Who is Ephraim?

If you were to read our article 'The Stone of Scone', or listen to 'Britain's Awesome Future' on our Media tab, you would gain an understanding from the Bible about the two sons of Joseph (Him of the coat of many colours) who were to become the two leading tribes of Israel, and how they were carried away in slavery, finally to gain their promised place of settlement, in Britain. Amos 9:9, 'For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth'.

The 'Stone of Scone', representing Jesus Christ, also ended up in Britain, because God had **promised King David that his throne would endure forever**; that his descendants would always rule over at least a part of Israel, and they have indeed always been crowned sitting upon that stone. It was a long documented journey through Egypt, Ireland and Scotland to England, but no one can deny that this prophecy has, and still is being fulfilled.

It is significant that the name 'British' is derived from the Hebrew root word for 'covenant' which is 'berith' and the Hebrew word for man, 'ish'. Neither is it a coincident that 'Britain' is a combination of bereith and the suffix 'an' meaning, "land of", as in 'European', Italian, etc., providing the Hebrew name of Britain, 'Berithan'.

Later, it was in the 1600's that the tribe of Manasseh split away from Ephraim in Britain to migrate to the land we call America. So, let us examine some of the scriptures which reveal this history, and what lies ahead for Ephraim in the various parts of the world to which numbers of this tribe have migrated.

Let us first note that both Ephraim and Manasseh were prophesied to become a blessing to the earth, Genesis 12:3, 'I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." The land of Ephraim, modern Britain, carried democracy, the rule of law based upon British Common Law, and its source the Bible, to its vast Empire, where its ex-colonies still benefit from them to this day. Genesis 28:14, 'Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' Isaiah 43:10, They had a commission: "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he...'

In the process, they were provided with the blessings which God had promised to Abraham and his descendants Isaac and Jacob, Genesis 27:28-29, 'May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!" Ephraim in particular, also fulfilled the promise of Genesis 35:11, 'And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.'

These blessings were not provided because of the obedience of the future generations, but on the obedience of the patriarchs Abraham, Issac, Jacob and Joseph.

In Genesis 48, Jacob, whose name God changed to Israel, passed on the rich birthright promises to Joseph's two sons. Genesis 48:5, 17-19, 'And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. And Joseph

said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." Thus Ephraim inherited his father Joseph's status as one of the twelve tribes of Israel, and became a Commonwealth of nations, while Manasseh became a single great nation and inherited his promises a little later than his brother. To this day Britain and America remain close with a 'special relationship', 'brother nations' along with Britain's excolonies Canada, Australia and New Zealand, who are still largely descended from Ephraim, and share a common language which has become international, as well as their heritage and culture.

No other nations on earth have been so richly blessed or prospered, so truly we can say that God's promises have been richly fulfilled!

These brother nations have repeatedly worked together in protecting the peace and freedom of the world, for example in the World Wars, so that God still refers to them jointly as Joseph, in Genesis 49:22-24, 'Joseph is a fruitful bough,

a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

While this prophecy refers to Joseph's military strength, since the second world war their economic, commercial and military power has not always been wisely or fairly projected, and lesser nations have suffered as a result. Add to that Israel's departure from the covenant example God hoped they would provide for the world, their rejection of God's laws, their corruption of other nations by their atheistic export of the theory of evolution and the evils of drugs, homosexuality and pornography, and it is not surprising that we see them today starting to suffer the promised curses for rebellion provided in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28; for example Leviticus 26:14, 'But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments,... verse 16, 'then I will do this to you: I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it.' and 19, 'and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.'

While we have witnessed the arrival of terrorism in Israel's lands, and though we retain power are afraid to use it, these are simply the beginning of a long list of curses God is to bring upon Israel and indeed all nations, unless we repent, and the end result will be what we read of in Isaiah 24:5-6, 'The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left.'

Even the Queen willingly signed off on legislation which directly breaks her coronation oath to protect and preserve God's laws in Britain. Her sister Margaret, sons Princes Charles and Andrew and her daughter Princess Anne have all been divorced, while her grandchildren are supporting some of the examples of political correctness associated with homosexuality and the LBGT movement.

This has so angered God that He provided a whole book in the Bible directed to Ephraim to warn it of its wrong choices and to return to their God. While Hosea's prophecies are dual, like most of

prophecy, Hosea applies largely to Ephraim, in particular Ephraim at the end time, for it details our sins and the curses which we can already see in our societies, as well as our future affliction in war and slavery, eg. Hosea 7:13, "What sorrow awaits those who have deserted me! Let them die, for they have rebelled against me. I wanted to redeem them, but they have told lies about me." NLT. Their 'Christian' religion is false, teaching lies about God's word, and when true ministers warn them, their warnings are regarded as eccentric and error, Hosea 8:12, 'Even though I gave them all my laws, they act as if those laws don't apply to them. 'NLT. Their watchmen are subject to hatred and hostility, Hosea 9:8, 'The prophet is a watchman over Israel for my God, yet traps are laid for him wherever he goes. He faces hostility even in the house of God.' (The Churches) NLT.

Nevertheless, there is hope for those who do repent, Hosea 14:4, 'I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.' Thankfully, our God is most merciful and will return to Ephraim and bless the repentant remnant, Hosea 14:5-8,

"I will be to Israel
like a refreshing dew from heaven.
Israel will blossom like the lily;
it will send roots deep into the soil
like the cedars in Lebanon.
Its branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees,
as fragrant as the cedars of Lebanon.
My people will again live under my shade.
They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines.
They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon.
"O Israel,c stay away from idols!
I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you.
I am like a tree that is always green;
all your fruit comes from me." NLT.

No longer will God regard Ephraim as drunkards, Isaiah 28:1, 'Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!'

He will once again bless us in our lands, Amos 9:13-15, "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Once again His laws will be taught and promoted to the nations from Jerusalem, Christ's coming World Capital, and it will be Ephraim and the other tribes of Israel who will at last fulfill God's wishes to be the example, and to carry His way to the nations of the world. Isaiah 66:19, "and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my

fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.' Isaiah 2:3-4, 'and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'