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¹ Peter, sent by Jesus Christ, to the sojourners of the dispersion throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia / what dispersion? Most bible teachers will assume: the Christians who were being persecuted; okay! God, when He speaks can multitask; but Peter also knew what prophet Hosea already wrote to the 10 northern tribes of the House of Israel... as they went much earlier into Assyrian captivity, resettled as a buffer zone between Assyria and Babylon south of the Caucasus Mountains -- circa 650BC where they seemed to be lost to history, in the same place the Caucasian people first appeared. And the LORD said, You will be scattered; You no longer have My mercy; You are not My people.

And they left the House of Judah, the little southern tribes behind to fend for them self...

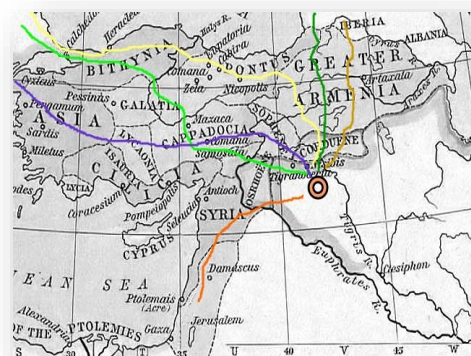
the House of Israel carried with it ALL the birthright promises God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob then given to Joseph's 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh -- Genesis 48. Ephraim to be a great community of nations...as numerous as the sands of the sea, and the stars of heaven... pushing their enemies to the ends of the earth; no weapon formed against them would prosper; and were lost to history... though they were not lost to God.

Hosea also prophesied: and in the place where it is said to them, You are not My people; there it shall be said of them, You are the children of the living Go. Ezekiel tells us... until the last days -- 3 days are still on the Lord's calendar, the 2 Houses... the House of Israel and the House of Judah... are to be considered separate... until Messiah returns in power and glory.

Peter knew all that, and he also knew... what Jesus said to those learning from Him: Go first, to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

² Choses according to the previous knowledge of God the Father / Obviously, God the Father knows lots of things; He also acts in faith as He interacts with His creation. God's plan written on the first page, are not a secret: He hopes to find men and women made in His image and likeness, walking with Him, learning from Him; a plan that includes many who will live in His house forever.

through the work of the Spirit making whole, actively obeying Jesus Christ; sprinkled with His blood / the price He paid for sin: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.



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³ **Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His abundant mercy has given us new birth **into a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead / through Jesus the Messiah born again, to a lively future because death isn't the final word -- **Jesus Christ is alive, He was raised from the dead**... and because He lives, we will live also,

⁴ **and an inheritance** that is incorruptible and undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you / **an imperishable birthright as faithful as God who promised Abraham**,

⁵ **guarded by the power of God through your faith, for salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ You greatly rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary you are distressed in various trials / many tests need to happen. Why? And we do not always know the reason; the trial may be for the individual; or for another who at a distance is watching,

⁷ That the refining method of your faith infinitely more valuable than gold that perishes though it is tried with fire may result in praise, honor and glory at the appearing, and revealing of **Jesus Christ** / **Yeshua the Messiah**: discovering what we are made of; assaying your real value; without faith we are powerless to please God; to determine: is it pure gold, or fool's gold?

⁸ **Though you have not seen Him, you love Him**; and though not seeing Him now, **you believe, and you rejoice with glorious joy**:

⁹ receiving the goal of your faith -- **the salvation of your souls**.

¹⁰ and this **salvation** / in Hebrew: **this Yeshuah** the prophets who prophesied about the **grace** that would come to you: searched and diligently investigated:

¹¹ asking **who**, and **when**... regarding **the Spirit of the Messiah who was within them** was indicating, testifying in advance of the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would follow / Peter said, those of ancient times wanted answers, they wanted to know what we want to know regarding all their prophecies about this One who is coming.

¹² It was revealed to them who were **not** serving themselves, but us. These things have been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – even the angels stooped to see and understand / we bring more joy to those citizens in eternity, when we think correctly and take to heart all the wonders of God's love.

¹³ So, with your mind ready, be sober, set your hope completely on the **grace** that is coming to you at the revealing of Jesus Christ / it's not time to walk around clear-headed; Peter says: remember the goal; keep your eye on the prize; keep running the race;

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¹⁴as obedient children, do **not** shape yourself by the former desires of your ignorance / Peter and Paul tell us, don't be fashioned by the dull, angry, shallow, boring... clueless, loveless world:

¹⁵but as the **One** who called you is holy, you also be **holy** in all conduct / what is the definition of: **holy**? It is akin to **whole** – even In our very unholy, imperfect world, it is acquired moving step by step toward the One who called us. Moving toward His voice, leaving the other voices; and keep walking until we meet Him face to face, one day... **when we see Him we will be like Him** -- 1 John 3;

¹⁶Because it is written: You be **holy**, because I am **holy** -- Leviticus 11.

¹⁷If you appeal to the Father in heaven, who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct your journey here in fear / **make God our greatest fear and dread; and paradoxically, He promises to become our place of safety** -- Isaiah 8:

¹⁸For you know you were **not** redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain conduct inherited by tradition from the fathers;

¹⁹but redeemed with the precious blood of Christ – like an unblemished, spotless lamb / the blood of the Messiah sent by God; **substituting His life for us on that Passover**:

²⁰who was previously known before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for you,

²¹through Him you believe in God who raised Him from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope are in God / who does His part to bring many in His vineyard to blossom.

²²Seeing your souls have been made whole, actively obeying the truth through the Spirit **not** in superficial / pretended love of the brothers and sisters,

but fervently love of one another with a clean heart / Jesus the night He was betrayed, said to his disciples who would go out that very night and utterly fail him; **You are clean by My word** -- John 13:

²³Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God** / **Jesus Christ is the Word of God**, who lives and abides forever.

²⁴For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off / the 70 years of life down here at best are fleeting:

²⁵**But the word of the Lord endures forever** -- Isaiah 40. Jesus said, Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away -- Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21.

And this is **the Word** which is preached to you.