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## Beginning---

*the strangest story ever told,*

# The TRUTH about Israel

### CHAPTER I

**I**T is commonly supposed, to day, that the Jews are the House of ISRAEL. But that is not true!

It is commonly believed today, that Jesus "came unto His own, and His own received Him not," and that He then said, "Lo, I turn to the Gentiles." Neither is this true.

The real truth about Israel is not generally known. No text in the Bible says Jesus, during His earthly ministry, ever turned to the Gentiles! Quite the contrary.

Then what is the TRUTH? It is more amazing than any fiction! It is as plain as A B C, in the Bible. Yet there is no story of fiction as strange, as absorbing, so packed with fascinating interest and suspense, as this story of ISRAEL, simply and plainly interwoven thru the pages of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It is a story replete with thrills. And the strangest thing about it is that it IS strange to us! Why have we not known and understood this plain, simple, Bible truth?

What does the Bible say? It says, plainly enough in John 1:11: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." But the next verse

**T**he Prophecies of the Bible have been palpably misunderstood. And no wonder.

WHO are "ISRAEL" today? Some say "The Jews." Some say "The Church." Some say the American Indian, and others say something else.

Here is the most fascinating story ever told. Whatever ideas you have had, put them in abeyance for a while, and let us study the TRUTH of the BIBLE!

Whether skeptic or Spirit-filled Christian, you will find in this series of articles an amazing TRUTH, long hidden. It is a veritable KEY that will unlock the doors to a new and clear UNDERSTANDING of the Bible, especially the PROPHECIES!

And it will open the flood-gates to a joyous! new experience—an open channel to TRUTH—which will bring rejoicing to the soul! Here, we feel sure, you will find the strangest, most fascinating, interesting story you ever read. It leads to an astounding SURPRISE! You won't want to miss a single instalment.

does not say, as we have supposed, that He turned then to the Gentiles. It says: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name."

It was the Apostle Paul, years later,

who said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles," (Acts 13:46). Paul was a special apostle set apart to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles.

It is true that when the Jews rejected Jesus, He turned to another people. And therein lies the greatest mystery of this time. This people was **NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE!**

To whom, then did He turn? He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel!" (Mat. 15:24). But, we ask, are not the Jews the House of Israel? The Jews themselves claim they are; We have always supposed they were. But let us look at a few plain scriptures,

### HOUSE OF ISRAEL NOT JEWS!

We turn, for instance, to a text such as Jeremiah 31:31, where it says: "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." And we suppose that the Almighty who inspired this scripture was merely wasting words in an unnecessary repetition, saying, in effect, "I will make a new covenant with the Jews, and with the Jews." We have carelessly assumed that the two terms "House of ISRAEL" and "House of JUDAH" are merely two different phrases to ex-

press one and the same thing. But let us see.

Notice another scripture, Hosea 1:6-7: "I will no more have mercy upon the House of ISRAEL; but I will utterly take them away. But I will have mercy upon the House of JUDAH, and will save them by the Lord their God."

Notice, again, the 4th chapter and 15th verse of Hosea: "Though thou, ISRAEL, play the harlot, yet let not JUDAH offend." And again: "The backsliding ISRAEL hath justified herself more than treacherous JUDAH." (Jer. 3:11).

Turn to, and read of your own Bible, Ezekiel 37:15-22. The prophet is told to take two sticks in his hands. He is told to write on one the name of JUDAH and on the other the name HOUSE OF ISRAEL. Then he is told to join them together into one stick. The explanation, beginning verse 18, is that, at the time of the Second Coming of Christ, the time when He sets His hand again the SECOND time to gather the remnant of his people (Isa. 11:11. He will make of the TWO NATIONS, one called "House of Judah," and the other called "House of ISRAEL," once more ONE NATION. And it distinctly says, in verse 22: "They shall be no more TWO NATIONS, neither shall they be divided into TWO KINGDOMS any more. . . at all." They are, today, ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, SEPARATE NATIONS. There are no redundant repetitions in God's Word! When the Bible says "Israel and Judah," it speaks of two different nations altogether—one called ISRAEL, the other called JUDAH.

Those people who constitute the HOUSE OF ISRAEL are not Jews! They never were Jews! They do not LOOK like Jews. The "show of their countenance" witnesses against the Jew, JUDAH—not against Israel. See Isaiah 3:1, 8-9, and observe this passage is referring to JUDAH, and not to ISRAEL! The twelve tribes of the Children of Israel were divided into TWO DIFFERENT NATIONS. This we shall show by the scriptures in a later chapter.

But Jesus was of Judah. When Jesus came unto His own, He came unto JUDAH. The word "Jew" is only a nick-name for "Judah". But Judah the Jews, Jesus' own nation, received Him not. They rejected Him. And then to whom did He turn?

#### TO WHOM DID JESUS TURN?

He plainly said, that He turned to the LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. Not Judah, not the Jews—ISRAEL! A different people and na-

tion altogether.

Today Israel is often spoken of as "The Lost Ten Tribes." For they included TEN of the original twelve tribes. Jesus' parable in Luke 19:11-27, picturing Himself as the nobleman who went to the far country, Heaven, to get for Himself a kingdom and to RETURN, illustrates this truth. Verse 14 shows He had citizens—the Jews, His own to whom He came, and who, as this verse says, rejected Him. Verse 18 shows to whom He turned—TO HIS TEN SERVANTS—symbolizing the TEN TRIBES—THE LOST TEN TRIBES—the LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL!

We would know, too, that Jesus, naturally commanded His disciples to go to the people to whom He turned after His own, the Jews rejected Him. And so He did. Notice His commission to His twelve: "And when He had called unto His twelve—these twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." (Mat 10:1,5-6).

Instead of turning to the Gentiles, Jesus commanded them, "Go Not" to the Gentiles. Judah had rejected Him! He sent them to the LOST TEN TRIBES—the LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, who lived in the time of Christ, and into the war of 70 A. D., when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and drove out the Jews into every nation on earth, writes that in his day the Ten Tribes of the House of ISRAEL were all beyond the Euphrates, and had migrated far beyond the bounds of the Roman Empire. (Antiq., Book XI, Ch. 5, Sec. 2). He said their language had changed, (Antiq XII, 2, 1), and only the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin, constituting the House of Judah, were in his day under dominion of the Romans. (Antiq. XI, 5-2.)

Israel is called "LOST SHEEP." Yes, doubly lost! Lost in identity, supposed to be Gentiles! Lost spiritually, and in need of salvation!

#### WHAT HAPPENED TO PETER?

The original apostles obeyed the commission. For more than ten years Peter and the others labored around Palestine, endeavoring first to reach the Jews, Christ's own, to whom He had come. But the Jews had rejected their Messiah, and Peter and his fellow evangelists could do little. Then Peter was sent of God, first, to open up salvation to Gentiles direct by his

visit to the house of Cornelius, (Acts 10.) And then Peter and the others DID GO TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL—the Lost Ten Tribes—clear beyond the bounds of the Roman Empire.

And thus it is, that from the time Peter visited the house of Cornelius he and his brethren evangelists drop out of sight as though the earth had suddenly swallowed them! God had ordained that the House of Israel was to be LOST in IDENTITY—as we shall later see. Peter's whereabouts, therefore, could not be revealed. That is why, from the 12th chapter of Acts and on, we read altogether about Paul and the young evangelists he was training and sending out in the work among the Gentiles. Peter had obeyed the Lord's commission. He had gone to that strange land to which had migrated the LOST sheep of THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL! And thus it occurred, as Jeremiah had prophesied: "Thus saith the Lord, 'The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even ISRAEL.'" This could not apply to the Jews.

But what of the ministers and evangelists since Peter's time? Have they obeyed our Lord's commission to search out, to seek and FIND the LOST House of Israel, and to carry the Gospel to them? This commission applies to the entire ministry of the Church dispensation, because in His final commission to His disciples, regarding the New Testament ministry, Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Mat. 28:19-20). He had commanded them, "Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

But have the ministers and evangelists sought out the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel? Have they located them, and carried the Gospel to them?

#### THE TIME HAS COME TO FIND THEM

The prophet Ezekiel foretold their negligence in this commission.

"Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? . . . The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye sought that which was lost . . . My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock (the LOST sheep of the

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### A HEART TO HEART TALK WITH THE EDITOR

As this issue goes to press, Europe is on the brink of war. We do not believe a general European war will come—yet. But a mere incident may now plunge the whole world suddenly into war.

We SEE the prophecies being fulfilled, day by day. These events are REAL! The DAY OF THE LORD, with its horrible PLAGUES, is almost upon us! But the fact that so burdens us—frightens us—is the drowsy unconcern of the average professing Christian! Spiritually ASLEEP!

My dear friends and brethren, does it mean more to you than mere interesting reading? Do you realize fully that YOU, yourself, must DO SOMETHING? Unless we are READY, it will come on us as a snare! The prophecies are God's WARNING to us!

"Watch ye, therefore," Jesus warned, "and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36)

Many, many a professing Christian, carelessly drifting spiritually, will receive the surprise of his life, when the PLAGUES begin to fall on him!

"Let us not sleep, as do others, but let us WATCH, and be sober . . . Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:6,17).

"It is now high time to AWAKE out of sleep." (Rom. 13:11).

Perhaps YOU need to go to some secret place for a QUIET TIME, alone with God—to EXAMINE YOURSELF whether you are as close to the Lord as you suppose. Perhaps you need a few days of FASTING and prayer—to search, out, confess, and root out some secret hidden sin, or something you have refused to surrender! Perhaps you need to get the world out, and the Holy Spirit in. It may not be EASY! It may take hours—days—of fasting, supplication, rending your heart, confessing your sins. Read Joel 2:12-18, and Deut. 4:29, 30, both prophetic instruction for OUR day!

And surely all who are awake to the SERIOUSNESS of this time, will be filled, too, with a compassionate burden that OTHERS may be warned, and will do all possible, even at great sacrifice, to HELP spread the warning message. The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are FEW. I need fellow-laborers to help with their means. Let us put our united efforts into the work of the Lord with new and burning zeal. God's Message MUST GO FORTH!

#### HOW THE PLAIN TRUTH IS PUBLISHED

Some ask, "How can you publish a magazine without a subscription price and without advertising?"

We have set out to conduct this work GOD'S WAY, and we have faith that way will succeed.

We are endeavoring to spread the TRUE GOSPEL, and the Gospel must go FREE! Jesus said "FREELY ye have received, freely GIVE!" The things of God are "without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1).

God's PLAN for financing His work is thru the TITHES and free-will OFFERINGS of His children. We believe God expects every Christian to take active part in spreading the Gospel to others. And we know of no place where your tithes and offerings can more effectively serve the Lord than in helping publish The PLAIN TRUTH, and to carry on The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, reaching a hundred thousand souls every week.

The PLAIN TRUTH is FREE! You give your offering or tithes as UNTO THE LORD. We receive it as FROM THE LORD! It does not pay for YOUR subscription—and it is YOUR PART in spreading the true Gospel to OTHERS! This work is conducted on God's principle of "GIVE", not the Gentile principle of "GET."

Every dollar to carry on this great work must come by FAITH in answer to believing prayer. There is a plenteous harvest, but the laborers are SO few! We ask every believer to PRAY with us, that the Lord will send forth MORE LABORERS into His vineyard, helping with tithes and offerings, that every bill may be paid!

## What is Modern Science?

"Science" is a mystic word that frightens many people. Without realizing it is superstition, there is a tendency aboard to accept whatever "Science" says as TRUE. Indeed, to question any statement of "Science" would express unthinkable ignorance. Thus to many people, "Science" becomes a god. They regard it with awe. They accept its pronouncements without question. And yet the errors and discarded hypotheses of "Science" form one of the greatest comic chronicles of history!

The Bible says to "PROVE ALL THINGS." Too many "scientific" teachings are mere theories, totally unproved. Let us use due caution in accepting them.

#### The TRUTH About ISRAEL

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House of Israel) was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them . . . thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand . . . Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out . . . I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away." (Ezek. 34: 1-16).

The time when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout; when He shall set His hand again the SECOND time to recover the remnant of His people; when He shall once more reveal the identity and disclose the whereabouts of the true ISRAEL, is drawing very near. The Times allotted to the Gentiles for supremacy on the earth is over. These Times ended completely with the ending of the summer of 1936, Israel was to be BLINDED until the ending of the Gentile Times (Rom. 11:7-8, 25-26).

The time has come for the blindness to be removed! The time has come when we can locate LOST ISRAEL. It is the most fascinating, the most absorbing, the most interesting story ever written—stranger, indeed, than fiction. In the installments which follow we shall unfold the story, from Genesis to Revelation, in its simplicity, beauty, and truth. WHO, and WHERE, is ISRAEL TODAY?

(To Be Continued)

# The TRUTH about Israel

## CHAPTER II

### GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

**B**EFORE the days of Moses there was no nation known as God's particular nation. Prior to Moses there was no written Word of God—no inspired Scriptures—no Bible! ! !

God had communicated, previously, thru certain favored patriarchs who headed vast families. But after the Flood, as the repopulation of the earth multiplied rapidly into nations, God needed a broader agency thru which to communicate and deal with mankind.

Once again man had turned, as he had done before the flood, solely to his OWN way and devices. Once more the human race began to walk contrary to God's way, as He had commanded in His Law. Once again sin ran rampant, and man began to lose all personal knowledge of God. The nations turned to the worship of idols.

So God selected one man, Abram, who was upright and willing, and called him out of his idolatrous environment—away from his kindred and people—into another land. And there God appeared to him and made with him an unconditional, unbreakable COVENANT. This covenant was the foundation of the nation Israel. It is the basis of the NEW Covenant, thru which we may inherit eternal life. In a sense, it was the pivot upon which God's whole Plan of redemption swings. It made Abraham the fleshly FATHER of all of God's people.

#### THE PURPOSE OF ISRAEL

Israel, God's nation, began with ONE MAN. And of this particular nation, God said: "This people have I created for myself; they shall show forth my praise." (Isa. 43:21. Also he said to them, "Ye are my WITNESSES saith the Lord that I am God." (Isa. 43:12) Again, "I will sanctify my great name...and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified IN YOU before their eyes." (Zech. 13:23).

So, aside from selecting a specially-prepared and sanctified line thru which Jesus was to be born, God's purpose in establishing this literal national race was to have on earth a people who should show forth His praise, thru whom the heathen could be led to God. Israel was formed to become a national custodian for a revelation of God's will to man—a nation thru whose prophets He could communicate—a national agency for the PRESERVATION of His written Word, and thru whom it should be carried to the World. A national agency for the propagation of the true knowledge and worship of the true God.

God always begins things, thru human agencies, in a small way and cause, them to grow great. So this nation was started with ONE surrendering man.

In the 12th chapter of Genesis, beginning the first verse, we read: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and will curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 12:1-3).

#### THE TWO-FOLD PROMISES

Notice particularly that the promises to Abraham are TWO-FOLD. First, God gave him a fleshly, racial promise. His flesh-and-blood descendants were to grow into a GREAT NATION. This promise was of RACE, multiplicity of seed. Second, God gave him the spiritual promise upon which rests our hope of salvation. In him, thru HIS DESCENDANT, CHRIST were all nations of earth including Gentiles, to be blessed.

How have ever seen it, but God has always concerned Himself, in dealing with His earthly children, with two phases, fleshly and spiritual. Too often literal material things in the Bible are spiritualized, and often a fleshly substitute is accepted for the true spiritual. It is important, vitally important, that we understand and properly distinguish. Since we are now JEWISH, but may, through the Gospel, become SPIRIT (I Cor. 15:42-53), God is naturally concerned, both with the fleshly and with the spiritual. This knowledge is a VITAL KEY to an understanding of God's Word!

And so let us at the outset distinguish clearly the TWO-FOLD aspect of God's promises to Abraham. God said, "I will make of thee a great nation." None will deny that the nation of ISRAEL, which formerly occupied the country we now call Palestine,—a fleshly RACE—was in fulfillment of that promise. God also said, "and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." None shall deny, after reading Galatians 3:8, that this is a SPIRITUAL promise, relating to the GOSPEL. For we read: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen thru faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."

#### THE CHRISTIAN'S INHERITANCE

And now notice the 7th verse of Genesis 12: "And the Lord appeared unto Abraham and said, Unto thy seed I give THIS LAND."

That is the inheritance God promised Abraham. And, if YE be Christ's, then are YE Abraham's children and HEIRS according to that PROMISE—HEIRS of THAT LAND. Abraham's RACIAL descendants did occupy that land until they sinned so grievously the Lord was forced to drive them out. And Abraham's descendants, when finally born again by resurrection or translation, shall inherit that same land forever!

Later God repeated this promise of inheritance of the land, informing Abram how long he and his children should possess it. It is in Genesis 15:14-16. "And the Lord said unto Abram, After that Lot was separated from him, Lift up thine eyes, and look from the place wher thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever, And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered."

And here, notice a further promise of RACE; Abraham's descendants are to be as numerous as the dust, which cannot be numbered. This refers, not to the ONE seed, Christ, to whom all spiritual promises pertain. This promise is not of GRACE, but of RACE, multiplicity of seed.

Again the land of promise is further

described: "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." (Gen. 15:18). Eventually as other promises and prophecies explain, the land of the promise shall expand to include the whole earth. THIS is the land of the saint's eternal home and inheritance—of promise made ONLY to the CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM (Gal 3:29 and Mat. 5:5).

Again, when Abram was ninety-nine years of age, the Lord appeared again and again "I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." (Gen. 17:1,2). Notice that now God agrees to bestow upon Abraham these blessings and promises O N... C O N D I T I O N ! He says, "Walk before me and be thou perfect," and then if Abram first does that, God will perform the blessings.

And so the promises of God, which He promises to will and bequeath, can be obtained ONLY ON CONDITION. Abraham had a part of this agreement to perform. If, and when, Abraham performed his part, then God stood bound to perform His part. This became an agreement,—a COVENANT. A covenant, in any dictionary definition, is AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN TWO OR MORE PARTIES. It is a contract. It involves conditions. It involves two parties or more. But IF the one who agrees to perform the task, or keep the conditions imposed by the other, does fully perform his part, then the other party to the agreement stands BOUND to bestow the reward. It is so in all contracts, agreements, or covenants.

And just as Abraham was told he must perform the conditions FIRST, before coming into the inheritance so it is with us. The New Covenant, based upon the spiritual phase of these promises to Abraham, will be made only with a tried and tested people—with the OVERCOMERS of sin—with those who not only started the Christian life, but who have endured unto the end! And so, if we are among those faithful, we are the children of Abraham, (Gal 3:7).

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#### IS THE BIBLE A TEXT-BOOK ON SCIENCE?

Often we hear the apology emanate from one steeped in the teachings of "modern science" that "Of course the Bible is not a text-book on Science."

The inference is that the Bible contains error, written by men ignorant of what is now known in "modern science."

It is true that there are contradictions between the plain statements of the Bible and the teachings of modern science. Therefore those under influence of this "modern science" are led to believe the Bible is not true.

The facts are these: The Bible is NOT a text-book on science. Science deals only with the MATERIAL-