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O house  
of Ephraim Israel  
and house of Judah...  
the Father called your name,  
a green olive tree, beautiful in fruit  
and form. But because of your sins, He  
pronounced evil against you. Yet take heart,  
O house of Israel, take heart O house of Judah, for  
Yahveh has promised: "It will come about that after I  
have uprooted and scattered them, after some have become  
like degenerate, foreign vines, then My compassions will again  
be kindled and I will regather them. I will bring them back,  
each one to his own inheritance, each one to his own land.  
This is My promise. For these two olive branches are  
My two witnesses. And I will grant authority to them,  
for they are the two sons of fresh oil who are  
standing by the LORD of all the earth"

(Jeremiah

2:18-21;

11:10,16

-17; 12:15;

Hosea 1-2;

Zechariah 4:11-14;

Revelation 11:3-4).

## In A ppreciation...

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who has helped with this work over the years.  
Dear friends have spent precious time checking the text  
and they encouraged me in the process.  
I am truly indebted to each of you for your faithfulness.  
May our Father in Heaven, who sees all things done in secret  
openly reward each of you for your kindness.

Batya

## YHVH – יהוה

We use these four letters to indicate the Name of the One True God, which Name is often mistranslated as “the LORD.” Historically, Jewish tradition has avoided its use, and Christianity followed suit. The Creator’s Name is actually comprised of four Hebrew letters, יהוה, yod, hey, vav, hey, and is variously translated: Yahweh, Yahveh, Yahvah, Yehovah, etc. We will use the four English letters that best duplicate the sound of these Hebrew letters (as pronounced in modern Hebrew), YHVH. In this way, the reader can determine if and how it is to be pronounced. YHVH was sometimes called by the diminutive “Yah” (יה) which name we will also use (Psalm 68:4). One of His titles, “God” (*Elohim* in Hebrew), will also be used.

## Yeshua – ישוע

Yeshua is the Messiah’s given Hebrew/Aramaic name. It means “Salvation” (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is derived from a Greek rendering of Yeshua, or Iesous. The Greeks changed His name because their language did not have a “sh” sound, and because they added an “s” to the end of male names. This Greek transliteration was then converted into English, at a time when the English letter “J” had a sound like that of today’s “Y.” The name was thus pronounced “Yesus,” much like the Greek rendering. However, with the hardening of the sound of the English “J,” it began to be pronounced as “Jesus.” We therefore choose to transliterate the Messiah’s name from Hebrew into English, as “Yeshua.”

## Ephraim – אפרים

Ephraim is the given name of Joseph’s second son. It means “doubly fruitful.” This name was used to describe the Ten Tribes of the Northern Kingdom, also known as the Kingdom of Israel. The term “Ephraimite” also was sometimes used to describe those of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (as opposed to the Southern Kingdom of Judah). The people of Ephraim lost their identity after they were exiled by the Assyrians (around 722 B.C.). We will use this name to describe those known as the “Ten Lost Tribes,” and to broadly speak of non-Jewish Believers in the Messiah of Israel (Genesis 41:52; 2 Kings 17:34; 1 Kings 12:21; Ezekiel 37:15-28).

## Torah – תורה

Teaching, instruction (human or divine), direction, often called the “Law.”

The Almighty says that He loved Abraham because he kept His laws, or “Torah” (Genesis 26:5). Abraham kept the spirit of the Father’s Torah before the letter of it was given to Moses.

Everyone who wants to be a success should likewise look to our Father’s precepts for guidance. For Moses said of them, “Keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people’” (Deuteronomy 4:5-6).

King David said of these teachings, “How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of YHVH. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways....Oh that my ways may be established to keep Thy statutes! Then I shall not be ashamed” (Psalm 119:1-6).

As New Covenant Believers, we are saved by grace through faith, and not by works, but by the shed blood of our Messiah, and by the word of our testimony. It is with this understanding of all that our Messiah has done for us, and of the wise and simple faith of our forefather Abraham, that we speak of honoring the wisdom of Torah.

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## Foreword

**R**eligious history is interesting. Every generation produces groups who believe they have received the ultimate revelation of divine truth and that their particular denomination or belief system holds the key to true Biblical understanding. Some feel the final word was given at a place such as Rome, Wittenberg, or Azusa Street, and upon receiving that all-important piece of the puzzle, little more needs to be heard. It is not our purpose here to contest the various belief systems and doctrines held by the multitudes; however, we would like to appeal to all, regardless of background, to read this book with an open mind.

Batya Wootten is a true scholar in the Biblical sense. Her teachable spirit and desire for wisdom led her to ask our Heavenly Father a question that has been a source of contention for centuries: "*Who is Israel?*"

She was shown an answer, and has in turn shown us, that the Bible is really much more simple than we have made it out to be. Both Old and New Testaments are one continuous story of God's dealing with His "called-out" people. Many of these people have become lost to their identity and scattered to the ends of the earth, yet they are not lost to Him. The story about "Israel" is an exciting story with a fascinating plot, and it is, above all else, a love story. But, to properly understand that story, the Bible needs to be interpreted as a whole. The body of Yeshua holds widely divergent Biblical interpretation views because so many don't study the Old Testament (*Tanach*) as a foundation to understand the New.

Yeshua said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). Truth, when revealed, may make some uncomfortable or cause division. It takes courage to stand for truth in the face of persecution. But in the end, it is worth it all, because it brings freedom. So we ask you to prayerfully read this book. In it, you will see that our God is truly a faithful Father, a Good Shepherd, and that, as the Psalmist writes, "He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." Trust Him to watch over you as you read this revealing work.

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The God of Israel has often used women to help keep men and His plan for Israel on course. He used Sarah to ensure that the promise went to Isaac rather than to Ishmael (Abraham's choice), and He used Rebekah to change Isaac's plan to pass the promise to Esau rather than Jacob (whom our God had chosen) (Genesis 21:9-12; 27:4-10). Today, I thank God that He has used my wife, Batya, and her faithfulness to uncover Israel's true identity. Her tenacity has helped keep not only me on course, but to take a giant step towards helping the Father accomplish His ultimate desire, to have a people for His own possession.

This book, this result of her quest for truth, will surely be used by the Holy Spirit to help guide believing Israel back on course, and onto the Kingdom Road. It will help prepare the way for Messiah's return and the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel. It not only answers the "*Who is Israel*" question, but the life-changing questions: *Where is Israel?* and *What is Israel's destiny?* It also will help you answer your questions: *Who are you? Why are you where you are? And, What is your destiny?*

My wife wrote this book with my full involvement, because, between the two of us, she is more articulate, but what she writes speaks for both of us. Every word.

Why do I personally think God has greatly used a woman to bring forth this latter-day truth? For one reason, and as Batya often says, "I asked, and He answered." When we call, He answers. Regardless. But perhaps also because to bring reunion to divided Israel, we first need the reconciling, nurturing touch of a mother's love (women seem to do a better job of settling squabbles between children, and we see Ephraim and Judah as being much like two battling brothers who both need to be fairly and equitably corrected). Further, as my wife, Batya has been both able and willing to devote decades, without compensation, to this vital task.

I encourage you to read this book because that the God-given insight found in it has radically changed me, as well as many thousands of others, and it can change you! So I welcome you to the ranks of the radically changed—to the multitude of forerunners being prepared for the day when the kingdoms of this world will become the restored Kingdom of Israel!

Angus Wootten  
Saint Cloud, Florida

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"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not

seal my lips, as you know, O YHVH. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly” (Psalm 40:8-10).

If there is one passion that this writer has, it is this task of declaring and making known the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (even though she agrees that it barely scratches the surface of His awesomeness).

We have known Batya for almost 25 years and have watched her go through the birth pangs of her calling. We have watched her work to make known a mystery that God had sealed up until the end time, the unveiling of the “mystery of the blindness of Israel” and the irrevocable giftings and calling of God upon a chosen people.

Batya’s perseverance in prayer, in searching the scriptures, in studying, researching and writing brought her to this present work, which is one more step in conveying “present truth” to the great congregation. It is not undertaken for the purpose of mere knowledge, but in order to declare to this world that our God, the Father of our Messiah Yeshua, the God of Israel, is faithful, righteous, just, and full of lovingkindness and truth. Here is another product of her years of labor, born of a mother’s heart to teach the “children” to have confidence in their God.

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## Introduction

It all started innocently enough in the early 1970's. We became Believers in the Messiah of Israel, and soon were surrounded by Jewish Believers. <sup>a</sup> Together we were discovering that Jesus is Jewish, His Hebrew name is Yeshua, He kept the Feasts of Israel, and He loves the Jewish people.

On and on went our list of exciting discoveries. We were inspired and felt encouraged to get the word out because so few knew and understood.

Then I got the bright idea that a catalogue would provide a vehicle to get the mostly unavailable yet necessary books and materials into the hands of other Believers being awakened to these same life-changing truths.

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<sup>a</sup> We use "Believer" to describe those purchased by the blood of the Messiah (Christ) of Israel rather than "Christian" because the latter title is sometimes used by those who do not truly seek to follow Christ (Mat 7:23; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Pet 1:17-19).

Since I owned an antique and gift shop and knew something about marketing—and since my husband, Angus, said he would provide the necessary funds—it was jointly decided by the Messianic Ministry Board that I should create the catalogue. Thus, the House of David Catalogue was born.

Little did we realize that creating a catalogue for this budding “Messianic Jewish Movement” would be like creating a catalogue exclusively for one-armed, red-haired, paperhangers. Still, all the paper-hanging, Jewish-loving people we did manage to find, well, they thought our catalogue was the greatest thing since pre-pasted paper.

Our “Messianic Manna” in paper form ultimately grew into 48 pages of Passover plates, mezuzzahs, shofars, talit, jewelry, gifts, bumper stickers, imports from Israel, Messianic music, and lots and lots of books. <sup>b</sup> Yes, it was the books...

We did not realize the repercussions of creating a catalogue for this chosen few, and we did not realize that I—a wife, mother, and shopkeeper—would ultimately have to read and write descriptions for hundreds of books about Israel.

Unwittingly, the quandary in which I soon found myself was that I began to feel a certain accountability for the books I put before the Father’s people. I had to decide which ones we should and should not offer, and the more I read, the heavier became my feeling of responsibility. After much reading, I concluded that most books about Israel fell into one of three categories:

- 1) “The Church has replaced Israel” hypothesis.
- 2) “The Church is ‘Spiritual Israel’ and the Jews are ‘Physical Israel’” theory.
- 3) “The Church and Israel are separate entities and never this side of heaven the twain shall meet” doctrine.

After much discussion with my husband, we concluded that the fabric of each of these teachings, when examined, proved to be full of holes. When held up to the light of Scripture, each

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<sup>b</sup> *Mezzuzah* (plural, *Mezuzzot*): Decorative case containing certain Scripture verses affixed to one’s doorpost. *Shofar* (plural, *Shofarot*): Ram’s horn used to call the congregation. *Talit* (plural, *tallitot*): Jewish prayer shawl.

theory was seen to be flawed. These sad conclusions led me to cry out to my Heavenly Father. It brought me to a place where I literally begged Him, *“Please make me understand! Who is Israel?”*

It was a question that, for years, never left me. I thought about it on my way to work, where I managed my growing Messianic catalogue. I prayed about it when I lay on my bed at night, having been responsible for sending books all over the globe—books that helped shape people’s opinions about “Israel.” I considered the consequences of having people believe the erroneous theories found in those books. And I talked to both my husband and my Heavenly Father about it constantly, because it truly concerned me.

So it was that I came to realize the truth of one of my Eternal Father’s promises: *“You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart”* (Jeremiah 29:13). I came to know that He meant it when He said, *“Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know”* (Jeremiah 33:3, TAB).

In our search for the truth about Israel, I knew we did not want what man might mistakenly believe to be truth, but instead wanted the Father’s truth. So I asked, and in His mercy, He answered.

Through His Holy Word, the Almighty began to show us *“great and mighty things.”* And what He showed us changed our lives, for the better. Since that time, over and over again, we have seen the truth about *“both the houses of Israel”* change the lives of others (Isaiah 8:14). We have seen Believers become inspired and filled with new hope concerning their own call in Messiah; because the Father revealed to them the truth about the promises to Judah, and about the *“melo hagoyim”* (*“fullness of Gentiles”*) promised to Israel (Genesis 48:19; Romans 11:25).

We also have seen Believers be stirred, strengthened and filled with joy and hope, over the beginning of the reunion of the *“two sticks”* of Ephraim and Judah (Ezekiel 37:15-28).

Though people try to make it complicated, we found the truth about Israel to be simple: Long ago the Father divided Israel into two houses, Ephraim (Israel) and Judah; they were given different punishments, prophecies, and promises. As His “two witnesses,” they were sent in different directions to accomplish different purposes, and in this last day He would have the two come together, that they might serve to confirm His truth in the earth (1 Kings 12:15,24; Hosea 1:11; John 8:17).

And now, that we might begin to perceive the great destiny that lies before us, especially so that you, the reader, might catch a glimpse of the Father’s great love for you, and that you might begin to see the glorious future He has planned for you, as part of His chosen people (1 Peter 1:1; 2:9), we very much want to share with you what Scripture has to say about Israel.

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## Part One

# Israel in the Past The Promises



## The Faith of Abraham

Looking across the sands of time to a desert mound situated under a starlit sky, we see an old man talking to his Creator. All believing people would ultimately be affected by the man's experience. He would one day be known as "the father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11). To understand our faith, we begin at the beginning, we look to the father of our faith, to Abraham.

The Word came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great."

Abram replied to the voice, "O Adonai YHVH [O Lord my YHVH], what will You give me, since I have no child from my own loins? I am childless, my only heir is a servant born in my house, Eliezer of Damascus."

“Your servant,” said the living Word, “shall not be your heir. Only one that shall come from your inward parts—only an heir from your own body shall inherit your blessing.”

Then He said to the aged patriarch, “Come out here, Abram, and look up at the stars. If you can count them you will know the number of descendants that will come from your own body. This is My sovereign promise to you.”

Abram stepped out of his tent and gazed into the clear night sky. He could see no end to the countless stars. He was comforted beyond measure by the promise being made to him. His descendants would be as numerous as the countless heavenly bodies he was beholding. He smiled as he stood in the desert sand, contemplating this awesome promise just made to him. His body, though more than three quarters of a century-old, straightened as he looked toward the night sky. Turning round and round, the man of faith saw myriads of stars; he saw the Heavens declaring the glory of the God that he served. That night Abram believed YHVH,<sup>1</sup> and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.<sup>2</sup>

## Abraham's Noisy Multitude

The New Covenant says of Abraham, “Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore, ‘It was reckoned to him as righteousness’” (Romans 4:19-22).

Abraham contemplated his aged body and Sarah’s barrenness because he was looking for the physical fulfillment of YHVH’s promise to him.

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<sup>1</sup> YHVH: The Name of our God, often mistranslated as “the Lord,” is comprised of four Hebrew letters, יהוה, yod, hey, vav, hey. The English YHVH essentially duplicates their sound. In the Greek texts, “the Lord” is translated from the Greek *kurios*, meaning supremacy. See *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* (hereafter *Strong’s*), word # G 2962. We will also use His shortened Name, “Yah,” to refer to Him (Psa 68:4).

<sup>2</sup> See Gen 15:1-6; Psa 19:1-4; Rom 4:3-23.

Abraham was not satisfied with only having an adopted heir, and in response to his desire to have a child of his own, YHVH said, “None but your very own issue shall be your heir” (Genesis 15:4, *Tanakh*, hereafter: TNKH).

Based on this promise, Abraham looked for a biological heir, and for a great number of physical descendants.

The Holy One came to Abram again, when he was ninety-nine years old, and He said, “I am the Almighty God, walk before Me and be blameless. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.’ And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, ‘Behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram [exalted father],’ but your name shall be called Abraham [father of a multitude]. For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, I will make nations of you” (Genesis 17:1-6).

Abraham believed he would father a multitude of nations, a *hamon goyim*. *Goyim* is Hebrew for Gentiles, or nations. *Hamon* means a noise, sound, tumult, wealth, multitude, crowd. With these words of promise, the Almighty decreed that from Abraham would come, a “multitude of nations [Gentiles].” From Abraham would come a people, and they would cause a tumultuous commotion, or a great noise about Abraham’s God, throughout the world. From Abraham would come a blessed people who were destined to be exceedingly fruitful. <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *Goyim*: *Strong’s* # H 1471 says *goyim* means, “a foreign nation...heathen...people” (Parson’s Technology QuickVerse Bible Software Program, 1996-99, Cedar Rapids). *The New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew-Aramaic Lexicon* ( *BDBL* ) says it means “nation, people,” and is usually used to speak of non-Hebrew people (#H 1471, Hendrickson, 1979; also Parson’s Technology, 1999). *The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* 2 Vol., Moody, 1981 (hereafter *TWOT*) says “*Goyim*...usually refers to...the surrounding pagan nations” (# 326e). *Hamon*: *Strong’s* and *BDBL* # H 1995; also *TWOT* word # 505a. Hereafter, all Hebrew word definitions will be listed as *S&BDB*.

## Have We Missed the Miracle?

As New Covenant followers of The Way, <sup>4</sup> have we missed the full impact of Abraham's blessing? Have we painted a mental picture comprised of heirs who primarily are *not* related to him, while Scripture explicitly states that he would have myriads of physical heirs? Have we misunderstood the promise that was given to Abraham and thus overlooked a glorious wonder? If so, have we missed rejoicing in one of the YHVH's marvels?

Yes we have. Yah (YHVH) promised to make the "fewest of all peoples....as numerous as the stars of the sky" (Deuteronomy 7:7; Exodus 32:13). By not seeing this truth, we have missed the miracle of His sovereign multiplication of Abraham's seed.

Our God swore that He would bring forth from Abraham myriads, literal nations full of biological heirs. That is the first meaning of Abraham's blessing and the literal way in which it should be interpreted. We are told that YHVH "declares the end in the beginning (Isaiah 46:10), so we begin our search by believing what Abraham believed: out of his body there would ultimately come countless physical descendants.

It is this promise that will be studied in this work. It will not be deemed necessary to prove that Messiah Yeshua's sheepfold includes some who are unrelated to Abraham, because that point has been addressed by countless numbers. Neither will legitimacy be denied in any way to Believers who feel they are *not* related to Abraham. However, for the sake of those who do believe they might actually descend from Abraham's loins, we will pursue the Scriptural trail of the myriads who were promised to him. We will pursue confirmation of the promise once made to the father of our faith, Abraham.

We fully affirm that our God can choose to have "others" partake of Abraham's promise, and that, to believe Abraham potentially has myriads of physical heirs in the earth does not imply that all Believers must be related to Abraham in order to have a relationship with our God. Abraham's steward, Eliezer, was dearly loved by Abraham and shared in his inheritance, just

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<sup>4</sup> The Way: Acts 9:2; 19:9,23; 24:14.

as Abraham surely loves all who believe in the Holy One. Moreover, we do not examine this facet of Abraham's promise in an attempt to prove patriarchal descent for any person or group. Rather, we do so for the following reason:

Most people define Israel based on some idea of physical descent, regardless of how abstract or vague their definition. Perceived physical descent from the patriarchs, or a presumed lack thereof, is most often the deciding factor in everyone's "Israel decision." Therefore, if we want to understand Israel, we are *forced* to address this universal standard—because it is the underlying and misleading presumption in most conclusions in the matter. We challenge the validity of this misconceived rule, because the errant answers that have grown out of it have affected the very fundamentals of our faith. For, when coming to know Messiah Yeshua,<sup>5</sup> or Jesus Christ, one naturally asks the questions, "Who are His chosen people? Who are Abraham's heirs? Who is Israel?"

As we address this all-important issue, our study will be rooted in the beliefs that people cannot absolutely prove a genetic connection to the patriarchs, and we do not suggest anyone actually pursue "endless genealogies" (1 Timothy 1:4). While much research is presently being conducted in the science of genetics, we believe it is pointless for anyone to be argumentative about the issue, or to try to make arrogant claims based on unprovable genealogy. This in turn means Jewish people cannot prove they are physically related to Abraham, and conversely, no one can prove non-Jewish Believers are not physically descended from Abraham. These points simply cannot be absolutely proven either way.

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<sup>5</sup> *Yeshua* (יֵשׁוּעַ) is the Messiah's given Hebrew/Aramaic name and means "Salvation" (Mat 1:21). *Jesus* is derived from the Greek rendering of *Yeshua*, which is *Iesous*. We prefer to transliterate His name from Hebrew into English as "Yeshua."

Because no one can absolutely prove they are physically related to Abraham, we will pursue our course by faith alone, using Scripture as our guidebook. We press on in hopes that we might restore to a people of promise that which was once lost; <sup>6</sup> we also do so in hopes that they will be inspired with a sense of latter-day destiny.

## Joint Heirs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

By not seeing Abraham's promise of myriads of biological heirs, are his non-Jewish descendants being robbed of the blessing of knowing that truth? If Scripture indicates they are his heirs, should they be denied that understanding? Are non-Jewish Believers being robbed when they are told, "*You may be a spiritual heir of Abraham, but you are not a physical heir of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*" Those who make this claim often dismiss the idea of possible physical descent as unimportant. Yet, all of the Father's truths are to be received and revered—but more importantly, the joint inheritance of our patriarchs cannot be legitimately separated because theirs is a common blessing. <sup>7</sup>

- YHVH said to Isaac, "To you and to your seed...I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham" (Genesis 26:3).
- Isaac then passed the blessing to his son Jacob, saying, "May He [YHVH] also give you the blessing of Abraham" (Genesis 28:4).
- The Chronicler later reiterated the promise: "The covenant which He [God] made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, He also confirmed to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant" (1 Chronicles 16:16-17).
- The New Covenant (*Brit Chadashah*) reveals that Abraham "lived as an alien in the land of promise...with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise" (Hebrews 11:9).

Scripture does not support the idea that a Believer can be an

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<sup>6</sup> Deu 30:3; Isa 11:1-14; 49:6; Jer 31:21; 33:7; Hos 1-2; Acts 15:16.

<sup>7</sup> Gen 15:5; 17:4; 26:4; 24:60; 28:3,14; 48:4,16,19.

“heir of Abraham, but not an heir of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” A Believer is either an heir of all three or not an heir at all.

Of our patriarchs we read, “These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised... [for] only together with us would they be made *perfect*” (Hebrews 11:39-40, NIV). The patriarchs did not complete, accomplish, consummate, finish, nor fulfill all that was promised to them. For without *us*, the New Covenant Believers, their blessing is *imperfect*. It is *incomplete*.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, it was revealed to them that “they were not serving themselves, but *you*, in these things which now have been announced to *you* through those who preached the gospel by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven” (1 Peter 1:10-12).

## The Promised Kahal/Ekklesia

YHVH promised Abraham that He would “multiply” his descendants as the stars of heaven (Genesis 26:4). They were to increase, exceedingly, to become numerous and great. Further, the blessing given to Rebekah was, “Be the mother of thousands of millions,” or *myriads* (Genesis 24:60). Isaac and Rebekah then passed their multitudinous blessings to their son Jacob: “May God...make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a congregation of peoples” (Genesis 28:3). In addition, Yah said that He would call forth from Jacob a congregation, a *kahal*. This Hebrew word means an assembly, company, congregation, or convocation especially called together by the Almighty. *Kahal* was then translated into the Greek word *ekklesia* in the *Septuagint*—because it likewise speaks of a calling out, a meeting, especially a religious assembly.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Perfect: *Strong's* # G 5048.

<sup>9</sup> *Rabah/Multiply*: *S&BDB* # H 7235; *TWOT* # 2103, 2104. *Myriads*: *S&BDB* #'s H 505 and 7235. *Kahal/Congregation*: *TWOT* # 1991a. Also see *S&BDB* # H 6951. *Kahal* translated into *ekklesia*: *TWOT* word # 1991a; page 790. *Septuagint*: Greek translation of the Hebrew Old (continued...)

In English versions of the New Covenant, *ekklesia* is usually translated *church*.<sup>10</sup> However, in our day, like “Jewish,” the word “church” has become a multi-faceted name or title. For instance, there is a true *church*, an eternal *ekklesia* that includes all who truly seek to follow the God of Israel, and there is a “church system” that persecutes true Believers. Some claim to be “of the church” but their faith is questioned by others. The same principle holds true for Jews and Judaism. There are Jewish people who, to the best of their ability, seek to follow the Holy One of Israel, but some Jews belong to the Jewish Mafia, some are sworn atheists. For these reasons, use of these words can be confusing unless one knows exactly what is meant with their use. In this work, they will be used with the belief that, in the end, the Holy One Himself will decide whom among both peoples He finds acceptable.<sup>11</sup>

## The Called Out Ones

In the New Covenant, the *kahal* of ancient Israel is called “the *ekklesia* that was in the wilderness” (Acts 7:38). And Yeshua called His assembly an *ekklesia* (Matthew 16:18; 18:17).

YHVH also promised Jacob, “Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt *spread abroad* to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south” (Genesis 28:14, KJV). Jacob’s heirs were to break through, burst out, as though from an enclosure, and to greatly increase in number.<sup>12</sup>

The common blessing given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was that of a great congregation of physical descendants: Bountiful bunches of babies, lots and lots of little ones,

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Covenant compiled 200 years before Yeshua’s birth. Of the 122 KJV usages, more than 60 times *kahal* (*kehilat*) is translated *ekklesia* (*Hatch and Redpath Concordance to the Septuagint*, 1983, Baker, p 433); 36 times it is translated *synagogue*. Like *ekklesia*, *kahal* and *synagogue* also describe an *assembly* (*Strong’s #’s* H 6951; G 1577; 4864).

10 In Acts 19:32 *ekklesia* is used to define the confused mob crying out against Paul. *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Baker, 1983, p 196a; *Strong’s #* G 1577.

11 Matt 5:20; 7:23; John 8:44; 10:33; Acts 7:38; 2 Thes 1:1; 2:13; 2 Tim 3:1-12; Rev 2:9; 3:9,16.

12 *S&BDB #* H 6555; *TWOT #* 1826.

exponentially growing groups of grandchildren. This the promise that made Abraham so happy on that star-lit night in the desert. This was the faith of our father Abraham, and it is the faith that we who follow him need to embrace.

## Conclusions

We conclude that just as our God is One, so in the end, He will have but one called out people.<sup>13</sup> We also conclude that:

- Abraham believed he would literally father a multitude of nations.
- Isaac was given the same oath as his father.
- Jacob was given the blessing of Abraham.
- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are fellow heirs.
- The Father said that from Jacob would come forth a *kahal-congregation-ekklesia*.

Abraham's multitudinous blessing was passed to Isaac and then to Jacob. It was given to the one who was renamed *Israel*. And now, as we search for answers to our Israel questions, and being armed with an outline of the blessing of fruitfulness promised to the patriarchs, we move to the first time the name *Israel* was given.

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<sup>13</sup> One God: Deu 6:4; Mark 12:29. One people: Num 15:15; Eze 37:19; John 17:11.

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