

Divided Israel And The Lost Ten Tribes

'God said, "Behold, in those days and in that time (in our time) when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem (verse 2) I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. I will execute judgment on them there for My people (Israelis) and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations. They (the Gentiles) have divided My land (Israel) ... (6) You (Gentiles) have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Gentiles to remove them far from their border ... (11) Hurry and come all you surrounding (Arab) nations and gather yourselves together. Cause your mighty ones to come down there. (12) Let the nations arouse themselves and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat for there will I sit to judge all the surrounding (Arab) nations ... (14) Multitudes, multitudes (of people) in the valley of decision! For the day of Yahweh (God) is near in the valley of decision ... (16) The Lord will roar from Zion and He will thunder from Jerusalem. The heavens and the earth will shake but God will be a refuge to His people and a stronghold to the Children of Israel. (17) You (Israelis) will know I am Yahweh your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem will be holy and no strangers (Arabs) will pass through her any more ... (19) Egypt will be a desolation and Edom (now Jordan) will be a desolate wilderness for the violence done to the Children of Judah because they have shed innocent blood in their land, (20) but Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation'" (Joel 3:1 to 20).

From the time of Abraham, there have been Hebrew-speaking people living in the Land of Israel. There are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible regarding Israel and Jerusalem. Hebrew King Melchizedek founded Jerusalem about the same time Abraham walked on earth. 'King Melchizedek of (Jeru)Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. Melchizedek blessed Abram and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth and blessed be God Most High Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had' (Genesis 14:18 to 20). That same land where Jerusalem was then is the same land God promised to Abraham and his descendants until the end of time. 'God said to Abram ... "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward, southward, eastward and westward, for all the land you can see, I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring as numerous as the dust of the earth, so if a man can number the dust of the earth then your descendants may be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its breadth, for I will give it to you" (Genesis 13:14 to 17). 'Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own Self and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the sky and all this land I have spoken of, I will give to your seed and they will inherit it forever'" (Exodus 32:13).

We are to pray for peace in Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and peace in Israel (Psalm 125:5; 128:6). There was trouble in Israel and Jerusalem was divided. From 1948 to 1967, the City Line was a seven kilometre stretch of barbed wire, concrete barriers, military posts and a stretch of 'No Man's Land' divided the City into Western Jerusalem under Israeli rule, and the eastern part, including the Western Wall and the Old City was under Jordanian occupation. Hashemite snipers stationed along the barbed wire fencing often used Israeli citizens for target practice. Landmines were laid all over 'No Man's Land'. The City Line was like a cruel jagged gash through the heart of the City, separating Jewish people from Arabs, segregating the population and restricting the movements of Jewish people in their own land. In 1948, the New State of Israel was just one day old when Jordanian soldiers joined four other Arab countries in an attempt to annihilate the newborn Nation of Israel, which was a fulfilment of ancient prophecy.

'God, do not keep silent. Do not be still, God. For behold, Your enemies are stirred up. Those who hate You have lifted up their heads. They conspire with cunning against Your people. They plot against Your cherished ones (Israelis). "Come," they say, "Let us destroy them (Israel) as a nation so the name of Israel may be remembered no more." They (Arabs) have conspired together with one mind. They form an alliance against You. The tents of Edom (Jordan) and the Ishmaelites (Egypt), Moab (Jordan), the Hagrites (Arabs), Assyria (Syria) is joined with them ... who said, "Let us take possession of God's pasturelands." My God, make them like tumbleweed, like chaff before the wind. Let them be disappointed and dismayed forever. Yes, let them be confounded and perish so they may know that You alone, Whose name is Yahweh, are the Most High over all the earth' (Psalm 83:1 to 6, 8, 12 & 13, 17 & 18). With God's help, Israel triumphed. However, Jordan's Arab Legion managed to overrun and occupy a portion of the Promised Land, annexing Jericho, Hebron, Bethlehem and the eastern part of Jerusalem. On November 30th 1948, Israeli and Jordanian commanders concurred over a map in an abandoned house in Jerusalem to draw up armistice lines of the ceasefire that would divide the holy City. When they were finished, the eastern part of the City, including the Old City, the Western Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives with its ancient Jewish graves all fell under Hashemite rule. Immediately, the anti-Semitic Red Cross forced all of the remaining 1,300-plus Jewish people out of those areas. For the first time in history since King David chose Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Gentiles had divided the Land of Israel and with 'ethnic cleansing', forced all Jewish people out of that part of their own City. It was the place where God had pledged His continuous Presence. "My

eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and made this house holy so My name may be there forever and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually” (2 Chronicles 7:15 & 16). In 1948, the Hashemites proceeded to destroy the Jewish Quarter, desecrating tombs and graves, decimating schools and synagogues, just like the Nazis had done only ten years earlier. A year later, Jordan formerly annexed a further portion of the Promised Land. The boundary lines scribbled down in that old abandoned house in Jerusalem became the barbed-wire border dividing Jerusalem between its rightful owners in the Western side and the violent occupiers in the eastern side. Jerusalem stayed that way for nineteen years, until the miraculous 1967 six-day war.

In 1950, Israel declared Jerusalem to be its capital again, along with Biblical instruction. The Israeli government invested in education, infrastructure and housing. Jerusalem and her people flourished. Jordan retained Amman as its capital while reducing Eastern Jerusalem to squalid conditions with substandard education and infrastructure, and very basic housing. Instead of seeking an independent ‘Palestine’ the Arabs living in squalid conditions under the Hashemite rule pledged their allegiance to their Hashemite king. This proves the Arabs had no intention of forming a so-called ‘two state solution’, they wanted to completely destroy Israel. Just as God worked with dedicated Jewish people to make sure Israel was ready for the first explosive coming of Jesus our Messiah, so again, God is preparing Israel for the second coming of Jesus, which will be so explosive, it will shock the world. The land of Israel will not be divided up again. God will not allow it. Israel has to be ready for our Jewish Messiah to come and rule the earth from Jerusalem.

Jerusalem has about thirty places of worship; synagogues, churches and mosques. Only three are in the western part of the City. The rest are in the eastern part. In 1949, the Armistice Agreements guaranteed all Israelis access to their synagogues under Hashemite rule, however, for the next nineteen years the Jewish people were not permitted to go to the eastern part of Jerusalem, not even to the Western Wall, the holiest place in Judaism. God was about to bring about a miracle so He could once more be worshipped in Jerusalem by His chosen people. Another prophecy regarding Jerusalem and Israel was fulfilled. ‘Hear the word of Yahweh, you who tremble at His word. Your brothers who hate you (Arabs) who cast you out (of Jerusalem) for My name’s sake have said, “Let Yahweh be glorified so we may see your joy but it is those (the Arabs) who will be disappointed. A voice of tumult from the City, a voice from the Temple, a voice of Yahweh that renders recompense (punishment) to His enemies ... Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Will a land be born in one day? Will a nation be brought forth at once? As soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children (of Israel) ... Rejoice you (Jewish people) with Jerusalem and be glad for her all you who love her. Rejoice for joy with her all you who mourn over her” ... For thus says Yahweh, “Behold, I will extend peace to her (Jerusalem) like a river and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream ... As one whom his mother comforts so will I comfort you and you will be comforted in Jerusalem” (Isaiah 66:5 to 13). Yes by a miracle, Israel was born in one day. On the eve of the 1967 six-day war it was all about survival. Israel was forced to strike Egypt and Syria before they could attack first (see again Psalm 83:6 & 8). Israel sent a message to the Hashemites urging them to stay out of the fight. After hearing false reports from Cairo and Damascus claiming great victories against the Zionists, Jordan joined the war. Less than forty-eight hours later, the Israeli flag was hoisted over the Old City. Israelis took all of Jerusalem and evicted their unwanted Hashemite occupiers. For the first time since the City fell to the Romans in 70 AD, it was wholly back in the hands of the descendants of Abraham, fulfilling another prophecy. Jesus said, “Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Luke 21:24). The City Line, barbed wire and No Man’s Land have disappeared. The Jewish people are able to again attend their synagogues in the eastern side – after major repairs were completed. Eastern Jerusalem was placed under the law, jurisdiction and the administration of the Israeli Democratic Government. Overnight, Israel became responsible for thousands of Arabs who were offered Israeli citizenship but few took up this offer. They should have moved to Jordan because they had pled allegiance to the Jordanian king. Instead they remain in Israel causing all kinds of trouble.

Jerusalem was the capital of Israel thousands of years before Christianity, yet since Jerusalem was returned to its rightful owners, the descendants of Abraham, world bodies, international leaders and foreign governments have continued to insist Israel undo the inroads made in the six-day war. Few countries accept Israel’s jurisdiction over Jerusalem referring to it as ‘occupied territory’. That is because the majority of the nations leaders are non-Bible believers and refuse to acknowledge the fact, God gave the Land of Israel to the Jewish people forever, with only a short interlude after the Romans and before the 1967 war. Fierce opposition to a Jewish populated Jerusalem should not surprise any person who knows their Bible. God said, “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the surrounding (Arab) peoples and on Judah it will be in the siege against Jerusalem. It will happen in that day, I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden themselves with it will be severely wounded and all the nations of the earth will be gathered together against it” (Zechariah 12:2 & 3). ‘Thus says Yahweh Who created you Jacob, and He Who formed you Israel, “Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are Mine”’ (Isaiah 43:1). The Lord Himself created Israel to be the home of His chosen people. He loves Israel.

"You (Israelis) are a holy people to Yahweh your God. Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. Yahweh did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all peoples but because Yahweh loves you and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your forefathers' (Deuteronomy 7:6 to 8). In the eternal counsel of our Creator, Who also created Israel, He has determined to make Jerusalem the decisive issue by which He will deal with ungodly nations. The nations who align themselves with God's purposes for Jerusalem will receive His blessing. Those who are opposed to God's purposes will one day be severely dealt with.

The following prophecy has been fulfilled exactly. Israel has one government and is one cohesive nation. They have the twelve tribes all living under one government. 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh, "Behold, I will take the Children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone and I will gather them on every side and bring them into their own land (Israel). I will make them one nation in the land on the mountains of Israel, and one king (leader) will be king (leader) to them all. They will be no more two nations (Israel and Judea) nor will they be divided into two kingdoms any more ... they will be My people and I will be their God"' (Ezekiel 37:21 to 23). About seven million people from the twelve tribes of Israel are living in Israel. The so-called lost ten tribes of Israel were never actually lost. They were dispersed like most of the Children of Israel after 70 AD. 'The sons of Jacob were twelve. The sons of Leah were Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. The sons of Bilhah (Rachel's handmaid) were Dan and Naphtali. The sons of Zilpah (Leah's handmaid) were Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan Aram' (Genesis 35:22 to 26). The twelve tribes are all still here. God has kept track of them and knows where they all are, as we can see by the following list they will be revealed at the end times.

Thousands of years later, the name of one of the twelve tribes was replaced. 'I (Apostle John) heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand' (Revelation 7:4 to 8). In the second list, Manasseh has replaced Dan. There was a tribe of Ephraim, Joseph's son who was given land during the days when the Israelites entered and settled down in the Promised Land. In the list of tribes in Revelation, Ephraim was also omitted. It seems as though Dan and Ephraim were under the banner of Joseph's name. There are two differing opinions regarding the ten tribes of Israel that have rarely been mentioned for generations. One opinion is only the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and some Levites make up the modern Jewish people. The theory is the other ten tribes migrated or were forced into several other countries and were subsequently assimilated and 'lost'. The truth is, due to several pogroms and attacks by various enemies, most of the Israelites were dispersed all around the world. Some were taken by force to Babylon, some were taken to Persia and some were taken to Assyria. The second opinion is, the Children of Israel adopted the name of 'Jew' and all of the tribes are currently returning to Israel, their true homeland. It is true the name 'Jew' is taken from Judah's name and the area named Judea, and the people we now know as the Jewish people are one nation from the original Children of Israel. After Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, nearly all of the Jewish population living in Israel at that time were dispersed around the world because of the terrible persecution from the Roman Empire. The name 'Jew' was first used as a name of the combined twelve tribes of the Hebrew speaking Children of Israel during the reign of Israelite King Pekah (2 Kings 16:5), so the name 'Jews' was used many hundreds of years before the Roman Empire began.

Israel was divided into two kingdoms after the death of King Solomon. The tribes of Reuben, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher and some Levites were ruled in the north by Jeroboam from his capital Samaria. In the south, Judah, Benjamin and some of the tribe of Levi were ruled by Solomon's son Rehoboam from the true capital, Jerusalem. Jeroboam in the north set up a rival idolatrous religion angering the true believers who moved south to Jerusalem, to worship the true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They knew the Temple on Mount Moriah was the only place where Passover and the other holy feasts of the Lord could be held (Deuteronomy 12:5 to 7; 16:2 to 6). After a while, many people from all twelve tribes of the Children of Israel were living in and around Jerusalem. The Lord Himself spoke to all twelve tribes who were living in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 11:3 & 4). The members of the tribe of Levi who had been rejected by the evil Jeroboam led the exodus from the north to the south and many followed them (2 Chronicles 11:13 & 14). They had left their homes, modes of employment and sometimes members of their own families to go south so they could worship the Lord. All twelve tribes became a blended group in and around Jerusalem. King Rehoboam built many cities including Bethlehem and Hebron (2 Chronicles 11:5, 6 & 10).

Years later another group travelled south to join the southern kingdom of Judah (2 Chronicles 15:9 to 19). By the time the Lord brought judgement down on the north, a majority of Israelites had moved south. The sinful northern tribes were taken into captivity by the Assyrians circa 722 BC. One hundred and thirty-six years later in 586 BC, the southern Kingdom of Judah was taken into captivity to Babylon, representing all twelve tribes but by then they were known by the name of Judea as Jews. The names 'Jews' and 'Israelites' were both often used and mean the same thing, namely, the chosen race of the Children of Israel. Ezra and Nehemiah called them 'Jews' nineteen times and 'Israel' sixty-two times. The New Testament and other ancient documents found in archaeological digs interchange the two names in the same way. The ten tribes were never lost but were assimilated into Israel as a whole. Many Jewish people were taken into captivity but there were a lot, mainly farmers and the poor who remained in Israel around Jerusalem (Jeremiah 52:16). When the Jewish people from the Kingdom of Judah were taken to Babylon, they discovered thousands of Jews, descendants from the previous Assyrian captivity living around the Babylonian Empire, which had conquered Assyria. In the most positive sense, Jews will always be Jews no matter where they are because they always have the presence of the Lord. King Hezekiah called for Israelites to return to Jerusalem from Assyria to worship the Lord during Passover (2 Chronicles 30:10 to 27). After another seventy years, they were freed by Cyrus to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple and the city walls. Some Israelites chose to remain in Babylon, Assyria and Persia but continued to be Jewish. The 'wise men' who came to worship Jesus when He was born were descendants of those who stayed (Matthew 2:1 & 2). They remained faithful to the Lord God and never forgot their true identity. All twelve tribes were represented in Jerusalem during the rebuilding of the Temple phase (Ezra 6:17 to 22). There never were twelve races of Israel, there were twelve tribes making up one nation of Israel. Initially, all tribes had to adhere to marriage solely within their own tribes but over time the Israelites married freely between tribes but they were forbidden to marry a Gentile. That is when the Jewish descendency came through the male bloodline. The children and stepchildren were considered to be from the tribe of the father or stepfather. When Jesus' mother Mary, a Levite whose father was Heli (Luke 3:23), married Joseph from the tribe of Judah whose father was Jacob (Matthew 1:16), she was considered to be from Judah and so was Jesus (Hebrews 7:14) even though Joseph was His stepfather. Tribal identity was important for inherited estates.

The wonderful miracle regarding the modern Jewish people is the fact they are still a unique nation although they have been dispersed into many countries yet still remain Jewish. Every Gentile tribe that has been dispersed around the world have been assimilated into their new communities in just two or three generations. The Jewish people have remained Jewish after dozens of generations and terrible persecutions. Not all Jewish people returned from their many Diasporas. Millions remain scattered around the world. The existence of the true identity of the Jewish people is proof of the accuracy of the Bible and the power of God to fulfil His prophecies. Although Jewish people had been forced away from Israel, when Jesus was on earth and for many years afterwards, the Jewish people knew exactly from which tribe they originated (Luke 2:36; Romans 11:1). They came from all around the various countries to hear the apostles preach (Acts 2:5). In his appeal to King Agrippa, Apostle Paul refers to the twelve tribes in existence at that time (Acts 26:7). James addressed his epistle to the twelve tribes scattered abroad (James 1:1). Jesus conducted His ministry only in Israel but His words were spread all over the Roman Empire by believers so He managed to reach Jewish people around the Roman Empire who all knew they were Jewish and knew from which tribe they originated. A New Testament promise will be fulfilled when the names of the twelve original tribes and the twelve Apostles are displayed in heaven, in the New Jerusalem. 'Jerusalem, having a great and high wall, having twelve gates and at the gates twelve angels, the names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the Children of Israel ... The wall of the City had twelve foundations and on them twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb' (Revelation 21:12 & 14). Many Jewish people from the tribe of Manasseh have returned to Israel and are still slowly returning to their homeland. They know without any doubt they originated from Manasseh and after over two thousand years they have remained Jewish, celebrating the feasts of the Lord and adhering to the ancient Scriptures. Jews are returning to Israel from all over the world. Many Jewish people today know exactly what tribe they are from. However, some Jewish people in our modern times do not know what original tribe they are from but they all know without a doubt they are descendants of Abraham. God knows the identity of every person on earth, both Jewish and Gentile. No matter how vague the Jewish bloodline is, God knows who each person is and He is calling all Jews back to Israel to gather of all tribes back together in their own land. What we see in Israel today are one cohesive people. At the present time, some Jewish people are secular but at the time of God's choosing, there will be a great spiritual awakening and all will bow down to their King.

Due to the terrible anti-Semitic attitudes of some ancient kings and political leaders, millions of Jewish people went into hiding and practiced their faith in secret for generation after generation. Now that Israel is welcoming Jews from all over the world, secret Jews are coming out of hiding and walking in the Light of the Lord. The Lord has revealed one modern secret group of Jewish people by naming them in the Bible and until recently, nobody knew what that verse meant. 'The captives of this army of the Children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites will possess even to Zarephath and the captives of Jerusalem who are in

Sepharad will possess the cities of the Negev' (Obadiah 1:20). The Lord has revealed who and where these precious Jewish people are. The Hebrew name for the Iberian Peninsula is 'Sepharad'. There have been Jewish people in Spain since the reign of King Solomon. After the destruction of the second Temple and Jerusalem, and the shocking persecution of the Jewish people in the Roman Empire in 70 AD, many Jews fled to Spain and Portugal, then known as ancient Hispania. For about 1500 centuries, the Jewish people living in Hispania built it up into a powerful empire leading the ancient world in commerce, medical practices, literature, education, sea travel and helped Hispania conquer and rule many other countries. We only have to look at the dozens of countries around the world today that speak Spanish or Portuguese as a first language to understand how triumphant they were.

The idyllic Jewish lifestyle ended abruptly when the Catholic Church began to fear the vast and growing Jewish community, believing they were becoming too numerous and powerful. That is reminiscent of the Egyptians who also believed the Hebrews were becoming too numerous and powerful. In 1492 all Jews living in Spain were ordered out. Many fled to Israel or to Portugal. Just inside the Portuguese border there is a place called 'The Valley of the Jewish'. Up to 80,000 Jewish people fled there to escape the church's persecution. Jewish people who remained in Spain were forced to convert to Catholicism, leave Spain or be condemned to death without any trial. The Jews who pretended to convert were called Anusim, Hebrew for 'forced convert'. Many Jews were Catholics by day and behind closed doors at night, secretly continued to celebrate their Jewish heritage and Judaism. The Anusim were forced to eliminate all signs of their true faith. The church in their wickedness, suspected these Anusim were not fully compliant and began to watch them day and night. Thousands of Jewish people, including young children were tortured or burned at the stake for 'heresy'. Keeping the Shabbat meant certain death. Sadly, the terrible persecution spread to Portugal in 1497. Many Jewish people who were forced to either convert or leave, fled to Israel, the Netherlands, Africa, Germany, Italy and America. Only after the Second World War, were the Jewish people in Spain and Portugal able to openly celebrate their faith. The descendents of the original Anusim, called the 'Children of Anusim' or Beni Anusim, were some of the first Jewish people to return to Israel after 1948. The 'secret Jews' or the Sephardic Jews are slowly going home. They are returning to their original Hebrew roots, they are turning away from the forced conversions of 500 years ago and are embracing their true Jewish Heritage. These people were never 'lost' they had been forced to go into hiding. There are millions more people around the world who do not yet know their Hebrew ancestry. Recent DNA testing is revealing the massive numbers of Jewish people and Hebrews, descendents of Abraham, who live all over the world. Many millions more will one day learn they are descendents of Abraham and Israel will join with the twelve tribes once again.

The Jewish people are unique among all the people of the world. Their covenant relationship with God and their strict adherence to the Torah (Genesis to Deuteronomy) sets them apart from any other nation on earth. Their ability to maintain their adherence to Judaism, their Jewish identity and their unique unity during thousands of years scattered around the globe amid terrible relentless persecution is unequalled in human history. God called Abraham out of his homeland (Ur of the Chaldees, now in Iran) to a new land that would become the homeland for his descendents through his grandson Jacob. Hundreds of years later the land was apportioned among the twelve tribes originating from Jacob's twelve sons. By 135 AD the majority of Jewish people lived outside of Israel although a small number of them, mainly farmers remained in the land. Israel has had a Jewish presence there since Abraham. The so-called lost ten tribes is just a myth that needs to be permanently discounted. Jesus Himself indicated the twelve tribes were intact. Jesus' brother James wrote his epistle to all twelve tribes who had been scattered because of persecution. The Lord knows who and where they are. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, you who have followed Me in the restoration (of Israel) when the Son of Man will sit on the throne of His glory, you (Apostles) will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19:28). "I bestow on you a Kingdom, even as My Father bestowed on Me, you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom. You will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:29 & 30).

Amen and God bless you.

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