

## The 10 Lost Tribes of Israel Part 2

We covered a great deal of ground in our previous lesson of The 10 Lost Tribes of Israel, part 1. So, to get our bearings, let's re-read a few verses from Genesis chapter 48.

### Re-read Genesis 48: 1 – 6 and 17 - 19

We are well into gathering the puzzle pieces to explore whether the legend of the 10 lost tribes of Israel is a historical fact or a legendary myth, and whether it has any impact on our lives as Believers in the Messiah, living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We ended our 1<sup>st</sup> session immediately following Moses' death and with the 12 tribes now led by Joshua, approaching the Jordan River to cross over into Canaan. Interestingly 2 ½ of the tribes of Israel elected to stay OUTSIDE of the Promised Land, preferring instead to settle on the east side of the Jordan. The remaining 9 ½ tribes made the crossing in order to make the Land of Canaan their home as was envisioned in the Abrahamic Covenant. We talked about the concept of a ½ tribe because about ½ of the tribal members of Manasseh elected to stay on the east side of the Jordan River while the other ½ of the tribe followed Joshua into the Promised Land. Still, they all retained their common tribal loyalties.

At this point in the Bible, as we look at the list of the tribes of Israel to whom Moses had allotted territory, we find an interesting and important transformation has occurred over the 5 centuries that have passed since Jacob's Cross-handed blessing occurred: Joseph was no longer mentioned as one of the 12 named tribes of Israel...instead his sons Ephraim and Manasseh have replaced him. Therefore, instead of there being a territory assigned to the tribe of Joseph per se, there were instead territories assigned to his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. We also find that Levi, Moses' own tribe, was also omitted from the assignment of territory. Instead of receiving their own territory, the tribe of Levi received 4 cities inside each of the 12 tribal territories for a total of 48 Levite cities. The result of all this was that 2 of Jacob's natural sons, Joseph and Levi, were superseded by his 2 adopted sons Ephraim and Manasseh on the list of tribes eligible to receive territory in the Promised Land. And right up until this day when the 12 tribes of Israel are mentioned, neither Joseph nor Levi is included. The

tribe of Levi is certainly acknowledged as still existing, they remain Hebrews, and they are relevant, and they know who they are. But they were set apart by God and given a special category and purpose all their own: they were to be Yehoveh's personal priests.

### **READ NUMBERS 1:44 - 50**

The Levites were designated by God as the priestly tribe that officiated over all the Temple sacrifices and rituals and ceremonies. So even though we speak of there being 12 tribes of Israel, technically with the Levites included, there were 13 tribes of Israel at the time of land allotment by Moses.

Israel crossed over the Jordan around 1300 B.C. For the first few years after entering Canaan, Israel operated under the central leadership of Joshua. After his death, for the next 250-300 years, the tribes of Israel remained generally independent from one another, even warring amongst themselves on occasion. They were somewhat of a loose confederation, held together by their common allegiance to the Covenant of Moses and by their ancestral family ties. But they also found themselves under attack from time-to-time, by one or more of the many Canaanite tribes that Joshua had foolishly allowed to remain in the land instead of driving them out or killing them as God had ordered. This 300-year period of time is known in the Bible as the time of the Judges, whereby a person called a **Shofet** in Hebrew (Judge in English), would be raised up by God as needed to help deliver one Israelite tribe or another from the hand of an oppressor. These Judges had NO goal of uniting the 12 tribes of Israel under a single leader as it was in Joshua's day. They sought ONLY to advance their own particular tribe. There was no vision of creating a sovereign nation of Israel; unity was not what the 12 tribes sought. Dominance is the means that a tribal culture governs; it was so then, and remains so today. Therefore, each of the 12 tribes vied for dominance and superiority over the 11 others. And, of course, dominance is attained by means of wealth, power, population and the occasional use of force to achieve.

As we approach 1020 BC the inherent instability of the tribal system of society that Israel operated under, coupled with the reality that virtually every tribe of Israel was facing pressures from various foreign invaders, drove the Israelites to

beg their leaders, and God, for a King. A king, one man, to rule over all the tribes; a king to bring them together so that they could survive. A king like their pagan neighbors had. And, God obliged them. His name was Saul...King Saul, the first king of Israel. But, he was not the ideal King in God's eyes. Saul was not of the prescribed lineage to be the leader of Israel. Judah was the tribe that was to have leadership authority according to Jacob's death bed blessing; Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin.

Try as he might, Saul never reigned over a united Israel. Though his hope was to create a single sovereign nation made up of the 12 tribal districts, he never succeeded. But, the king God had prepared to follow him **did** succeed in uniting the 12 tribes: his name was David.

Initially, David was king ONLY over an area in the southern end of Canaan, an area dominated by his own tribe, Judah; but around 1000 BC, David was finally king over the united nation of Israel composed of northern and southern Canaan. The 12 tribes were still each in their allotted 12 districts, but they now gave their allegiance to a central government ruled by David.

David expanded Israel's territory and after he died his son Solomon, the new king, expanded it even further. Events unfolded rapidly after Solomon's death, and by 925 BC, Israel was mired in bloody Civil War. Some of the Israelite tribes grew in number and power as well as in territory by taking the wealth, people, and territory from the other tribes. Therefore, as some tribes grew other tribes shrunk in number, influence, and land. In the end two tribes, one in the north and one in the south, became the most dominant...the usual result in a tribal society. These two tribes were so dominant that for all practical purposes one could say that they absorbed the other 10 Israelite tribes (not including Levi).

The Tribe of Judah, the one that would one day produce Yeshua of Nazareth, became the master of the south. But in the north, it was the tribe of Ephraim; and Ephraim was larger and more powerful than Judah. Yes, the tribe that came from Joseph's son Ephraim; one of the two sons that had been adopted away from Joseph by his own father Jacob, was now the most powerful tribe of them all.

It is an interesting reality that in our year of 2024, the now 75-year-old modern state of Israel has existed nearly as long the original Israel ruled by Kings David and then Solomon had. The ancient nation of Israel had survived as a sovereign and united nation for ONLY a mere 80 years but then it dissolved into two separate and independent Hebrew kingdoms: Judah in the south and Ephraim in the north. Generally speaking, the Kingdom of Judah consisted of the Israelite tribes of Judah and portions of Benjamin and Simeon. The Kingdom of Ephraim consisted of the Israelite tribe of Ephraim plus the remaining Israelite tribes (for a total of 10). The Levites were a separate issue because they were the priestly tribe and had not, since the time of Moses, been counted among their brethren as an official tribe of Israel; they had been placed, by God, into a special and unique category of Hebrews...His priests.

I've laid out several puzzle pieces for you and now it's time to start linking them together so please pay close attention to what I'm about to tell you. After King Solomon died the united nation of Israel was split into two kingdoms in a Civil War, north versus south, very much similar to our American Civil War when our nation became split into two confederations EACH claiming to represent the true America. Notice that I called the kingdom in the north, Ephraim, even though typically our Bibles will label it as "Israel".

The historical reality is somewhat different; the northern kingdom only retained the national name of **Israel** for but a few decades after the breakup of the formerly unified nation of Israel that had existed under kings David and Solomon. Possibly in a misguided attempt for clarity...or as I suspect an ignorance of the importance of the topic... over the last several centuries the name Ephraim (as the actual name for the northern kingdom) was dropped from our Bibles and the name Israel was inserted by Bible translators when they were referring to the post-Civil War northern kingdom of the 10 tribes. Unfortunately, what was indeed in all likelihood an innocent effort to attain clarity has backfired, and wound up causing much confusion because many Biblical end-times prophecies specifically refer to Ephraim by name, but not "Israel" per se. So, it's been challenging for scholars to figure out what some of the strange prophecies concerning Ephraim meant because the true name of the northern kingdom, Ephraim, had become masked and obscured. It is vital for us to grasp the connection between Ephraim (the son of Joseph) and Ephraim the name of the

tribe he spawned, and then Ephraim as the name of the northern Israelite kingdom, and then link those to the meaning of the term Ephraim that we'll find mentioned in the books of the Prophets. To help us as we get used to calling the northern Kingdom by its correct historical name (Ephraim instead of Israel), I will sometimes switch back and forth in this series of lessons between calling the northern Kingdom Ephraim, and at other times Ephraim-Israel. But I'm still referring to the same place and same people in the same area. And, to be clear, all of these references to Ephraim are to the tribe (and eventually kingdom) of Ephraim in every case. One more time: the Kingdom of Judah, plus the Kingdom of Ephraim together form the entire people group called Israel...all the tribes.

Over the years after Israel's Civil War dissolved the unified nation of Israel, the two resulting kingdoms of Ephraim and Judah continued to war against one another from time-to-time. Ephraim (now a conglomerate of 10 of the 12 tribes) began to degenerate even further in their character, and they sought after and adopted the ways of its gentile neighbors...the goyim who surrounded them... usually in the form of taking on elements of their heathen cultures and gods. In fact, the 1<sup>st</sup> King of the newly formed northern Kingdom adopted Golden Calf worship. Judah, in the south, tried to stay a little more isolated from the influence of their pagan neighbors and though they failed often they generally stayed significantly truer to the ways God had taught them through Moses than their brethren to the north. This was because it was in Jerusalem of Judah that the Temple of God resided and the Priesthood operated, so the more traditional Hebrew religious ways were more firmly entrenched there.

Through the powerful words of Isaiah, Hosea, Elijah and several other prophets, God warned the people of the northern kingdom of Ephraim-Israel that if they continued to turn their backs on Him and lust after heathen practices, preferring pagan worship and gentile lifestyle to the Torah of Moses, God would allow them to be taken from their portion of the Promised Land, scattered among the nations (gentile nations, of course), and that they would become to Him a "***lo-ammi***" (a Hebrew term meaning a ***non-people***). Let me repeat that: God (through various prophets) told the people of Ephraim...those 10 tribes of Israel that formed the northern kingdom... that He was going to allow at least some of them to LOSE their identity as Hebrews, as Israelites; and instead, they would become joined and mixed with the gentile world. Put another way Ephraim would be barred from

the land of Israel, and separated away from the family of Hebrews, and instead be woven into cultures and the nations of gentiles...at least **for a time** that would be the case.

One of the prophets Yehoveh used to warn Ephraim-Israel was Hoshea. In the Book of Hoshea chapter 1 we get a curious story about Hosea being ordered to marry a harlot (a prostitute) named Gomer; and Gomer produces 3 children for Hosea. Open your Bibles to the book of the Prophet Hoshea, chapter 1.

### **READ HOSEA 1 all**

I want you notice that nowhere in the chapter that I just read to you is the word "Ephraim" used. Rather, it says "Israel". This is misleading for someone who is not familiar with ancient Bible history. It ought to say Ephraim instead of Israel because it would have made matters clearer. Hosea lived during the tragic last days of the northern kingdom of Ephraim. The time was around 740 B.C. Obviously there was no unified nation of Israel at the time Hosea lived; it had ceased to exist a couple hundreds of years earlier. The first blow to dissolve the nation of Israel happened when civil war tore Israel into 2 separate kingdoms not long after King Solomon's death. Later the northernmost of the 2 kingdoms, Ephraim-Israel, was conquered by Assyria and the people were deported. Of course, if we don't know this, then it would seem as though Hosea was talking about a monolithic, unified Israelite nation, as it existed under King David. This use of the name Israel in Hosea at this point in history is NOT Biblical error; rather it is that later editors simply shortened the name of the northern kingdom from Ephraim-Israel to Israel when in retrospect it would have been far better for the sake of clarity to have called it Ephraim.

### **RE-READ HOSEA 1: 1-5**

The 3 children that would be born to Hoshea are meant to symbolize (or perhaps, better, to give a prophetic illustration of) the 3 stages of judgmental punishments that God would wreak upon of the northern Kingdom of Ephraim-Israel. Child one, which represents stage one, is named Yezre'el (we say Jezreel, like the Jezreel Valley): which means "El (God) will scatter, El will sow". The next child, stage two, is named LoRuhamah: which means No compassion, No mercy. The last child, stage three, was to be named LoAmmi:

which means “not-a-people” or “not my people” or “ a non-people”. So, in Hosea 1:9 God announces His final stage of punishment upon the now thoroughly evil and corrupt Northern Kingdom called Ephraim-Israel: He says, “Name him (the 3<sup>rd</sup> child) Lo-Ammi, for you are NOT My people, and I am NOT your God”.

**DISASTER!** As of that moment, God turned His back on the people of the Kingdom of Ephraim... those 10 Israelite tribes that constituted the northern kingdom called Ephraim. Although this was going to be a **very long** excommunication and exile for these 10 tribes, it would not be permanent; far into the future, God would have mercy and take them back as His people. How do I know that?

**CJB Hosea 2:1** ***"Nevertheless, the people of Isra'el will number as many as the grains of sand by the sea, which cannot be measured or counted; so that the time will come when, instead of being told, 'You are not my people,' it will be said to them, 'You are the children of the living God.'***

BTW: your Bibles may include this in Hosea chapter 1 instead of chapter 2. This is because the original Hebrew Bible was laid out this way, as opposed to the Greek translation called the Septuagint that at times stopped and started chapters at slightly different points.

Let's understand that as of today, about 2700 years have passed since the era of Ephraim's (Israel's) excommunication that God warned He would do. It appears that as of now that time for God's restoration of Ephraim has arrived. But if I'm right, it indeed is time, where are the scattered people of the 10 tribes? What evidence is there that they even exist in order that they can return to their homeland, Israel?

We fast forward and find that Ephraim, according to Hosea, was about to be booted out of Israel...excommunicated from the Promised Land, removed from God's sight. At least some of Ephraim would, according to Hosea, be blended in...mixed... with the world of **goyim**...the gentiles. Yet in the Book of Hosea the Lord also said that this excommunication was **not** permanent; He would restore them. So, at some members of each of these 10 tribes would somehow retain their Hebrew identity over all those centuries living in far flung places. Later in

the book of Ezekiel we will see a clearer explanation of the ending of that extended period of excommunication of Ephraim (meaning the 10 tribes).

Let's be very clear because this is KEY to understanding what you will learn from here forward: this prophecy made by Hoshea referred ONLY to the 10 tribes that made up the House of Ephraim...the northern kingdom of Israel...it had NOTHING to do with the other 2 tribes that together made up the House of Judah... the southern kingdom...a people we today call the Jews.

In the 720's BC the divine shoe finally fell and the powerful Assyrians, the greatest empire in the world at that time, came against the kingdom of Ephraim-Israel in a series of attacks over about a 10-year time-span, and conquered them. Millions of the 10 tribes that made up the Ephraim-Israelite Kingdom were deported from their own land into the more than 100 vassal nations and kingdoms that had come under Assyrian domination.

This is the event whereby those 10 tribes of Israel became the so-called "lost tribes of Israel" and in time gained legend status. This is when those 10 tribes were (as the Scriptures describes it) were swallowed up into the gentile world. So now we know with certainty that there was a group of 10 tribes of Israel that actually existed but were lost to history; at least to Western history. It is not a fairy tale, and it is not a myth. But there is still more...much more... to the story.

The circumstances were that the 10 tribes that made up the Northern Kingdom of Israel, collectively called Ephraim or Israel (and we're not including Judah, the Jews in this), were deported en masse to regions all over the Assyrian Empire. The tribes and clans were separated from one another and dispersed and intermixed with scores of the other races and tribes of primarily the Asian, but also the African continents. The Bible even tells us where large portions of some of the 10 tribes were exiled to. What is also clear is that some tribes were split up so that all members of a particular tribe did NOT go to the same place. Rather they were dispersed clan-by-clan so the level of a tribe being torn apart was not uniform; it varied widely on a tribe-by-tribe basis. The Assyrian Empire was at that time composed of 120 conquered nations all across Asia and Northern Africa, so there was a huge range of nations and cultures and races that these Ephraim-Israelites were sent to be assimilated.



2 Kings 17 tells the story of the conquest of Ephraim by Assyria. Let's read a portion of it. Turn in your Bibles to 2 Kings 17, verse 1. BUT FIRST...every time we come to the word Israel remember that it is synonymous with the kingdom of Ephraim (two names for the same place). Also, that the king whose name is Hoshea in this chapter is NOT the same fellow as the prophet Hoshea; they are two different people who simply were born with the same name.

### **READ 2 KINGS 17:1-23**

This story is equal parts fascinating and frightening. Here we see yet another demonstration of the fact that God will turn His back on those who turn their backs on Him. I cringe when I think of our great nation, founded upon Biblical principles by devout and courageous Christians, that is progressively (and officially) turning against the God of Israel and our Redeemer Yeshua, Jesus the Christ. I wrestle with the reality that just as Judaism pulled Israel into a manmade tradition-based faith and away from the actual Holy Scriptures, so it is that the Church has done essentially the same. I cringe when I think of the growing Muslim influence in America and just as problematic, the vocal secular humanist longings of our academic and political elite, from our President on down, which begins with indoctrinating our children in our public school systems; and now the 300-year-old European Enlightenment era philosophies are being written into our nation's laws. For effect, just substitute the word "America" everywhere you read Israel in this chapter and perhaps it will impact you as it has impacted me because we seem to be following in same spiritual death spiral.

We are told in 2Kings 17:6 that some of the tribes of the northern kingdom were taken to a place in Assyria called Halah, and another called Havor, and these were near yet another place they were exiled, the Gozan River. Even more they were deported to cities throughout the area of the Medes. 1Kings 14:15-16 tells us they were also sent "beyond the Euphrates". That is, some went to unspecified areas north and east of the Euphrates River. 1Chronicles 5:26 tells us SPECIFICALLY that the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and 1/2 of the tribe of Manasseh (those tribes that had settled east of the Jordan, rather than enter into the Promised Land with Joshua) were taken away to Assyria proper.

Conversely, thousands upon thousands of citizens of the various 120 nations of the Assyrian Empire (all gentiles) were sent to re-populate the land of the former Northern Kingdom of Ephraim/Israel. This was the standard protocol Assyria used to control its growing Empire: conquer, empty a nation of its indigenous people, scatter them into the other nations Assyria controlled, and repopulate the newly conquered nation with various people from other nations thus destroying that nation's historical fabric.

It would be inaccurate to think that it was all quite that cut and dried; nothing in history is that nice and neat. Some members of Ephraim-Israel were allowed to remain in the Holy Land...not many, but a relative few. Apparently some among the 10 tribes hid out in small numbers and escaped the gaze of their conquerors; others probably did not seem to pose any benefit or threat to the Assyrians and so they were also allowed to stay in their own land. A few others...hearing of the advancing Assyrian army... fled southward to the kingdom of Judah, which had been spared by Assyria due a treaty that had been agreed to between the king of Judah and the king of Assyria. This handful of various Israelite tribal members of the Northern Kingdom of Ephraim held on to their individual tribal identities for a time, but not long. Within 3 or 4 generations they were simply assimilated into the tribe of Judah. This process whereby a portion of a particular tribe migrates and eventually mixes itself into another more dominant tribe, and then takes on the identity of the more dominant tribe while losing track of its own was, and remains, common among tribal societies. Yet we also see mention of the names of a couple of the 10 lost tribes in the New Testament, so a few folks from the 10 northern tribes stubbornly held on to their original tribal identities...although it was more a remembrance of a former time than of a present political reality.

But in the main, the 10 tribes that formed Ephraim-Israel were scattered and dispersed inside the vast Asian continent. There was no genocide upon them. They did not die-out or become extinct. They didn't all suddenly become gentiles. They were not whisked into a spacecraft by space aliens or Raptured away to Heaven. Instead, they rather quickly mixed themselves with the many tribes of other cultures and races of Asia and Africa to the point that within a few generations, for the most part, their children and grandchildren didn't even remember that they had a Hebrew heritage. What we must grasp is that true to the biblical prophecies, these 10 Israelite tribes mixed themselves with GENTILE

peoples. As these Hebrews intermarried and interbred with gentiles, and in time many forgot about their Hebrew heritage, the effect was that significant portions of the various tribal members of the 10 tribes of Israel became more gentile than Hebrew! The Hebrew genes of a significant portion of Ephraim-Israelites were melded with the genes of scores of different gentile peoples and races. Others of the 10 tribes retained a greater measure of racial purity, stayed tightly banded together in order to remember and maintain their Israelite heritage, but generally did so quietly so as not to draw attention to themselves and cause reprisals among the various societies where they now lived. Since the land and nation of Israel no longer existed, these 10 tribes had no hereditary nation to move back to even if they had wanted to; so (generally speaking) they had little choice but to stay where they were and make peace with their circumstances. Ephraim had, indeed, become swallowed up among the gentile nations in a couple of different senses.

Listen to what the authoritative Encyclopedia Judaica, a Jewish source, says about this:

***"It is evident that as a rule they (Ephraim) did not possess the status of slaves nor of an oppressed population. These exiles were first settled in Mesopotamia (north of the Euphrates) as land tenants of the King (of Assyria). The craftsmen among them were employed in state enterprises. Eventually, some of the exiles achieved economic and social status and even occupied high-ranking positions in the Assyrian government.....The striking of roots in Mesopotamian society by a large part of the descendants of the Israelite exiles resulted in their eventual absorption into the foreign milieu".***

A large part...not all... but some impossible to measure "large part" became fully assimilated and either lost, or lost interest in, their Hebrew heritage.

Since the time of this event of the 10 tribes of Israel being dispersed into the gentile world, 27 centuries have passed and there's been a whole lot of mixin' goin' on in this world! I can guarantee you that simply from mathematical probabilities, some, probably many, who are hearing this message have genes from one or more of the tribes of Israel. Of course, with the new DNA testing that's going on, many folks (from atheists to Christians) have recently found out

that they have a distant, but undeniable, genetic connection to the Hebrew people. But presently there is no means to prove that same connection specifically to of the 10 northern tribes. What does that mean for the fulfillment of as-of-yet unfulfilled biblical prophecy? For now, there is no way to know, but I think we're soon to find out!

So, what became of Judah...what of the tribe that formed the Southern Kingdom of Judah that had also absorbed much of the tribes of Benjamin and Simeon? Even more, where was the priestly tribe of Levi? Generally speaking, all those are the people who are called Jews in our current era. Jews are, for the most part, members of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

However, DNA only answers some of the question. Until about 2000 years ago there **was** a definitive way for Jews to prove their heritage. They had written birth records and their family lineage was documented and stored in Jerusalem, in a building called the Hall of Records. Unfortunately, this hall was destroyed and the records burned by the Romans in 70 A.D. And like all other peoples and cultures, the Jews eventually found themselves marrying outside their own Hebrew gene pool. Further complicating any effort to prove one's Jewishness, gentiles were allowed to become Jews by declaration and by following a procedure that ended with circumcision for the males. We see many examples in the Bible of pagans becoming Hebrews; God had always made it possible for gentile people to join His set-apart people, the Hebrews, and He gave instructions to Abraham, and much later to Moses, that gentile foreigners were to be admitted to the Hebrews, to the chosen people, as full equals under the condition that they gave up their idols and worshipped only Yehoveh.

The Bible makes it very clear that Israel became divided into two houses or two families or two kingdoms (all these terms being synonymous); the house of Ephraim and the tribes joined with him versus the house of Judah and the tribe joined with him. We know what happened to the Jews...those who formed the kingdom of Judah; their nation remained intact for more than a century after Ephraim was conquered, but then Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon conquered Judah. However, just as Judah was hauled off and relocated as a group, it was in time allowed to return to their former land intact, about 70 years later as a group. 5 centuries after that, though, they were again conquered and exiled (this time

by the Romans) and they eventually came to be scattered all over our planet. But, for the most part, the Jewish people retained their identity even if some intentionally hid it, denied it, or it became deeply buried in their family history. Then in an event that has once again proven the inerrancy of Biblical prophecy, Israel was reborn as a sovereign nation of Jews in 1948, and millions of Jews have come home.

But what became of Ephraim, the 10 lost tribes of Israel? Was that the end of the 10 tribes? How could it be otherwise; after all, if you're lost, you're lost. Yet Ezekiel 37 states that in the latter-days... as we stand on the threshold of the End Times... the House of Ephraim will rejoin the House of Judah and be under allegiance to one king, forever. But how is this possible? With Ephraim having, for the most part, been assimilated into the gentile world, how can people who don't even know of their Hebrew roots be called back to Israel? Even more, in Revelation 7, we're given a list of 144,000 witnesses for God. They're all Hebrews and the 12 tribes of Israel are listed as each providing 12,000 members of their tribe to make up the 144,000. So, in addition to the 10 lost tribes becoming fused with the gentile world, which is but historical and Biblical fact, it seems there MUST be another and separate element of those 10 lost tribes that did NOT become as absorbed; an element of those 10 tribes who have stubbornly retained their Hebrew identities while in exile in various gentile nations right until this day. Is that even possible? Wouldn't we have heard about it? Could it be that the 10 tribes of Ephraim still exist...that they know who they are...but they have been hidden in plain sight for over 2500 years?

I will be showing a breathtaking video next week that is slightly over an hour and a half in length. It is fast moving and wonderfully made, and better yet it is accurate and timely. You won't fall asleep. So that those listening online, on Streaming TV, or in some other way can stay in step with what the Torah Class congregation will hear and see, the film is The Quest for the Lost Tribes by Simcha Jacobvichi. It can be purchased from HolyLand Marketplace.com. Or it can be viewed for free on YouTube at:

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