

Ezekiel's Bones

I've heard it said that the notion of "lost tribes", i.e. that entire tribes migrated away from Israel and are lost is a false assumption and that members of all 12 tribes are represented among the Jewish people today.

Unfortunately, I have found no scholarly work or discourse that would back up this claim. Yet there are many scholarly works that trace the exile of the northern ten tribes of Israel by Assyria and have reconstructed their migrations into the far corners of the world. Gaon Elyahu of Vilna and recently Yair Davidiy come to mind. And the Biblical evidence is strongly in support of the fact that the ten tribes of Israel in the north were taken and did not return. We see from the census in Ezra (Ezra chapter 2) that no members of the northern ten tribes are named. The same with Nehemiah 7.

Instead, scholars agree that the Jews today are made up of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi with some from Simeon and Cohanim but definitely not all twelve tribes are represented. So, it would not be possible to find 12,000 men from each tribe as mentioned in Revelation (Revelation 7:4-8) unless God does some miracle. Which is exactly God's plan.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" So, I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked and tendons and flesh appeared on them, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So, I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore, prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

We know Ezekiel's prophecy of the Valley of Dry Bones is not speaking about the Jews who returned to Israel prior to 1948 because they were not dead and unrecognizable as a people. They were very much recognizable as a people and had retained their traditions, customs and their God. But these bones are dead. They are no longer recognizable as a people. No traditions, no customs, and no God. Totally assimilated into the nations. Buried in the nations, in their graves within the nations. Without hope.

But God as he promised in Leviticus 26:44,45 said he will not destroy them completely so that his covenant will be broken, but he will remember the covenant with their ancestors. And God has specifically said he will bring these ten lost tribes back to the land. But he had to also fulfill his law first.

We know that when God had Israel (the 10 northern tribes) taken by Assyria (2 Kings 18:10,11) he appointed 390 years to them for their correction to bear their sin (Ezekiel 4:4,5) but they did not repent after the 390 years, so God added to their curse seven times according to his law (Leviticus 26:21). For this reason, God could not bring about the prophecy of Ezekiel's Dry Bones until 2,730 years came to an end.

This time will come to an end on Yom Kippur of the Jewish year 5784 or September 24-25, 2023. How do we know this? We didn't know the exact date until relatively recently, but some tablets were uncovered at Tell Jemmeh during renewed excavations that actually had lists of the last Israelite captives taken and the dates they were taken.

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So, with the correct dates of the last captives we were able to calculate the year 2023 and we know that Yom Kippur is the day that the Lord declares his judgements.

The Bible makes it clear that both the northern tribes of Israel and the southern tribes of Judah will both be in the land in the last days.

Jeremiah 3:18 In those days the people of Judah will join the people of Israel, and together they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

In the Jewish Oral Tradition this passage is used to say that the exiles of Judah and Benjamin are destined to go to the nations of the north and bring back the people of Israel in order to merit with them the Messianic Era and life in the World-To-Come. But, however interpreted, it does speak of two distinct Jewish people who do not both exist at this time coming together in the last days. We see this again and again.

Jeremiah 50:4 "In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "the people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God."

Zechariah 10:6 "I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God, and I will answer them."

Israel and Judah, Judah and Joseph. These are references to the tribes of the north and the tribes of the south. All twelve tribes in Israel in the end times. God will resurrect the lost ten tribes who are now buried in the nations and have lost their identity and their hope. He will breathe into them his Spirit and bring them back to the land of Israel and join them to Judah (Ezekiel 37:15-28). And this will happen in the days that we are living in now.

We are going to see all the things that must be before the end happening around us. In the fall of this year 2023 we will see a pure red heifer sacrificed on the Mount of Olives which is the traditional place for this sacrifice. This sacrifice will be the first step in the building of the temple in Jerusalem. For it is only with the ashes of a perfect red heifer mixed in water that all the temple grounds, tools, artifacts, priests, and people are made clean with sprinkling. Since 1948 until today Israel has not been able to breed a pure red heifer without spot or blemish. But today, due to a miracle of God, Israel has five pure red heifers that will come of age this fall in time for a Yom Kippur ceremony.

Everything for the temple has been prepared. The temple is necessary for the end to happen. The return of the ten tribes is necessary for the end to happen. The coming together of Christians and Jews into acceptance of each other as all children of Abraham is necessary for the end to happen.

All these things will come to be because God has declared it.

And they will come to be in the next few short years ahead of us. Because the days of preparation will soon come to a close and then the tribulation.

May God keep your hearts and minds in Yeshua HaMashiah, The Living Torah, Jesus Christ, The Messiah.

Thank you,

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