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In this chapter, notice if you are NOT blind: **Ephraim** is **not** interchangeable with **Judah** the Jewish people; Ephraim, leader of the House of Israel was given unconditional, nationalistic, earthly promises—revealing God’s faithfulness in time; the House of Judah was given Messianic, spiritual promises revealing God’s faithfulness for all eternity. Many Jewish people and those in the Church will suggest Abraham was Jewish; he wasn’t... he wasn’t even an Israelite, Abraham was a Hebrew... from father Eber’s lineage.

¹ At the same time, says the LORD, I will be the God of...

all the families of Israel /...sometimes in the Old Testament we read: the whole house of Israel; or the whole house of Ephraim... who was ½ Egyptian... received the primogeniture birthright promises first given to Abraham, passed to Isaac, then to Jacob, who in his later years was given the name Israel. At other times, the house of Israel and the house of Judah are clearly identified as separate houses with distinctly different histories as God’s people. Ezekiel 23 tells us: 2 nations came out of Egypt,

and they will be My people.

² Thus says the LORD,

The people who survived the sword... initially they survived the sword taken captive by the Assyrians; but the Lord was sending the Chaldean sword to follow after His people, should they lose their divine mandate to be a blessing to the whole earth... and no longer carry with them the good news and great Name of the Lord their God; and thereby become a curse to the world instead of a blessing...

The people who survived the sword... found grace in the wilderness /...where is this wilderness where the Lord’s people found grace? By the way, the roman beast does not like this history bypassing their global agenda and their desire for world dominance and all to shout: *we have no king but Caesar.*

even Israel, when I went to make him rest /...Israel found rest in another place, where?

³ The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying,

Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love:

so, I have drawn you with mercies.

⁴ I will again build you, and you will be built, O virgin of Israel: you will be adorned with your tambourines,

and will go forth to the dances of the merrymakers.

⁵ You will plant vines on the mountains of Samaria / ...the ancient region of the northern kingdom:

the planters will plant, and will enjoy them.

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⁶ For **there will be a day** / what day is this talking about? Jeremiah see the time when the Gentile nations come to a close,

that the watchmen on the Mount Ephraim will cry aloud / on the heights of Ephraim; where Ephraim was relocated as leader of those families carrying the promises given Abraham... Mount Ephraim is not in the middle east... and has nothing to do with the House of Judah... who are their Jewish cousins,

Arise / ...rise up in the other place; a community of nations... where the 10 lost tribes wandered to,

Rise up...

and let us go to Zion / ...the City of David, a name recalling Jerusalem: this name was first suggested to be used for the new Zionist state of 1948. In 700 BC Isaiah tells us, so the world was given fair warning... the great nation... *will be brought as a gift to the Lord of host... to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts... even Mount Zion* –**Isaiah 18**. This event has not happened.

to the LORD our God.

⁷ For thus says the LORD;

Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations / Ephraim was promised to become a commonwealth of nations... along with his older brother Manasseh who would become a great nation at the center of earth – at the center of world history... so we should see relics of their greatness in the news today... provided they were faithful to their heavenly calling:

publish / broadcast, proclaim, **praise, and say,**

O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel / the remaining ones still **ruled by God.**

⁸ **Behold** / ...pay attention,

I will bring them from the north country /...in Hebrew, they did not use modern directions such as: southeast, southwest; northeast, or northwest... from what north country? Jeremiah knew that Israel went north to Assyria; but where did they go afterwards?

and gather them from the islands of the earth /...in Hebrew, they have a word for: earth, land, ground... garden; it has been a nifty task for translators to erase the obvious; this is the word for: **island**; what islands of the earth did Ephraim populate?

and with them / the chiefs and bigshots and VIPs of the nations,

the blind and the lame, the woman with child along with she who travails in childbirth... all together: a great company will return there.

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⁹ **They will come weeping** / with tears of joy,

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 / so, the Lord is the Good Pastor who really provides for His people:

for I am a Father to Israel / the 10 tribes *pushing their enemy to the ends of the earth*; becoming a large community of nations; *no weapon formed against them will prosper...* provided they remain faithful. Should they no longer say: **In God We Trust**, then all bets are off... and they will learn a lesson,

and Ephraim is My firstborn / the blessed leader of the 10 tribes who was ½ Egyptian. So far, this chapter has virtually nothing to do with the other Old Testament House of Judah.

¹⁰ **Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; declare it in the isles afar off** / what isles?

and say,

He / ...the LORD, **who scattered Israel** / ...the name given Jacob when, at 100 years old... he wrestled with the LORD,

He will gather him, and keep him / Adam was told to keep the Garden; he didn't. The night Jesus was betrayed, the disciples were told to keep His words and commandments: they did, but strangely we don't but think we will get away with not doing what He said,

as a shepherd does his flock.

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

¹² **So, they will come and sing in the height of Zion** /...in the City of David, referring to Jerusalem... but this will not happen before the last 3 Days of the Lord are fulfilled; because there still needs to be as Daniel said: a *whitening, and brightening and purifying...* that will take place among all the nations; and that requires turning up the heat; when that is finished... then,

they will come and sing in the height of Zion... / which is not what we see currently happening there; God does not plan to populate His eternity with earth's trailer trash; with stubborn jackasses, and godless goofballs and half-hearted folks doing their own thing... like we see going on throughout the world... all who will be around for the whitening and brightening and purifying... this is about when the Lord of glory comes with power and great glory... having a rod of iron ready... those who survive that terrible calamity...

they will come and sing in the height of Zion... and will flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul will be as a watered garden; and they will not sorrow any more at all.

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13 Then will the virgin rejoice in the dance /...what the LORD's people dance? How do you dance, sitting in the pews?

both young and old together /...what is Jeremiah talking about? This is the young and old who survived together; or it could mean those warriors young and old who survived the great Armageddon.

for I will turn their mourning to joy, and will comfort them,

and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satisfy the soul of the priests with fatness / prosperity, abundance; does Jeremiah says this because they came through great scarcity and leanness? All the portly priests will be gone;

and My people will be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.

15 Thus says the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah /...in the little town of Bethlehem,

lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children,

she refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not /...this verse was first fulfilled at Messiah's first coming; when Rome slaughtered the innocent one- and two-year-old children; but apparently, those in modern Bethlehem didn't know the LORD had led Israel to the north country, to the isles afar off; and to the coastlines of the earth, and there is *a time of distress such as never before, and many will sleep in the dust of the ground*—**Daniel 12...**

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.

17 And there is hope for your future, says the LORD,

that your children will come again to their own border / ...which means that the house of Israel—the 10 tribes of the northern kingdom... when they went into Assyrian captivity, later, they continued through the Caucasus mountains spreading throughout northern Europe.

18 I have surely heard **Ephraim** / who received all the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

bemoaning himself thus; You chastised **me, and **I** was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke** / ...Ephraim complaining at his loss of unfettered freedom:

Turn **me, and **I** will be turned** / restore me, and I will be restored;

for You are the LORD my God.

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¹⁹ Surely after **I** was turned around, **I** reconsidered;

and after that **I** was instructed, **I** smote on my thigh / I kicked my own ass:

I was **ashamed** / in Hebrew: **bos**, it's a diminutive of **boshet**, Jeremiah previously wrote, *as a thief is boshet when discovered, so is the House of Israel—Jeremiah 2,*

I was **boshet**,

yes, even confounded, because **I** did bear the reproach of **my** ...bankrupt youth.

And like a Father listening to the confession of his son... the LORD says...

²⁰ Is **Ephraim** My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I often spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still:

so, My guts are troubled for him; I surely have mercies for him, says the LORD.

²¹ Set up for yourself road marks, make high guide post: direct your mind to the highway, the way which you went:

return, O virgin of **Israel**, return to these cities of yours.

²² How long will you wander about,

O **faithless daughter**?

for the LORD has created a **new** thing in the earth / God is creative, He is doing something new,

A woman encompasses a **geber** / this Hebrew word means, **mighty**; it is first used in Numbers 22 speaking of the Messiah who would come; and a woman, **not** a faithless daughter, a **faithful woman** (**Israel**) surrounds, encircles, encompasses, embraces Him; Israel, the ones **ruled by God** finally grew up;

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

²³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God **of Israel** / ...who is also the God of Abraham... and the God of Isaac, too; notice it is Ephraim, the Lord says: My dear Son, My firstborn... **NOT** Judah, the Jewish cousins, because we read:

Again, they will use this speech in the land **of Judah** and in the cities thereof,

when I will bring again their *fortunes*;

The LORD bless you, O **house of rightness**, O holy hill.

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²⁴ And **Judah** itself and all its cities will dwell together,
farmers, and those who go about with flocks.

²⁵ For I satisfy the weary one,
and I replenished everyone who sorrows.

Jeremiah says...

²⁶ Upon this I awoke, and beheld;
my sleep was sweet to me / he did not wake to a nightmare.

²⁷ Behold / ...pay attention,

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 both of these houses today?

²⁸ And it will be, that as I watched over them,

to uproot, and break down; throw down, destroy,

and afflict / ...first mentioned to Jeremiah, found in the first chapter;

so I will watch over them, to **build**, and **plant** / ...through the prophet who was given the whole assignment to reform; from throwing down and destroying, to building and planting also; the question is: where did Jeremiah start building and planting? Most so-called theologians and scholars don't know.

so I will watch over them...

to build, and to plant, says the LORD.

²⁹ **In those later days** they will say no more,

The fathers ate sour grapes,

and the children's teeth are set on edge. / in their wilderness bondage, the fathers ate the sour grapes... but their children still suffered from their sinning.

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³⁰ But everyone will die for his own iniquity:

everyone who eats the sour grape, his teeth will be set on edge.

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

³¹ Behold / ...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:

³² Not according to the covenant I made with their forefathers the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant they broke,

although I was a Husband to them /...which is why the prophets speak of the 2 houses of greater Israel and little Judah as faithless women: the house of Israel—the 10 northern tribes which went into Assyrian captivity; and the house of Judah—the 2 southern tribes which went into Babylonian captivity 150 years later—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 / there are still 3 Days on Messiah's calendar,

says the LORD,

I will put My law /...Jesus summarized that law in two commandments: ^{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 more teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother,

saying, Know the LORD / when Messiah comes in great glory, everybody will know who He is:

for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,

says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity,

and I will remember their sin no more.

³⁵ Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day,

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and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,

who divides the sea when the waves thereof roar;

The LORD of hosts is his name.

³⁶ **If those fixed orders depart from before Me says the LORD**— in other words, don't expect it since He created the moon and stars for a purpose; though one day it will, making a place for a new heaven and a new earth, but that's a whole other story,

then the descendants of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.

³⁷ **Thus says the LORD; If heaven above can be measured** / ...an impossibility,

and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath / ...another impossibility,

I will also cast off all the descendants of Israel / ...which sort of suggests, this He would like to do!

for all that they have done, says the LORD / ...but the LORD won't, simply because He has promised in His word, and He is not like us; The LORD keeps His word... even to His own hurt. He is faithful.

³⁸ **Behold** /...pay attention,

the days come, says the LORD, that the City / ...Jerusalem

will be built to the LORD...

from the Tower of Hanan-el / ...at the NE corner of Old Jerusalem

to the Gate of the Corner / ...at the NW corner of Old Jerusalem.

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

⁴⁰ **And the whole valley of dead bodies, and of ashes,**

and all the fields to the brook of Kidron /...between the Temple Mount and Gethsemane along the Mount of Olives,

to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east /...the SE corner of Old Jerusalem,

will be holy to the LORD;

it will not be uprooted, nor overthrown anymore forever.