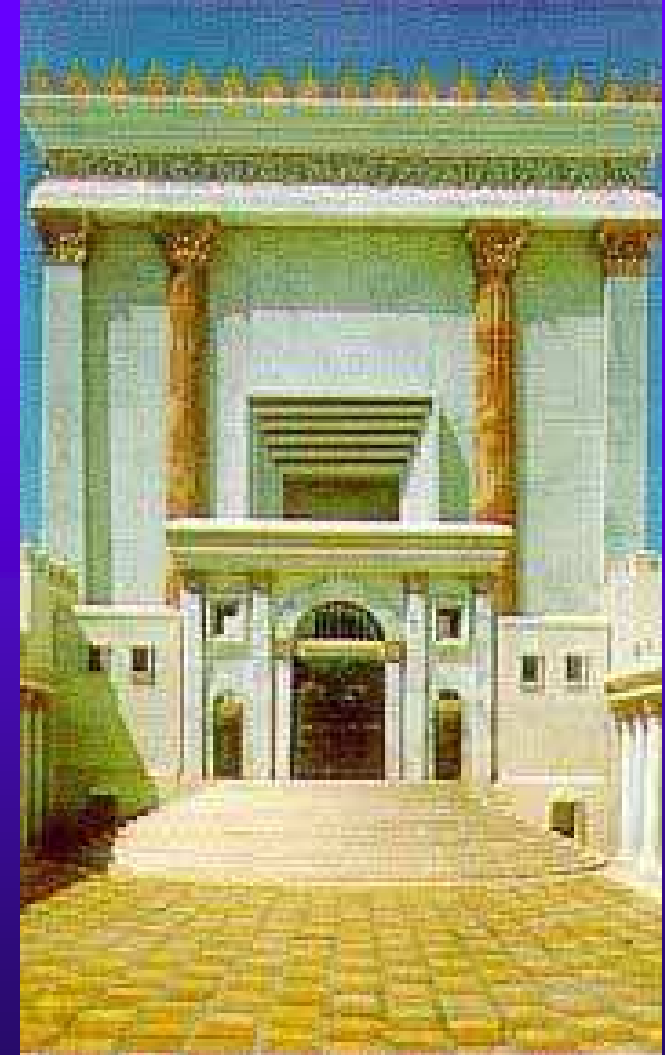


Israel – a Witness

- ◆ **Isaiah 41:21-22** ²¹ "Present your case," says the LORD. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the King of Jacob. ²² "Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; **Let them show the former things, what they were, That we may consider them, And know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come.**
- ◆ **Ecclesiastes 1:9-10** ⁹ That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this *is* new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

the Glory Years

- ◆ A United Kingdom
- ◆ Peace
- ◆ Wealth
- ◆ Happiness
- ◆ Fulfilling Their Purpose
- ◆ God in Their Midst



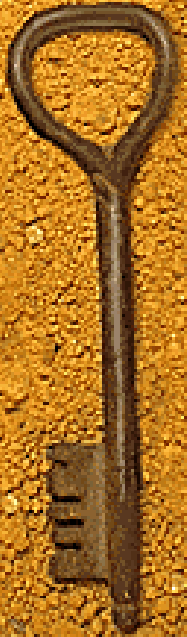


Israel and Judah Together

- ◆ Prior to David dynasty, Israel was a divided nation (2 Sam. 2:8). There were wars between Israel and Judah (2 Sam. 2:12; 3:1)
- ◆ 7 ½ years into David's reign, he became King over both Judah and Israel (2 Sam. 5:1-3)
- ◆ When Solomon became King, the kingdom was “firmly established” (1 Kings 2:12; 1 Kings 4:1)
- ◆ Today, Israel is again a divided nation.

Peace

- ◆ Solomon controlled all the land promised to Abraham and confirmed in the covenant God made with Israel (1 Kings 4:21; Gen. 15:18; Deut. 28:1-14)
- ◆ Solomon was left with a strong military – Over 1 ½ million men strong!
- ◆ Solomon's alliance with the Phoenicians gave him control over the world's oceans (1 Kings 5:1)





A Word About Phoenicia

- ◆ Rose to greatness 1000 BC
- ◆ Vast maritime empire
- ◆ Major cities were Tyre and Sidon
- ◆ Located just north of Israel
- ◆ Only 10 – 15 miles wide

Wealth

- ◆ Solomon asked for the wisdom to righteously govern God's Kingdom
- ◆ Riches and Honor were given to him
- ◆ Gold became as common as stones
- ◆ Silver was so common it was considered to have no value.
- ◆ The combined wealth of Israel and its holdings may have been greater than that of the USA!



Happiness

- ◆ The people's happiness exceeded the expectations of visiting dignitaries. (2 Chronicles 9:3-7)
- ◆ The people had confidence in their king and his judgements (1 Kings 3:28)



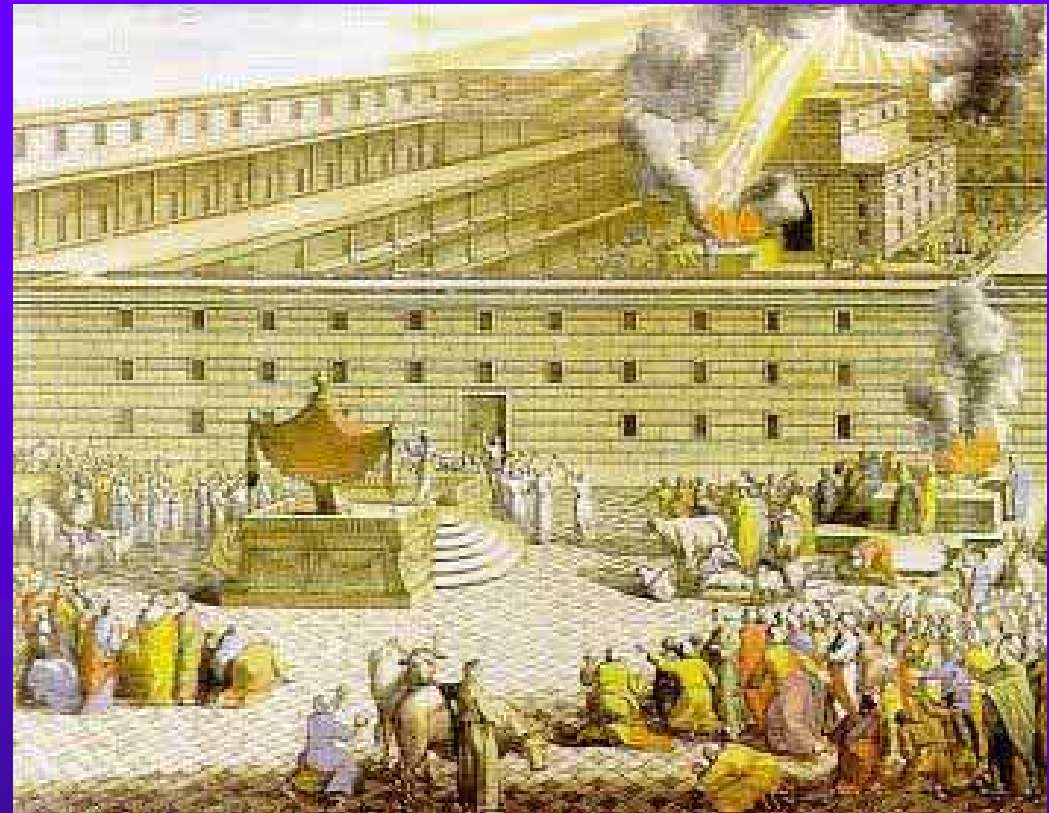


Fulfilling Israel's Purpose

- ◆ YHWH's glory was being acknowledged by the world's kings (1 Kings 5:7)
- ◆ The world was coming to hear Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 10:23-24)
- ◆ The knowledge of God's glory would spread abroad (1 Kings 8:41)
- ◆ Israel had the opportunity to teach God's ways to the nations (1 Kings 10:25)

YHVH in Their Midst

- ◆ He would dwell among them
- ◆ God's glory filled the Temple





The Conclusion of the Matter

- ◆ God has given us a picture of His Millennial reign on earth
- ◆ God will again restore His Kingdom – uniting all the tribes of Israel
 - **Amos 9:11-15** ¹¹ " On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down . . . ¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of My people Israel . . (and) ¹⁵ I will plant them in their land . . .
- ◆ God's greatness is exhibited in the prophecies of Israel

Final Note

- ◆ Due to His failure to follow God alone Israel's greatness waned
 - Solomon lost his prestige among the nations
 - Solomon lost the confidence of the people
 - Taxation was initiated
 - The people turned from God



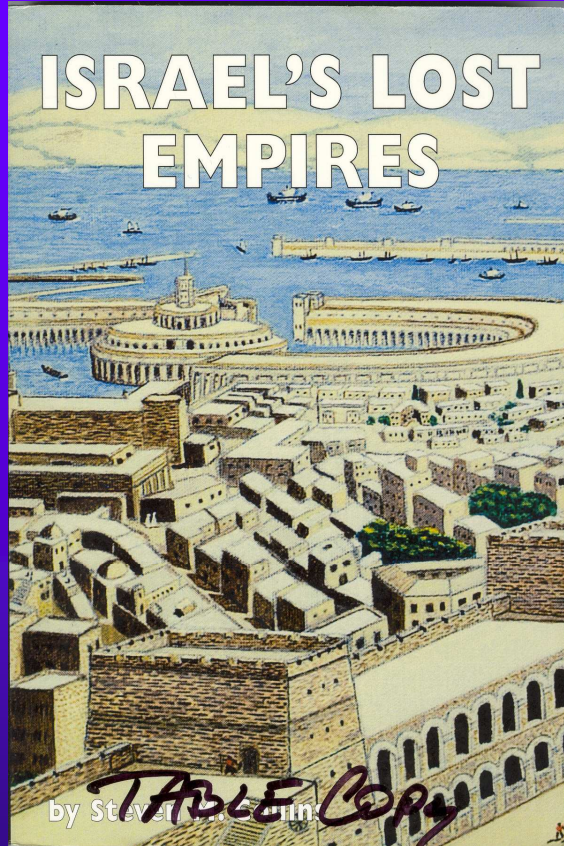
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The "Lost" Ten Tribes of Israel...Found!



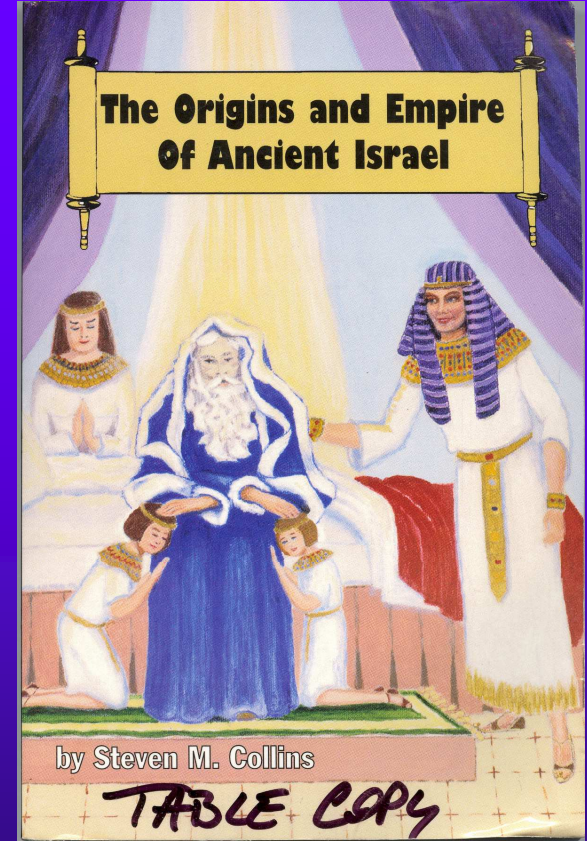
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