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**Ephraim** is **not** interchangeable with **Judah** the Jewish people. Israel = all the 10 tribes to the north -- they are not Jewish. **Judah** is the little 2 tribes that are Jewish. **Ephraim** was ½ Egyptian, **leader of the House of Israel** he became a community of nations at the center of the earth, his older brother **Manasseh** would become a great nation at the center of the earth. so they should be identifiable in the news. Israel: **Isra = ruled + El = God** so his name means **ruled by God** God's faithfulness in time; the House of Judah was given Messianic promises revealing God's faithfulness for the end time and all eternity. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob – later named Israel, and Ephraim were not Jewish. Abraham was from the lineage of father Eber who's language was Hebrew.



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**<sup>1</sup> At the same time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel and they will be My people.** / The promises of God came from Abraham, passed to Isaac, passed to Jacob – later renamed Israel, and last passed to Ephraim – youngest son of Joseph, sometimes in the OT we read: the whole house **of Israel**; or the whole house of **Ephraim** who was ½ Egyptian... **Ephraim is the blessed leader of Israel**, but sometimes we learn about Both Houses of Israel the other very small house is **Judah Israel** they are the only Jewish people clearly identified as separate houses with distinct histories. Ezekiel 23 tells us: If you know the promises of God, you can easily know who is the subject: [2 nations came out of Egypt](#),

**<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD, The people who survived the sword, found grace in the wilderness even Israel, when I went to make him rest.** / Israel found rest where? They survived the sword taken captive by the Assyrians; but the Lord also sent the Chaldean sword to follow them, should they lose their mandate to be a blessing to the whole earth, and no longer bring the good news and great Name of the Lord their God; choosing to become a curse to the world instead of a blessing.

**<sup>3</sup> The LORD has appeared of old to me / those ruled by God, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: so, I have drawn you with mercy.**

**<sup>4</sup> I will again build you, and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel: you will be adorned with your tambourines, and will go forth to the dances of the partygoers.**

**<sup>5</sup> You will plant vines on the mountains of Samaria, the planters will plant, and will enjoy them / one day on the ancient region of the northern kingdom:**

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**6** For **there will be a day** that the watchmen on **Mount Ephraim** will cry aloud / obviously a future day; what day is the Lord talking about? Jeremiah sees when the Gentile nations come to a close; he sees the **zenith of Ephraim**; Isaiah says: **Ephraim in the isles** where Ephraim relocated as leader of those carrying the promises given Abraham. Mount Ephraim is not in the middle east.

**Arise and let us go to Zion to the LORD our God** / rise up in the other place; your community of nations; where the 10 lost tribes wandered; arise and go to where the flock gathers... **to the City of David**, remembering Jerusalem: first suggested for the new state of 1948. In 700BC Isaiah tells us, so the world was given fair warning... the **great nation**... will be brought as a gift to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, even Mount Zion – **Isaiah 18**. Are we walking in history? are we nearing this fulfillment?

**7** For thus says the LORD; Sing with gladness for **Jacob**, and shout among the chief of the nations, broadcast / praise and say, O LORD, save your people, **the remnant of Israel** / the remaining ones still **ruled by God**. / **Ephraim was promised to become a commonwealth of nations**... his brother Manasseh to become a great nation, both at the center of world history, so their greatness should be in the news, provided they were not infiltrated by roman insurgents:

**8** Look / pay attention, I will bring **them from the north country** and gather them from the **islands** of the earth and with them / the chiefs and VIPs of the nations, the **blind and the lame, the woman with child, who travails in childbirth... all together: a great company will return there.** / in Hebrew, they did not use modern directions like: southeast, or northwest. Jeremiah knew Israel went north to Assyria; but where afterwards?

**9** They will come weeping, and with appeals I will lead them: I will make them walk by the streams of water, on a straight path, where they will **not** stumble for I am a Father **to Israel** and **Ephraim is My firstborn** / they will come with tears of joy so, the Lord is the Good Pastor who provides for His people; the blessed leader of the 10 tribes was ½ Egyptian. So far, this chapter has nothing to do with the other OT House of Judah.

**10** Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; declare it **in the isles afar off** and say, He who **scattered Israel**, He will gather him, and **guard** him, as a **shepherd does his flock** / what isles? Adam was told to guard the Garden; he didn't. The night Jesus was betrayed, the disciples were told to guard His words and instructions: they did, but strangely we don't; though we think we will get away with not doing what He said.

**11** For the LORD has redeemed **Jacob**, and ransomed him from the hand of one who was stronger than him.

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**12 So, they will come and sing in the height of Zion, they will flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, for wine, and for oil; for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul will be like a watered garden; and they will not sorrow any more at all.** / this will not happen until 2 of the last 3 work days of the Lord are fulfilled.

**13 Then will the virgin Israel rejoice in the dance, both young and old together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow** / what, the LORD's people dance? How do you dance, sitting in the pews? / what is Jeremiah talking about? The young and old together; did they survive the great Armageddon?

**14 And I will satisfy the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people will be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD** / with prosperity, with abundance; Jeremiah says... because they came through great scarcity and leanness? And all the portly priests will be gone.

**15 Thus says the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah: lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children she refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not** / in the little town of Bethlehem; currently still occupied by squatters, not the people of the Lord God; this verse was fulfilled at the first coming of Messiah; when romans slaughtered the innocent one- and two-year-olds;.

**16 Thus says the LORD; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears: for your work will be rewarded, says the LORD; and they will come again from the land of the enemy** / from where they were taken captive.

**17 And there is hope for your future, says the LORD, that your children will come again to their own border** / it will happen, the Lord said so; when the 10 tribes of the north kingdom went into captivity in Assyria; after they continued through the Caucasus mountains, many, but not all going to northern Europe; count on it, they will return.



**18 I have surely heard Ephraim moaning and saying; You chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke, turn me, and I will be turned, for You are the LORD my God** / Ephraim, who received all those promises; like a drunken fool, complained about his loss of unfettered freedom: / restore me, and I will be restored;

**19 Surely after I was turned around, I reconsidered; and after I was instructed, I smote my thigh** / and kicked my own butt, too: I was **ashamed** / in Hebrew: **bos**, it's a diminutive of **boshet**, I was **boshet**, yes, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my bankrupt youth. Jeremiah previously wrote, as a thief is boshet when discovered, so is the House of Israel -- [Jeremiah 2](#),

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And like a Father listening to the confession of his prodigal son; and offering some advice; the LORD says,

<sup>20</sup> Is **Ephraim** My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? Indeed, for though I often spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still: so, My guts long for him; I surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Set up for yourself road marks, make high guideposts: direct your mind to the highway, the way which you went: return, O **virgin of Israel**, return to these cities of yours.

<sup>22</sup> How long will you wander about, O **faithless daughter**? for the LORD has created a **new** thing in the earth, a woman encompasses a mighty man / God is doing something new, speaking of Messiah coming; and **not** a faithless daughter, but those **ruled by God** embrace Him.

We learn more about this enigmatic phrase... starting in verse 31.

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God **of Israel** again, they will use this speech in the land **of Judah** and in its cities, when I will bring again their prosperity; The LORD bless you, O **house of rightness**, O holy hill. / also the God of Abraham and Isaac... the Lord says to Ephraim: His dear Son, His firstborn; NOT to Judah, the Jewish cousins, because we read:

<sup>24</sup> And **Judah** itself and all its cities will dwell together, farmers, and those who go about with flocks. <sup>25</sup> For I satisfy the weary one, and I replenished everyone who sorrows. <sup>26</sup> Upon this I awoke, and looked; my sleep was sweet to me / Jeremiah says... it was not a nightmare.

Next, the Lord addresses both Houses **Israel** and **Judah**.

<sup>27</sup> Look, **the days come**, says the LORD, that I will plant the **house of Israel** and the **house of Judah** with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

Both of these houses will exist, so where are they today?

<sup>28</sup> And it will be, that as I watched over them, to uproot, and break down; throw down, destroy, and **afflict** so I will watch over them, to **build**, and **plant** says the LORD / first mentioned in chapter one; Jeremiah was given the whole



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assignment to reform; from throwing down and destroying, to building and planting; the question is: where did Jeremiah **build** and **plant**? Most theologians and scholars do not know. **EMERALD ISLE**

**29 In those later days they will no longer say, The fathers ate sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.**

**30 But everyone will die for his own crimes: everyone who eats the sour grape, his teeth will be set on edge** / in their wilderness bondage, the fathers ate the sour grapes... but their children still suffered from their sin.

But now the Lord is creating something new in the earth: in Hebrews 8:8-13, the writer speaks of a new and better covenant... and quotes these next 4 verses.

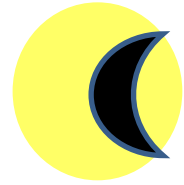
**31 Look / pay attention, the days come, says the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** <sup>32</sup> **not** according to the covenant I made with their forefathers the day I took them by the hand to bring them from the land of Egypt; which covenant they broke, although I was a **Husband** to them / which is why the prophets speak of **both** houses: greater Israel and little Judah... **both** faithless women: **both** went into captivity; they hadn't grown up, says the LORD:

**33 But this will be the covenant that I make with the house of Israel; after those days, says the LORD / after the last 3 Days still on Messiah's calendar, I will put My law / Jesus summarized that law in two parts: 1. To love God with all our heart and soul above all others; and 2. To love our neighbor as our self, that's it! I will put My law within them, writing it on their hearts; and will be their God, and they will be My people.**

**34 And they will no longer teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother saying, Know the Lord, for they will all know Me, from the least to the greatest, says the LORD: for I will forgive their crime, and I will remember their sin no more.** / when Messiah comes again, nobody will be confused; everybody will know who He is:

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**35 Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for light by night, who divides the sea when its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name.**



**36 If those fixed orders depart from before Me says the LORD, then the descendants of Israel will also cease from being a nation before Me forever.** / so don't expect it since the Lord created the moon and stars for a purpose; though one day He will make a place for a new heaven and a new earth, but that's a whole other story.

**37 Thus says the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below searched out, then I will also cast off all the descendants of Israel for all that they have done, says the LORD** / one impossibility after another... which sort of suggests, this He would like to do! but He won't; because He has promised, and He is not like us; The LORD keeps His word to His own hurt, He is faithful.

**38 Look** / pay attention because it will happen, **the days come**, says the LORD, that the **City** will be built, to the LORD from the Tower of Hanan-el, to the Gate of the Corner / no divided Jerusalem; from the Northeast corner to the Northwest corner;

**39 and the measuring line will yet go forth over against the hill Gareb, and will encompass to Goath** / uncertain locations, that indicate additional lengths and breadths.

**40 And the whole valley of dead bodies, and of ashes, and all the fields to the brook of Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east will be holy to the LORD; it will not be uprooted, nor overthrown anymore forever.** / from the Temple Mount and Gethsemane along the Mount of Olives... to the Southeast corner of Old Jerusalem; none of it will be displaced ever again.

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