

# David's Prophecy to the British

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When the name King David is mentioned, what comes to mind? Some might say "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22). Others might say "a man of blood" (1Chron. 28:3) because of his many battles. Sadly, there are those who only remember David's adultery with Bathsheba, even though he eventually repented (2Sam. 12:1-14). But the majority of people who know anything about David would probably not refer to him as a prophet. However, this is how he is described in the New Testament.

*Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried (awaiting the resurrection at Christ's return; cf. 1Thes. 4:13-17), and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Therefore, **being a prophet** and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne (Acts 2:29-30; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

One of David's prophecies described the nation of Ephraim that was known anciently for its skill in using bows and arrows to defeat enemies. However, David foretold that this powerful and effective weapon would not save them once they rejected the covenant that their ancestors made with God.

*The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle (retreated). <sup>10</sup>They did not keep the covenant of God; **they refused to walk in***

*His law* (Psa. 78:9-10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

This prophecy of David came to pass approximately 726 – 721 BCE when Shalmaneser (V), king of Assyria, conquered the Ephraimites who were one of the ten nations of Israel with their capital city in Samaria.

*In the ninth year of Hoshea (king of Israel). The king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes (2Kgs. 17:6; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

The remaining two nations of Israel, Judah and Benjamin, had their capital city in Jerusalem and became known as "the Jews". The people of these latter two families were taken captive by the Babylonians a couple of centuries later. Therefore, *all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews.*

The Ephraimites were descendants of Joseph, which is very important when it comes to David's prophecy because this nation was given exceptional blessings, but conditions were attached that their present-day descendants are failing to fulfill. Therefore, serious consequences are beginning to affect them.

*And Israel (formerly known as Jacob) said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, **God has also shown me your offspring!**" <sup>12</sup>So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. <sup>13</sup>And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. <sup>14</sup>Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on*

*Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.*  
<sup>15</sup>*And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day,* <sup>16</sup>*The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, **bless the lads; let my name (Israel) be named upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.**"*  
<sup>17</sup>*Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.* <sup>18</sup>*And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."*  
<sup>19</sup>*But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. **He (Manasseh) also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude** (SHD 4393; handful) **of nations.**"* (Gen. 48:11-19; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So, the descendants of Manasseh would become a great nation, while Ephraim's descendants would become a multitude of nations, as in a commonwealth. An example of this would be the commonwealth of nations comprising the British Empire. Of interest, the word British is derived from "Brit" which in the Hebrew language means *covenant, pact, or treaty*. It is one of the most frequently used words in the Old Testament, appearing some 270 times. The word "ish" in the Hebrew language means "a man." Therefore, British means "covenant man" or in the case of a nation it would be rendered "covenant people." This may explain why the biggest selling book of all time came out of this nation (King James Version of the Bible). According to the Guinness

Book of Records in 1995, over 5 billion copies of the Bible have been sold worldwide. Unfortunately, a significant portion of the people in Britain no longer believe they need to obey its contents.

Also of interest, the sign of the covenant originally made between God and His people was the act of circumcision (cf. Gen. 17:11). According to an article produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation, one-third of British men were circumcised up to the year 1948; after that the procedure was no longer covered through the National Health Service (<https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-19072761>).

Going back to King David's prophecy about the nation of Ephraim, he warned that their superior weapons would not protect them if they rejected the terms of the covenant that their forefathers made with God (Psa. 78:9-10 cf. Ex. 19:5-8).

Historically, the British army won major battles even when they were outnumbered. In fact, it was the use of longbows that made the difference.

*(King) Edward III's reign was dominated by the Hundred Years War which lasted from 1337-1453. It was perhaps due to this continual state of war that **so many historical records survive which raise the longbow to legendary status; first at Crecy and Poitiers, and then at Agincourt** (Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*In the battle of Crecy, **the British forces were outnumbered**, but had the advantage of firing ten – twelve arrows to the French crossbows that fired between three – five volleys. It is also reported that rain had adversely affected the bowstrings on the crossbows. According to one estimate, French*

*casualties included eleven princes, 1,200 knights and 12,000 soldiers killed. Edward III is said to have lost a few hundred men* (<https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofEngland/The-Longbow/>; emphasis added).

By the seventeenth century the longbows were replaced by muskets. Nonetheless, King David prophesied that although the descendants of Ephraim would have superior weapons of war, these weapons would not save them from defeat if they rejected the terms of God's covenant, which is an everlasting covenant (cf. Gen. 17:19). The generation in power in Great Britain today is doing all it can to facilitate the removal of God's values as defined in His word, the Bible. Therefore, what the prophet Daniel said to the leadership of another great nation, also applies to the modern-day descendants of Great Britain because "*God is not a respecter of persons*" (Acts 10:34 cf. Dan. 5:26-28).

*MENE – God has numbered your kingdom and finished it.*

*TEKEL- You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting*

*PERES –Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians*

For any nation to maintain its sovereignty and prosper, they must have control of their enemy's gates, or chokepoints. The reason "*Britannia ruled the waves*" was because *they had control of major sea-gates* allowing freedom of passage for their goods and services (i.e., Gibraltar, Suez Canal, Strait of Hormuz, etc.). This is also critical in winning any military conflict, which explains why the Chinese Communist Party is building up its naval fleet while "*western nations*" are introducing the latest "*WOKE protocols*" to their armed forces. Not only that, western nations are opening their gates to what used to be

referred to as "*illegal aliens or immigrants*", which sends a message to one's enemies that you are not willing to defend your gates from potential outside threats. This is contrary to the blessing granted to the nations that descended from Abraham's son Isaac, whose wife was Rebekah.

*And they blessed Rebekah and said to her*  
*"Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and **may your descendants possess** (take control of) **the gates of those who hate them.**"* (Gen. 24:60; emphasis added).

Although the descendants of Ephraim are central to David's prophecy in Psalm 78:9-10, there are other nations that share a common heritage and should not consider themselves exempt from the same fate. With this in mind, it is probably no coincidence that in 1921 a monument was erected at the Peace Arch border crossing between the State of Washington in the United States of America, and the province of British Columbia in Canada, which states the following.

**"Children of a common mother"  
"Brethren dwelling together in unity"**

As the United States of America claims "*In God We Trust*", which is exhibited on its one dollar bill, and as it has been a great nation, history may show that many of its original founders were descended from Manasseh, who was Ephraim's older brother. As the ancient patriarch Jacob/Israel stated, Ephraim and Manasseh's descendants would "*grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth*" (cf. Gen. 48:16(b)).

Therefore, when other prophecies warn the descendants of Jacob about future calamities that will negatively affect them, it is a warning

to all the modern-day descendants of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh), Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah (commonly referred to as the Jews), Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali and Benjamin (cf. Gen. 49:3-28).

*Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel (eleven families/nations descended from Jacob) and Judah (remaining family/nation; now referred to as the Jews). <sup>5</sup>For thus says the Lord: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. <sup>6</sup>Ask now, and see, whether a male can give birth? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?' <sup>7</sup>**Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble** (Jer. 30:4-7a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

At this point the question might be asked, "How do we know where the descendants of Jacob are today?" The answer is that we do know with some accuracy where the descendants of Judah are because many of them observe some of God's Holy Days, especially the weekly Sabbath.

***Ephraim has encompassed Me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah (the Jews) still walks with God, even with the Holy One who is faithful** (Hos. 11:12; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

However, the location of the majority of Jacob's descendants is obscure because they do not observe God's Holy Days, and have replaced weekly Sabbath worship with Sunday worship, which is central to the pagan religious systems.

*Speak also to the children of Israel (all twelve families of Jacob), saying: 'Surely **My Sabbaths** you shall keep, for it is a sign (of identification) between Me and you*

*throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you (sets you apart from other nations) (Ex. 31:13 cf. Eze. 20:19-22; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Because the majority of Jacob's descendants rejected God's value system, they are scattered among many other countries; per Ezekiel 20:21-26. However, if we examine the prophetic blessings that would eventually come to some of their descendants, especially those of Joseph, it should become apparent that many are located within the western nations.

*Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well (abundance of water); his branches run over the wall (population will spread far and wide; cf. Gen. 28:14). <sup>23</sup>The archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him (he has many enemies). <sup>24</sup>**But his bow remained in strength and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob** [From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel; cf. 1Cor. 10:1-4], <sup>25</sup>By the God of your father (Jacob) who will help you (retain military superiority over your enemies), and by the Almighty (God the Father) who will bless you with blessings of heaven above (rain and sun in due season), blessings of the deep that lies beneath (fish stocks and oil/gas reserves), blessings of the breasts and the womb (which are now being removed through abortion, increased infertility, and the trend toward smaller families; cf. Hos. 9:11). <sup>26</sup>The blessings of your father (Jacob) have excelled the blessings of my ancestors (prophecy that descendants of Joseph would be greatly enriched), up to (including) the utmost bound of the everlasting hills (mineral wealth and lumber supply; cf. Dt. 33:15). They shall be on the*

*head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers (Gen. 49:22-26; cf. Dt. 33:13-17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

As "Jacob's trouble" intensifies, the identity of the modern-day descendants of Jacob will become apparent because they will cry out to God for His help and intervention.

*When they sin against You, and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and take them captive to a land far or near, <sup>37</sup>yet when they come to themselves (their senses) in the land where they were carried captive, **and repent**, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, **'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have acted wickedly'**; <sup>38</sup>and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), toward the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I (Solomon) have built for Your name: <sup>39</sup>then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and **forgive Your people who have sinned against You** (2Chron. 6:36-39; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Sadly, the modern-day descendants of Jacob will have to experience trauma and defeat before they wake up and realize that the catastrophes coming upon them are solely the consequence of their own sinful actions. Based on current trends toward a global system of governance and the associated upheaval it will cause, it is just a matter of time before the scenario described in 2Chronicles 6:36-39 comes to fruition. Following this tumultuous

time, the descendants of Ephraim will repent and return to their God.

*'O Lord, save Your people, the remnant of Israel!'<sup>8</sup>Behold, **I will bring them from the north country**, and gather them from the ends of the earth.... a great throng shall return there. <sup>9</sup>They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters (cf. Jn. 7:38-39), in a straight way in which they shall not stumble (cf. Mt. 7:13-14); For I am a Father to Israel (cf. Isa. 9:6), and **Ephraim is My firstborn** (Jer. 31:7b-9; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

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