Ephraimites: A Case of Stolen Identity

Part I

"Ephraimites" the "Two House" Identity Movement

"Ephraim compasseth me about with lies..." Hosea 11:12

What is the basis for Gu, or Ger Toshav, Gentiles or Christians to identify themselves as "Ephraimites"?

After Ephraim broke Covenant with YHWH, most were dispersed into the nations becoming part of the Gentiles. A remnant of the Tribes of Israel including Ephraim chose not to rebel, these were preserved and are included among those who are called "Jews". Most modern "Ephraimites" do not claim to be "Spiritual Ephraim", ie walking after the "Calling of Ephraim" or "Spiritual Jews", as following the Torah Mashiyach. Most "Ephraimites" claim to have blood lineage which is clearly a theological premise rooted in a Dispensationalist and Replacement theology. Those who claim to be these blood line "Ephraimites" are ex-Christians who still carry "Roman thinking". In Daniel 2, the Roman Empire is represented by "10 toes", the "Ephraimite" movement is using the 10 Lost Tribes theology to invent a geo-political status for "Israel", their own self-made "empire" (with all the trappings of American Capitalism), which is Hellenism. Ephraimites obviously hold very little regard for the Authority of Scripture, thus says YHWH:

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto you go over Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And YHWH shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither YHWH shall lead you. And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell." D'varim/Deut. 4:26-28

However the American Capitalist sees enterprise and hears opportunity knocking, seizing the opportunity to be a hero and legend in his own mind the call of the Ephraimite goes forth in books, videos, CD's, DVD's, conferences, cassettes etc, even though YHWH Himself says no such thing. Here are a few of the many Scriptures telling of the "remnant" on both prophetic and historic authority. "Ephraimites" were never prophesied to "discover themselves" in Egypt, Assyria, Babylon or among the rest of the Nations, i.e. Britain or America.

2 Chronicles 34:9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of Elohim, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the sh'eriyyth (remnant) of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.
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Isaiah 1:9 Except YHWH of hosts had left unto us a mehat (very small) sariyd (remnant), we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Isaiah 10:18-23 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the sh’ar (remnant) of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon YHWH, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The sh’ar (remnant) shall return, even the sh’ar (remnant) of Jacob, unto the mighty Elohim. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a sh’ar (remnant) of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For YHWH Elohim of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

Isaiah 11:11-13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that YHWH shall set His Hand again the second time to recover the sh’ar (remnant) of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Isaiah 11:16 And there shall be an highway for the sh’ar (remnant) of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 17:4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

Isaiah 36:3-4 And they said unto him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be that YHWH Elohim will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living Elohim, and will reprove the words which the YHWH Elohim has heard: wherefore lift up your prayer for the sh’eriyth (remnant) that is left.

Isaiah 37:31-32 And the sha’ar (remnant) that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a sh’eriyeth (remnant), and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of YHWH of hosts shall do this.

Jeremiah 6:9 Thus says YHWH of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the sharah (remnant) of Israel as a vine: turn back your hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets.
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Jeremiah 31:6-7 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto YHWH Elohim. For thus says YHWH; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye, praise ye, and say, O YHWH, save Your people, the sh'eriyyt (remnant) of Israel.

Jeremiah 43:1,2 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of YHWH their Elohim, for which YHWH Elohim had sent him to them, even all these words, Then spake Azariah the son of Hosaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, You speak falsely: YHWH our Elohim has not sent you to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YHWH has said, and in the sariyd (remnant) whom YHWH shall call.

Amos 5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that YHWH Elohim of hosts will be gracious unto the sh'eriyyt (remnant) of Joseph.

Micah 5:3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travails has brought forth: then the yether (remnant) of his brethren shall return unto the Children of Israel.

Micah 5:7 And the sh'eriyyth (remnant) of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from YHWH, as the showers upon the grass, that tarries not for man, nor waits for the sons of men. And the sh'eriyyth (remnant) of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and none can deliver.

Zephaniah 2:9 Therefore as I live, says YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation: the sh'eriyyth (residue) of my people shall spoil them, and the yether (remnant) of my people shall possess them.

Zechariah 8:11-17 But now I will not be unto the sh'eriyyth (residue) of this people as in the former days, says YHWH of hosts. For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the sh'eriyyth (remnant) of this people to possess all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as you were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong. For thus says YHWH of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, says YHWH of hosts, and I repented not: So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the things that you shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are
things that I hate, says YHWH.

**Romans 9:27** Yeshayahu (Isaiah) also cried concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

**Romans 11:3-5** "Master, they have killed your prophets, and smashed down your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life." But what is the answer of Elohim to him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

**Revelations 11:11-13** And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from Elohim entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the Elohim of heaven.

**Revelations 12:13-17** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Elohim, and have the testimony of Yeshua Mashiyach.

The Scriptures tell of a very small remnant, or residue of Israel that survived making the British - America Lost Tribes scenario a hoax.

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Where do we find the term "Two House" in Scripture?

The term "Two House" referring to Judah and Ephraim NEVER APPEARS IN SCRIPTURE!!! It is a recently coined term by those who call themselves "Ephraimites". Judah is mentioned 755 times, Ephraim 162, Judah and Ephraim are together mentioned in the same Verse only 13 times (which is the number of Unity not division). Ezekiel 37:15-22 is the fundamental "proof text" used (twisted like a pretzel) to support the "Two House" theory, it is the only reference of "two nations" or "two kingdoms" and the context is one of UNITY not division. The "House of Ephraim" is only mentioned once in Judges 10:9 at a time when Ephraim was down on their blessings. Those who insist they are "Ephraim" but supply no evidence are akin to someone finding a wallet and stealing the persons identity and "blessings". The rightful line Ephraim although belongs to the original people of Ephraim, but those who are not of the Toledot (Blood Line) of Ephraim are fabricating a lie.

If the "Ephraimites" are trying to help YHWH fulfill Biblical Prophecy of Ezekiel they can take a breather, haMashiyach is very capable of sorting this out. The House of Israel and the House of Judah are mentioned together 9 times in Scripture (Genesis-Revelations). The House of Joseph and the House of Judah are mentioned 3 times in Scripture (Genesis-Revelations). The only mention in the Ketuvim Netzarim of the houses of Israel and Judah is in Hebrews 8:8 which is a quote from Jeremiah 31:31, this quote is supplied to explain the office and ministry of Yeshua as High Priest, nothing about the identity or joining together of Judah or Israel is mentioned, except that each received the Covenant.

Here's the "Ephraimite" proof text" that is used to sell the "Ephraimite" propaganda:

"The word of YHWH came again to me, saying, Moreover, you son of man, take one stick, and write on it, 'For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions': then take another stick, and write upon it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:' And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand. And when the children of your people shall speak unto you, saying, Will you not show us what you mean by these? Say unto them, Thus says YHWH Elohim; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon you wrote shall be in your hand before their eyes. And say to them, Thus says YHWH Elohim; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, wherever they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all." Ezekiel 37:15-22

On the basis of this Scripture, the "Two House" movement has produced artistic renderings to illustrate "two sticks" joining together—imagine two sticks twisted and braided together like a pretzel—you got it. But the "House of Israel" and "House of
Y'hudah" are brothers of ONE Father and never meant to be "two houses". Sibling rivalry does not annul the calling or intent of YHWH's purposes for Israel as one people. A title or identity that proclaims "Two House" versus "One House" is divisive and the product of jealousy and ignorance. The true Body of Mashiyach does NOT erect institutions, identities and walls between Brethren, including bloodlines, genealogy or identities, this is a wearisome stroking of the flesh most certainly not of the Ruach haKodesh. The Tribes were divided because of their disobedience to YHWH, by pushing their own "identities", programs and one-up-man-ship! But now thousands of years later the "Ephraimites" are yet another divisive movement that spurns "one house" Believers or "Judah" as being the culpable divider of the family (mainly because Judah hasn't bought into Jesus). 

Certainly the "Ephraimites" movement today has been born out of prejudice and fueled by the anti-Torah stance of many "Messianic Jewish" leaders who teach a two class system for Jews and Non-Jews. Many "Ephraimites" were once part of Messianic Congregations but were not treated as equals in Torah. Many Messianic leaders teach that non-Jews are not to observe Shabbat, and when non-Jewish believers are having Torah written upon their hearts by the Ruach haKodesh they are spurned by Christians and Jews for being "wannabe Jews" which is shameful and ignorant of Messianic Jewish leaders.

But the fact is that the Messianic "Jewish" movement is underwritten by Evangelical Dispensational Christianity, so a person should not expect much Torah maturity whether the leaders are Jews or not! Many "Ephraimites" today have made a return to Torah in haMashiyach which far exceeds the level of Torah maturity of many Messianic Jewish leaders and their congregations and it is also on this basis that "Ephraimites" consider themselves to be not only heirs to the literal physical Land of Israel but also blood linked to the ancient tribe of Ephraim. The "Ephraimites" should remember that there are catholic priests who are Jewish, and they wouldn't expect a Catholic priest to have much respect for Torah obserance, so why should they expect a Christianized Messiantic Jew to have any?

"Thus says YHWH; If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying, Have you considered what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which YHWH has chosen, he has even cast them off? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. ' Thus says YHWH; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them." Jeremiah 33:20-26

Scripture bears no coincidence and no redundancy, this is the only verse where "Two
families" are mentioned. Note carefully it is mentioned by those who have "despised my people". According to YHWH's math, One is stronger than Two. United We Stand Divided We Fall. It is shame for "Ephraimites" to dwell on the "Two House" identity shtick, it is both unwarranted and evidence of spiritual immaturity. "Ephraimites" have inadvertently included themselves in the fold of the naysayer.

"Two House" ideology is all about finding an "identity", if it were not then these Believers in Yeshua would be content to use "Scriptural identities" that are already established by YHWH for the Body of Mashiyach. There are plenty of Scriptural terms available to identify with. As a person becomes a New Creation in Mashiyach a new inward identity in Yeshua Mashiyach is supplied by knowing haMashiyach and having His Spirit inside of us. To seek after an illusive blood connection is divisive and carnal. How is it that a person would prefer to talk about an identity in physical Israel, rather than their identity in the King of the Universe? Yeshua said, "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of Elohim is within you." (Luke 17:21) Albeit this was a novel concept and a radical departure from the traditional religious perspectives of the Kingdom at the time, as contemporary religions at that time were predominately focused on the literal physical land of Israel being the Kingdom.

Jewish identity among Rabbinical Jews is of course very big deal, observant Jews want to know, "are you Jewish?" Because if you are then you should be doing the Mitzvot, but if not then according to Rabbinical lore you have no part in Torah. Jewish identity is at war against all form of assimilation of the Jewish people. A Jewish person could be a Satanist, pervert, murderer or follow after many gods, but from a Rabbinical perspective, the Jewish soul is a higher status than a non-Jewish soul and has the potential of doing the Mitzvot.

Although bloodline identity has become an idol for many Jews, it is also a bit of a straw man because a Jew is one inwardly who observes Torah and does the mitzvot, not outwardly after the flesh, anyone from any bloodline could be a "Jew". YHWH is the One who says who a Jew is, Rabbis help Gentiles make conversion to Judaism but it is the willingness and intent of the non-Jewish person to enter into Covenant with YHWH and keep Torah, albeit conversion is often more about having a Jewish identity and following the Jewish traditions. The "Ephraimite movement" is polarized around the identity of "two houses" and are opposed to "one house" believers who don't see any validity in "Ephraimite identity." But essentially if anyone wants to be an bona fide "Ephraimite", they simply have to accept the doctrine of the "Ephraimite" leadership, and they're in. The "Ephraimite" movement has taken root out of prejudice, ignorance and jealousy, it is not only divisive but it is taking a Name and Identity from others which is not rightfully theirs to be taken. If one identifies himself as a Christian, Messianic, Netzari, Believer, a Jew, Follower, Disciple, Talmid, a Spiritual Israelite, or someone with a Jewish Heart, Heart of a Jew, or Hebrew heart, they do so by their Faith. Anyone can choose to be a Jew, a Christian, a Netzari, a Believer etc, but to call oneself bloodline "Ephraimites" without physical evidence, is by material point of law, theft.

Those who claim to be "Ephraimites" are also claiming to be a portion above their
brethren, although a very small percentage of people having a love for Yeshua, Torah, Israel, the Jewish People, Hebrew, Aramaic etc claim to have any blood connection to Israel. "Ephraimitism" is an unsanctified division within the Body of Mashiyach and causing divisions within friends, families, and congregations. Most individuals are interested to grow their Faith in Yeshua and Torah, instead of being sold "Ephraimite" theories and "Lost Tribe" propaganda at Holy Convocations. It is wrong to hold meetings in the name of "Two Houses" and spend the majority of efforts and discussion around this motif, there are much more vital and important matters at hand. Prophetic passages in the Tanakh and Ketuvim Netzarim direct us to grow in haMashiyach and go out and make Talmidim, thus creating the bond of Unity, we are not to focus on political and genealogical theorem.

"Moreover I have given to thee one SHEKEM (portion) above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow." Genesis 48:22

One of the fallacies of the "Two House" movement is based on this verse that Ephraim was to receive a "portion above thy brethren" as if to receive some behemothic blessing. The Hebrew word for portion used here is "SHEKEM" NOT "CHELEQ" which is the common Hebrew word for "portion". This is the ONLY verse in Scripture where King James translators wrote "portion" for "shekem". The word Shekem means "shoulder", check this in Strongs Concordance #7926, it is mentioned 22 times in Scripture. This verse speaks of Ephraim having a literal "Shekem" shoulder, the words "above thy" do not appear in the Hebrew text, they were added by translators, who interpreted Shekem as a "shoulder above", the "Two House" theologians clearly use dubious methods to stroke their egos and build false theories.

Joshua 21:20-21 "And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs".

The place called "Shechem" Strongs #7927 is within Ephraim's proposed boundaries. The fact of the matter is that Ephraim was so very disobedient to YHWH that as a Tribe they accomplished great military exploits as the other Tribes, neither did they become the largest in number, far from it. Scriptures indicate that Ephraim let Canaanites dwell in their territories. The Canaanite idolatry rapidly brought Ephraim down physically and spiritually. To teach that Ephraim, irregardless of their crass rebellion to YHWH became or will become a great people, is antithetical to Scripture.

Joshua 16:10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

Judges 1:29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.
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Relationship dynamics between Ephraim and Judah

"The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." Isaiah 11:13

Judah vexes Ephraim: the Hebrew for "vex" is TSARAR, also rendered as adversary, oppress, besiege, bound up, distress, shut up, afflict, enemy, and trouble. Judah vexed Ephraim but, "let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." Zechariah 7:10 the correct response to one who is vexing another is to seek Righteousness and not become ensnared or enemy centered.

Ephraim envies Judah: the Hebrew for "envy" is QINAH, also rendered as jealousy 25, zeal 9, envy 8. If we factor this into the theoretical "Two House Movement" then "Ephraim" better be wary of their flesh rising up. Let's say that modern "Ephraimites" can delineate each article of vexation which has come upon them by Y'hudah, this still doesn't make a their cause of "Ephraim" legitimate any more than going to McDonalds makes them into hamburgers. If you feel animosity by those who confess haMashiyach then consider yourself the wiser! "Ephraimites", make sure that you are not suffering because of your own flesh, and if you've been marginalized by Hellenized Christo-Pagan Messianic Jewish leadership then you should come have come out from among them anyways, Jews or not, they're not walking in Torah!

NONE in Mashiyach—especially leaders—should need approval or validation from others for their Faith, especially from Torahless Messianic Jewish leadership. Some Jews call themselves "Messianic Catholics", "Messianic Christians", "Messianic Seventh Day Adventists", "Messianic Charismatic", and every other flavor of pagan Christian denominationalism under the sun. The designation of "Messianic" by a Jew often indicates that they have been sold anti-Torah Hellenism, there are also self-hating token Jews in many Christian and socio-political institutions who endorse paganism, so it should come as no surprise that Jews adopt paganism under the motif of "Messianic". However, YHWH is a Jealous Elohim who promises to supply ALL our needs according to His Riches and Mercy, we need not seek an identity outside of Him. What benefit would a person have in adopting the title of an "Ephraimite" or "Spiritual" Ephraim? "Ephraim" isn't such a "Spiritual" designation to begin with, neither does it hold such powerful prophetic or religious implication—except the portion above thy brethren status—which as already stated is a vast overstatement based on a Greek and/or English manipulation of the text.

Relationship dynamics between YHWH and Ephraim

2 Chronicles 30:10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.
Isaiah 7:8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

Isaiah 17:1-4 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aror are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, says YHWH of hosts. And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

Isaiah 27:3-8 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looks upon it sees, while it is yet in his hand he eats it up. In that day shall YHWH of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, And for a spirit of judgment to him that sits in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

Jeremiah 7:15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

Jeremiah 31:9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hosea 6:10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for you, when I returned the captivity of my people. 7:1 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoils without. And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face. They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceases from raising after he has kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

Hosea 9:11-17 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart
from them! Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer. Give them, O YHWH: what will you give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolters. Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb. My Elohim will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Hosea 11:12 Ephraim compasses me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet rules with Elohim, and is faithful with the saints.

Hosea 13:1-2 When Ephraim spoke trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

Psalm 78:66-68 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach. Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

If ye will NOT believe, surely ye shall NOT be established...

When were the Ancient Ephraimites Lost?

Zechariah 10:9-12 "And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again. I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in YHWH; and they shall walk up and down in his name, says YHWH."

YHWH knew where Ephraim was in the days of Zechariah, and so did everyone else who wanted to know, they were in Egypt and Assyria, **EPHRAIM WAS NOT LOST** then, there was NO break in history where Ephraim could not identify itself so that they suddenly appeared somewhere else. The whole fiasco of the "Two House" identity is an allurement of the enemy, beware of it!

A look at the numbers of Ephraimites...

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Even if we join the numbers the two tribes of Ephraim (10th largest) and M'nasheh (smallest) together we have 72,700, still lagging 1900 souls behind Y'hudah, so Ephraim (fruitful) clearly does not have great numbers here. So where then does Ephraim begin to realize it's behemothic blessings? Here's the next bit of info about the children of Yoseph from Joshua:

"And the children of Yoseph spoke unto Y'hoshua, saying, Why have you given me but one lot and one khaybel (portion) to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as YHWH has blessed me hitherto? And Y'hoshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee. And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Bethshean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel. And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: you shall not have one lot only: But the mountain shall be yours; for it is a wood, and you shall cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be yours: for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong." Joshua 17:14-18.

If anything the children of Yoseph are needing a bit of hand holding, but Y'hoshua encourages them with something like "you want it, then go get it boys!" We are definitely not seeing some inherent tour de force here, nachon? The next thing we discover is that Ephraim made a very bad choice to become assimilated with the Canaanites.

"And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out. Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them." Judges 1:28-29.

Ephraim experienced the earliest and largest single slaughter of all of the tribes.

"Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Shibboleth: for he could not
frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand." Judges 12:6.

Adding more trouble to the Ephraimite woes they were stupid enough to join forces in an attempt to overthrow David, the battle was waged "in the wood of Ephraim" where Israel took a Royal beating and their numbers diminishing by 20,000 men. No, I don't say this lightly or in jest, it was a very, very sad part of history, but let's not overlook these facts.

"So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured." 2 Samuel 18:6-8

The census that David took indicates that there were 800,000 from Israel and 500,000 men from Judah, a whopping 62% all the tribes were Yehudah?

"And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah [were] five hundred thousand men." 2 Samuel 24:9

The tribe of Ephraim never amounted to much, simply because YHWH's blessings are conditional upon obedience to Covenant.

Some "Ephraimites" point out that YHWH says He will have mercy upon Ephraim according to Jeremiah 31, and therefore Ephraim has to show up somewhere for this to happen! Here's the verse.

"I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art YHWH my Elohim. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spoke against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says YHWH." Jeremiah 31:18-20

Unfortunately the "Ephraimites" neglect to read the context of this chapter which is the giving of the Brit Chadasha (Renewed Covenant) where Torah is promised to be on the hearts of YHWH's people, from the least to the greatest, ALL will know YHWH! In this context Jeremiah speaks of Rachel weeping for her children in Ramah, which is in the territory of Binyamin which is a clear prophetic link to the coming of Mashiyach who was to bring the New Covenant and make the offer of the Kingdom of Elohim.

"Thus says YHWH; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus says YHWH; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears: for your
work shall be rewarded, says YHWH; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in your end, says YHWH, that your children shall come again to their own border."  Jeremiah 31:15

Rachel had two sons, Yoseph was her firstborn and she died giving birth to Binyamin. Most believers recognize that Rachel's weeping (spoken of in Jeremiah) was a prophecy pertaining to Herod's slaughter of all the males in Bethlehem which were two years of age or younger. However it is clear that YHWH shows great mercy and love for all of "Rachel's offspring". Ya'akov passed his mantle on to Yoseph (the coat of many colors), and Ephraim was Yoseph's firstborn which is why YHWH also calls him His firstborn! Simply because of YHWH's limitless compassion for His people, but anyone who uses this as some political identity ploy is really missing the boat here.

"Then was fulfilled the thing that was spoken through Yirmeyahu the prophet who said, "A voice was heard in Ramtha, great crying and wailing. Rakhiel crying for her sons and not desiring to be comforted because they were not."  Matthew 2:17

The Ephraimite identity crowd sees a behemoth physical re-gathering of Israelites to the Land of Israel, whereas the prophets foretell of the Day of YHWH shaking down all false governments and religions and during this time of great peril YHWH will install his Government over all the nations, and redraw the borders etc.. Then there will be a universal re-gathering of YHWH's people, of those who are alive at Mashiyach's return and those of the first resurrection. But among the Ephraimites—believe it or not—there are men who are pining to be the big dog on the porch, even "king of Israel", who literally think they are the head and have some sort of right to kingship and that at any moment they're going to start a massive revival etc.. Don't laugh, it's not funny. It's fantasy, pride and arrogance clothed with ignorance of the Malchut Elohim. The reality of Ya'akov and Rachel's lineage through Yoseph points to MASHIYACH and a universal Kingdom, NOT some bloodline Ephraim-itish denominationalism.

Part II

The Batya and Angus Wooten material regarding the "Ephraimite theory" has been in print for many years, much of it comes right out of the British Israel Identity movement, but without open hatred toward Jews. British Israel theories were adopted by the World Wide Church of God (Armstrong) and are still maintained among WCG's scattered & battered frozen chosen flocks. While the "Two House" brethren are in a quest for Mashiyach, Torah Observance etc., my concern is how the posturing of the "Ephraimite" identity could be an offense to YHWH and the Body of Mashiyach and yet another religious trap.

First off, it is vexing to hear people calling themselves physical "Ephraimites" without a shred of proof! The theories and posturing required to support the claims of the "Two House" identity are extensive. The theory has even become a "testing truth" for some "Ephraimites", you are either with them or against them as pertaining to their identity as "Ephraimites", and for this we must say a resounding... GROW UP Ephraimites!!!
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I'm in no way critical of brethren seeking Mashiyach and who are zealous for Torah, but the institution of "Two House" brothers sparring off against "One House" brothers is an offense to YHWH. Granted, it may be reactionary because of the treatment that some of these non-Jewish souls have received at the hands of Jews for Jesus, Messy-antic, Evangelical, Lausanne Convention self hating anti-Torah Jews who despise Gentiles for wanting to do Torah!!! Baruch haShem YHWH! Let all Elohim Fearers who suffer consider themselves blessed of Mashiyach! But not all "One House" folk are warning Gentiles off Torah, or waving their Jewish flesh all over town at the expense of the rest of the Fearers of Elohim. The point is that, isn't your identity in Mashiyach the most important thing you have? What? is being yoked with the Master of all Masters and King of all Kings not a good enough identity for you already, that you need to go looking for some "Ephraimite" blood?

YHWH spoke definitively about Ephraim breaking Covenant with Him, but He also called Ephraim His "firstborn", indicating His intimate desire was for Ephraim to respond to Him as a faithful son, but Ephraim would not! Those who are now coming out of "the woodwork" and calling themselves "Ephraimites" are calling YHWH's Word a lie, unless they are speaking as Ephraim in the light of Jeremiah 31 and the New Covenant. YHWH said He would reduce Ephraim to "not be a people" after the blood, but NOT after the promise that is within the gathering of souls into His Kingdom, so we either believe YHWH or we believe "Ephraimite" theories. Ephraim bloodlines do not need to appear on the scene for the Word of YHWH to be satisfied. Rachel's children are those of the Promise, not after the flesh, these are after the Faith of Avraham which is a continuum of the Malchut Elohim from Adam right through to the Olam Haba. But even though they are "children of promise", it surely doesn't mean their bloodine is going to save them from their sins!

Consider Revelation 3:9 "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie." The "Ephraimites" do not say they are Jews, but Jews have come from all of the 12 Tribes, (which were never lost) and through conversions since the time of Ruth the Moabite there have been millions of souls who became Jews, and millions of Jews who were never bloodline Jews, so there is no difference whether one calls themselves physical Ephraim or Jews when they are not, a Jew is one who is a Jew inwardly, not outwardly and this has always been the case. If anyone wants to become a "Jew" there is nothing stopping them, conversion precedent is found throughout the Scripture. "Ephraimites" do not have a conversion process, they come out of Christianity, everything "Ephraimites" follow is borrowed from either Christianity, Messianic, Netzarim, Rabbinical Judaism or Karaite faith, there are no halachic Ephraimite Rabbis or sages—don't laugh it's not funny!

Those who don't subscribe to the "Two House" theory are branded as "One House". We find no place in Scripture where the Kingdom of Elohim has people going about calling themselves "Two House", although "One House" does have a "ring" to it as in, One Body, One Mashiyach, His Name Shall be ONE.
The British Israelite Identity Movement, from which gave birth to the "Ephraimite" movement openly promotes racism, to these folks G-d invented racism, their thinking follows that G-d chose some and didn't choose others, some were blessed others were not, they teach G-d invented "racism", and they interpret racism to give themselves the upper hand, it's not pretty, but the "Ephraimites" are now making a similar religio-political stand.

One of the "Ephraimitish" leaders states on his website: "We believe that the house of Israel, led by Ephraim, who is scattered in the nations and their future reunion with the house of Judah is one of the most significant Messianic prophecies concerning the role and function of the Messiah of Israel. Yeshua / Jesus stated that He needed to die on the tree so that His two houses or sheepfolds could become one (John 10:14-17). (bold italics mine)"

\textbf{John 10:15-16} As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. \textit{And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold:} them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

\textbf{NO}, this verse focuses on the "other sheep", which are "not of this fold", Yeshua is referring to those who are not in the Kingdom of Elohim as yet, he is definitely NOT referring to the "Ephraimites" joining with Y'hudah.

When we think of sheep, the first thing that comes to mind is Ya'akov accumulating sheep while working for Lavan, and how he made an effort to separate those which were his own from those of Lavan's. Sheep are used in this case to show Ya'akov's honesty. When the Princes of the 12 Tribes of Israel brought their offerings in Numbers 7:12-83 each one made a burnt offering of one young bull, one ram and one sheep. Rashi noted that the young bull represents Avraham, as it says "He brought a young bull" Genesis 18:7; of Yitzak, as it says "And he took the ram" Genesis 22:13; and of Ya'akov it says, "And Ya'akov separated the sheep" Genesis 30:40. Each of the Princes was also symbolically indicating their Unity in the Kingdom of YHWH, as unto the Elohei of Avraham, Yitzak and Ya'akov. When the Mashiyach speaks of sheep that are not of this fold, he is specifically talking about those who are NOT yet of His Kingdom, regardless of bloodline.

The Maharal points out that Israel is likened to sheep. When one Jew transgresses (as in the case of Achan, see Joshua 7), the whole nation suffers. Yeshua stated He has sheep who will become part of the Israel of Elohim, who He must bring in, it is arrogant and rude to state this is referring only to "Ephraim" or to those who have blood lineage in Israel. It's a lie and it's racism, YHWH did not create human life to watch it suffer and become fuel for burning Hell, every life is precious in His eyes and He seeks men everywhere to repent and put their Trust in Him.

"...It is a Qalal (light thing) that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: \textbf{I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation unto the end of the earth.}" Isaiah 49:6
It is a "light thing" to raise up the tribes of Ya'akov by comparison of MASHIYACH being a LIGHT TO THE GENTILES! and by my YESHUA (salvation) unto the end of the earth! Being as the earth is round, the end of the earth must mean EVERY SOUL ON EARTH!

So please do your homework "Ephraimites", anyone who interprets the Ministry of Mashiyach as primarily unto the "Two Houses" is teaching a "bald faced pathetic self serving lie", it is shameful teaching! The focus on re-uniting Judah and Ephraim bloodlines is of much less importance to YHWH and His Mashiyach than the "Ephraimites" would want you to know. If it were of such importance there would be many Prophecies to address it, but there are none so the "Ephraimites" have to stretch the Scriptures hard to make a name for themselves.

There is NOT ONE MENTION of "Ephraim" in the Ketuvey HaShlihim (Apostolic Writings), only a reference to the "city of Ephraim". There are NO prophetic directives of this "joining" in the historical writings of the Netzarim or Christian communities. Orthodox Jewry and their religion however does have both a political and a religious interest in a future prophetic "joining" of the Tribes. The vast majority of Orthodox Jews deny Yeshua as the Promised Mashiyach, therefore by their traditions He is not considered to be a "Light to the Gentiles". However, haMashiyach has a Universal calling to Unify the World in Righteousness, therefore as Orthodox Jews do not accept Yeshua, any joining of "Two Houses" would have to be accomplished under Rabbinical authority and directives. If Rabbinical Judaism were to endorse the "Ephraimites" on behalf of all Jews, they then could clearly point out that Yeshua haMashiyach could not be the True Mashiyach. To submit and follow Orthodox authority in order to faciliate a "joining" of the two sticks is extremely problematic. With the one world government propaganda machine hard at work, "Ephraimites" stand a very good chance of being recognized as a bona fide denominational religion. A bit of money and political lobbying and the Beast would be happy to comply and let the Ephraimites in on their hierarchy so they can control their souls, yes ecumenical "Ephraimitism" is probably coming soon to a theatre near you. Haven't you ever wondered how the Messianic Movement got so messy, and so anti-Torah?

Yeshua first commanded His Talmidim:

*Matthew 10:5-6* "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

*Matthew 15:24* "But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

**LOST SHEEP NOT LOST TRIBES!**

Don't you hate that when people twist the Scriptures to suite their own theology? The "LOST TRIBES" theology made way for the British "monarchy" to give itself authority to rape, plunder and pillage the rest of the world under their "god given" right to rule. The
American nation has given itself "superpower" status to rape the freedom and resources of every nation they "visit" under the guise of their shameful "god given" Christian message. Certainly many American people are wise to the infidelities of their nation, many Americans try hard to rectify the evil brought upon the world by their evil governments and corporations. But Americans pay their taxes to the Beast, the little good they do is a drop in the bucket against the instability and tyranny wrought upon the world by American greed and lust for power. But most religious people in America believe they have a god given mandate to police the world, which evolved in the same "Christian" manner as the Bloody British. And of course nothing good will ever come out of nationalistic British or Americanism, because "identity" is not community, it is not equality, it is one-up-man-ship and it opposes the Malchut Elohim. Clearly the "Ephraimite" movement is essentially another American white cult movement, where they can profess to others, "god chose US!"

Then Yeshua commanded His Talmidim;

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Good News to every creature."

John 1:11-12 "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of Elohim, even to them that believe on His Name:"

The "Good News" does not prejudice one nation against another or one part of the Body of Mashiyach against another. But Ephraimite leaders are teaching that the "Good News" is that they are of ancient Israel lineage and are destined to dominate and rule the world, they think themselves to be a shoulder above their brethren...

Ya'akov (James) knew where the 12 Tribes of Israel were hiding out and how to get in touch with them.

James 1:1 "Ya'akov, a servant of YHWH and of the Master Y'shua Mashiyach, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greetings."

Some teach this means it was an open letter to all Israelites and therefore the physical "Church" is Israel, but the problem with that is there is the Israel of Elohim (spiritual Israel), the bloodline Israel which is no guarantee of belonging to YHWH, and a myriad of curious spectators who are wondering what is going on. The Ephraimite "religion" is clearly going after the latter group and the carrot is really the offering to be the head, not the tail. As this chap says, "We believe that the house of Israel, led by Ephraim," clearly states that he wants to be the big dog on the porch. Really? The House of Israel also includes Judah, so Mr. Ephraimite really doesn't have an equality mindset, no, he sees hierarchy and this is the pride of the American Ephraimite movement. There are even American "Ephraimite" leaders who are gunning to be king of Israel, their fantasies and pride are carried over from their Hellenistic American dream superpower Christian identity.
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Part II a

A well known and published "Ephraimite" writes:
"Caiaphas prophesied that Yeshua / Jesus died on the tree to redeem and reunite both houses of Israel (John 11:49-52). However, the physical reunion of both houses of Israel from the nations and their return to the land of Israel has not yet taken place. Messiah was asked by His disciples when this event would happen (Acts 1:6). The Apostle Paul preached the regathering of both houses of Israel after the death of Messiah on the tree (Acts 26:6-7). Since the New Covenant was given distinctly to both houses of Israel (Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:8) and the Messiah commissioned fishermen (Matthew 4:18-20) to go seek and find the scattered "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 10:6), the Messiah's role as the Great Shepherd (John 10:14) is best pictured in the redemption, restoration and regathering of Ephraim with Judah." (bold italics mine)

- "EPHRAIMITE" DOCTRINE: Did Yeshua die on the tree to redeem and reunite both houses of Israel (John 11:49-52)?

John 11:49-52 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, You know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spoke he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yeshua should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of Elohim that were scattered abroad.

NO, if John meant either Israel, Y'hudah or Ephraim he would have said it, he did NOT! This subjective reading into the text is a bald face lie and distortion of truth.

John wrote, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." NOT ALL, but myriads of His own received him, but the Jews who denied Y'shua also said some VERY TELLING things about themselves; John 7:34 "Then said the Jews among themselves, Where will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?" Yes indeed, make no mistake about it, "the Jews" had a VERY good idea what haMashiyach came to do, didn't they? There Yeshua goes off to the Gentiles to fulfill the prophecies of Mashiyach!!! It seems like almost everyone on the planet knows and understands this, except for a handful of "Ephraimite" leaders.

Isaiah 56:8 YHWH Elohim which gathers the outcasts of Israel says, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him. Read the entire chapter, who is "the stranger"? It it most definitely NOT only "Gentilized" Israel. No, the central theme of Mashiyach harmonizing the Universe doesn't end with joining "Two Houses", nor did Yeshua begin with it. The "Two Houses" came about as a product of disobedience and rebellion among the ranks, Mashiyach has a much bigger and more Magnificent Universal
calling than this.

**NO**, even the term "scattered abroad" is applied universally as well as locally as in;
Matthew 9:36 "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were **scattered abroad**, as sheep having no shepherd." Matthew 26:31 Then said Y'shua unto them, All you shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, **I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad**. Scattered abroad refers to souls being divided from YHWH and His Kingdom, as physical geography isn't a big deal for the Ruach haKodesh.

- **"EPHRAIMITE" DOCTRINE:** Messiah was asked by His disciples when the "physical reunion" would happen (Acts 1:6)?

Acts 1:6-8 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Master, **will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** And he said to them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Ruach haKodesh is come upon you: **and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**NO**, they never asked about the "physical reunion" of the Two Houses, the Kingdom of Israel as they knew it was under brutal **ROMAN OCCUPATION**. Yeshua's Talmidim were hoping Yeshua was going to make a move as Mashiyach Ben David and **ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD WOULD BECOME THE KINGDOM OF YHWH!** They wanted the Spirit of King David to arise, like the good old times, it was the only logical thing they could think of at the time, and who wouldn't? It's obvious, and self evident, but not for "Ephraimites".

But look carefully at how Yeshua answered; "**and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**" In other words He said, **NO**, you guys have a job to do so quite the day dreaming... If MASHIYACH wanted to say "Two House" he would have said it, HE doesn't need an "Ephraimite" to try to put words in His Mouth or twist the Scriptures to say what suits their own religio-political agendas.

- **"EPHRAIMITE" DOCTRINE:** Did Paul preach the re-gathering of both houses of Israel after the death of Messiah (Acts 26:6-7)?

Acts 26:6-7 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of Elohim unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving Elohim day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

**NO**, what is the "Hope of our Fathers"? Paul is most certainly NOT referring to the re-gathering of both houses, this is leaning beyond stupidity toward evil now. **The Hope of the promise made to All 12 Tribes of Israel**, the **ULTIMATE HOPE**, the JEWISH
HOPE, religious Jew, secular, or every Jew whoever drew a breath as well as the CHRISTIAN HOPE, and the NETZARIM HOPE, and every BELIEVERS HOPE or sect and religious fanatic (except some "Ephraimites" leaders) know about the Hope of the Promise! This is a painfully foolish thing for this "Ephraimite" fellow is say. My sincerest and humble apologies to all "Ephraimites" and the rest of humanity that I have to rebuff such an obvious reality...

but OUR HOPE IS... Mashiayach! Universal unity in the Name of G-d of israel

- **"EPHRAIMITE" DOCTRINE:** Was the New Covenant given distinctly to both houses of Israel (Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:8)?

Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah;"

YES, BUT NOT the way you're TWISTING it "Ephraimites"! Jeremiah 31:31 most certainly refers to the Brit Chadasha (New or Renewed Covenant) made with the **House of Yisrael and Y'hudah**, BUT (huge BUT) it is extremely shortsighted and ignorant for someone to teach this Covenant was distinctly, uniquely and solely for "the persons" of Yisrael and Y'hudah! How can someone be so naive to build a teaching on this? Yisrael and Y'hudah are chosen to make a covenant with YHWH as representing ALL the Family of YHWH on earth, as a Priesthood. Think about it, we've all come to know and Believe Yeshua is haMashiyach and put our trust in Him—through the Ruach haKodesh convicting our souls—and because His Talmidim gave eye witness accounts of Yeshua and what He accomplished in their lives, these listened and learned from Him directly. These were the "persons" who received him and His Teaching, it is based on THEIR WITNESS that you and I became believers. Y'shua didn't write any "NEW COVENANT WRITINGS", he raised up Disciples! Yeshua said, "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Far beyond any physical distinctions, the Ruach haKodesh is revealing Yeshua to people who had never seen, heard, or read the Scriptures, they never heard the Name of Yeshua and never met a Follower of Yeshua but they Believe already because their "spiritual eyes" realize that there is more to the Creator of the Universe and His Creation than religions are teaching.

The revelation of the Covenant has gone forth throughout the earth through the Ruach haKodesh. Many souls have come to know the Name of YHWH and His Mashiyach by opening their Scriptures and making a connection long AFTER they first believed and trusted in One Elohim! People have had visions and dreams of Yeshua in Muslim countries, they've been martyred because they have put Faith in Y'shua for Salvation, just by confessing very simple words of Faith, these are not coming to know Yeshua through "evangelical efforts" of the House of Israel and Judah! They are making covenant based on FAITH, purely from revelation of Mashiyach through the Ruach haKodesh! Therefore according to the making of a RENEWED Covenant, Israel and Judah symbolize the Household of Faith as a Priesthood who are ambassadors, recipients and covenantees for all of mankind! A very important and special honour for Israel and Judah, although most of Israel and Judah have chosen to disqualify themselves and not advance the Kingdom of
Elohim, but this cannot and will not in anyway reduce the covenant that was established, as it is a clearly a Covenant for all humanity.

If we continue to read on in Jeremiah 31:34 “And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YHWH: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” When Yeshua was asked, “who is my neighbour?” He answered with Deuteronomy 10:12 the word “neighbour” is translated as "stranger", in Hebrew "GER". The GER is a sojourner, a new comer, one who does not have inherited rights in the Land, the GER is required to Observe Torah and be joined with Yisrael. The mixed multitude (EREV RAV) who came out of Egypt along with Yisrael, also entered into Covenant with YHWH by sojourning with and thus functionally being part of "the Children of Israel". The Hebrew word for mixed "EREV" is also used to describe knitted material, this tells us that those who were non-Israelites were woven into the Israelite community. Rabbinically speaking, the EREV RAV was a greater number of souls than the "Children of Israel". And so it is with the Brit Chadasha being made with Yisrael and Y'hudah, the Erev Rav were and are very well represented within Yisrael and Y'hudah!

What about Exceptions?

Nehemiah13:1-3 "On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of Elohim forever; Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our Elohim turned the curse into a blessing. Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude." A question for "Two House" leaders; does this mean that any lineage from Ammonite or Moabite bloodlines will never enter into the Brit Chadasha, FOREVER? Does the Brit Chadasha cancel this out? Maybe there's not enough room to get the other foot in your mouth now, "Ephraimites"? Any chance some Ephraimites intermarried with Ammonites and Moabites? (sorry)

The REAL "Ephraimite" Historical Connection

There is nothing new under the sun, Non-Jews have tried to usurp an identity of "Ephraim like" proportions before in history. The kings of Scotland according to Scottish legend, are in possession of the stone that Jacob used as a pillow at Bethel, the ole "Stone of Scone", it is now called the "Stone of Destiny". It is this "stone" that many think authenticates a "God given right" to ordain Kings, they believe it to be as a "torch" of authority given them by the will of God. This is Gnosticism at it's finest.

On St. Andrews Day, November 30th, 1996 Scotland's coronation stone made it's way back to Scotland where it is now at the Edinburgh Castle, it had been stolen from the
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Scotts 700 years previous by the English King Edward. Although it wasn't pretty, having their Stone of Scone stolen, it now rests in their possession. Consider the significance of this propaganda. It is indicative of leaders who feel a need for both approval and "authority". Some leaders have a need to borrow or slime authority from something in order to legitimize themselves as leaders, hence the "Ephraimite" movement and the case of stolen identity, the fact remains that YHWH Himself will ultimately raise up leaders or take them down. Beware of someone who seeks to get authority for himself, he is both a false prophet as well as a false teacher as Y'shua taught that the least (servants) shall be the greatest, and the greatest shall be the least.

The "Seed of Abraham", as taught by one of the chief American "Ephraimite" spin doctors, is Christian America. This strategy of this leader and his cohorts is very much like that of the very late David Koresh who daily emphasized and wrote songs of his and the Branch Davidians highly esteemed self importance. I've physically visited both camps and they bear striking resemblance to each other. By teaching that the "Seed of Abraham" is Ephraim, it gives pride and identity to some but puts those who don't subscribe outside the camp, the issue is not the Kingdom of Elohim, but whether you will accept the authority of the "Ephraimite" leaders. To gain acceptance with David Koresh you had to believe you were also part of his elite elect, the frozen chosen "Branch Davidians", so what's the difference really? The Davidians did Shabbat, ate Kosher, liked to talk about Hebrew and Aramaic stuff etc., NO lets be truthful, regarding the "Seed of Abraham" Apostle Paul wrote;

"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the Torah, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the Torah be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the Torah works wrath: for where no Torah is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the Torah, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all." Romans 4:13-16

No, Paul never preached that the Seed of Abraham was Ephraim. No, it takes Faith to be a "seed" of Abraham, FAITH, not blood. You got blood but no Faith you go to the back of the bus.

"Not as though the word of Elohim (G-d) hath taken none effect. For they are NOT all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Romans 9:6-8

Is it so bad to leave paganism behind in exchange for the Kingdom of Elohim, Mashiyach, Torah and New Life in Him that a person also needs to invent a physical bloodline? Are Ephraimites now going to point fingers to those who don't have the "Ephraimite" accoutrements? Yes they are, the "One-House" is an invention of the "Two-House" movement, insecurity about ones identity is an embarrassment to the Faith of Mashiyach
because... "old things have passed away, behold, all things have been made new."

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for MAHIYACH!"

**OBSERVATIONS**

Some "Two House" people say they prefer the term "Hebraic" Roots of Christianity instead of the term "Jewish" Roots "because Judah never existed until much later". To these folks, Abraham was a "Hebrew", therefore as these are not Jewish they are children of Abraham.

So when did these new "Hebrews" become Hebrews?

- When they came to believe in Yeshua?
- When they started observing Shabbat or quit eating Pork?
- When they left their Hellenized Churches?
- Where does it say anything in Scripture about Christians, or Gentiles become "Hebrews"?

Not one of the "Ephraimites" got their message by revelation, they got it from "founders" who borrowed their ideas from the identity movement. O foolish "Ephraimites", who hath bewitched you?

Some "Two House" people say, "Judaism does not accept the Ephraimitite teachings because it threatens a two-class system between Jewish and non-Jewish Believers in Messianic Judaism".

- Why do you call yourselves "Two-House" and establish a one House and Two House mandate when the term is not even in Scripture?
- Why do you hold that you are "Ephraim", why not "Israel"?
- TOO MUCH shtick by Jews, so let's make up our own?
- Because Ephraim got the "portion above"?

"Ephraimites" have no problem with a two class system, provided they are the upper class. The Spirit and the Flesh are most certainly at war, the one we feed is the one that wins the battle, so let's not feed the flesh ok? O foolish "Ephraimites", who hath bewitched you?

Some "Two House" leaders point to a handful of Orthodox Jews who teach the re-gathering of Judah and Ephraim as a way of lending credibility to their cause.

- Why would someone who claims to follow Yeshua as haMashiyach regard "Prophetic" insights from those who flatly deny Yeshua as Mashiyach?
- Didn't Yeshua say that if you follow a blind man you both end up in the ditch?

Some Rabbis or "sages" have a wealth of beneficial understanding, only a fool would
discount this, but if you truly follow Mashiyach you are a fool to regard prophetic insights pertaining to Mashiyach by someone who denies Yeshua as Mashiyach. Either Yeshua is the Center and Focal point of Prophecy or He is not! The Identity of Mashiyach is the most important singular prophetic revelation anyone could have, PERIOD. O foolish "Ephraimites", who hath bewitched you?

Some "Two House" people believe they are propagating a teaching which will promote unity between Jews and Christians.

No, not at all, the true founders of modern "Ephraim Movement", are some of the authors listed below, some who are clearly at war with Torah based, Torah Zionist Jews. "Ephraimites" leaders have taken ideas of "Ephraim" from these books, the "Ephraimite" teaching is divisive and a fad within the Body of Mashiyach, but Yeshua and Torah is universal everlasting Truth. The focus of "Two Housers" is on "identity" and the flesh, not on haMashiyach Yeshua and His Torah, although I dare not discount that many in the "Ephraimites" movement as we know it today have made a remarkable and sustained move towards Torah truth! However, the division "Ephraimites" are causing is self evident, it’s a trap. Here is a short list which founders of the modern "Ephraimite" Identity movement have based their lies on.

Authors face critical problems with false theories:

In Jacobs day the most conservative estimates put the population of the earth at approximately 6 million people. Jacob was ONE in SIX MILLION, but now the Identity people want us to believe that Jacob is responsible for at least every ONE in TEN people on earth (some claim every one in three). It takes both ignorance of Scripture and History to believe and teach this lie.

How did the Israelites manage to suddenly speak a huge variety of languages and entirely loose Hebrew and Aramaic? Every culture has an inherent inclination to maintain cultural values, there are remnants of ancient cultures all over the world who have retained their language, for example the Assyrians living in Chicago [http://www.aina.org/aol/ethnic.htm].

This is true also of "the Jews", but where is the "Ephraimite" culture and heritage? It's only Americanism that boasts of ancient roots, even in Canada and America Native Indians have suffered all form of persecution for attempting to preserve their own native language and culture. Native tribal groups have retained their language and today phrasebooks and all manner of history is evident within their culture. There is no ancient Ephraimite language or culture evident in these Americans who call themselves "Ephraimites", they are ex-Christians who are fabricating prophetic stories and pretending to be something which they certainly are not. I know of no "Ephraimites" leaders who have not been very deeply "Americanized".

In the writings of Joseph ben Matthias (Flavius Josephus), we have historical insights regarding Jewish demographics, social and cultural values. Nowhere in "Josephus" is there evidence to support the "Lost Tribes" theories of the "Ephraimites". The
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Babylonians, Medes, Persians, Greeks and Romans have all made war against Jews and their culture, the thought of Jews relocating to Europe and becoming entire countries is both self serving and shortsighted. For the time Israel came out of Egypt hasatan has managed to enlist most of the world to go to war against Torah, Messianic, Zionist Jews, whether Arab jihad, Christian crusades or pogroms in Europe the Sabbatian and Frankist self-hating Jewish agendas. The Jews has been tracked by their enemies and slaughtered solely for being "the People of the Book". Only a fool would teach that the Tribes of Israel were "lost" in Europe, this hedonistic thinking concludes that Israelites were responsible for the crusades against their own brothers, which is a vile and false religious premise.

Those who expect a massive re-gathering now, before Mashiyach returns are fooling themselves and are becoming susceptible to entrapment of "the Beasts" globalization. These are willfully ignorant of the "Day of YHWH" in which "Jacob's Trouble" will come and YHWH will expose "Jacob" for defiance of The Covenant. Israel became a State by fighting the bloody British, Israel is fighting for survival today against US, European and anti-Zionist money. American power and politics are forcing Jews to surrender not only their land to their enemies, but their Faith in YHWH and Torah. Self-hating Jews are conspiring in a world system which takes it's mandate from Nimrod and his tower of Babel. The nations intend to maintain the instability of Israel and the people of YHWH right up to the time when the one world government makes its ultimate boast of a one world government. America funded Arafat and the PLO since the early days giving Billions to promote the "Palestinian Agenda" they continue to do so. Britain and America continue to prove their allegiance to and as "the Beast", not to truth, not to Israel, and certainly not to YHWH. At best "Ephraimites" by plying theories of a "Two House" system are plying more American values and religious ideology, more colonization and control, and subsequently more Hellenism.

"Two House" leaders use age old "identity" teaching to increase their "flocks".

Deuteronomy 1:10  "YHWH Elohim has multiplied you, and, behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. YHWH Elohim of your fathers make you a thousand times so many as you are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!"

Michael Rood a self proclaimed "Ephraimite" leader teaches that Science has shown the maximum number of stars a person can count with the natural eye is 600,000. Torah says there were about 600,000 men who came out of Mitzrayim (Egypt). Then he asked, how much is 600,000 times 1,000? That would be 600,000,000 people! Nearly a Billion, there is supposedly 6 Billion people on earth so he teaches that every ONE in TEN people one earth is an Israeliite. This teaching has now become one of the "Ephraimite" lies borrowed from the Identity groups and "science". Clearly Torah, the Neviim and History proves to us that Israel chose disobedience unto YHWH. This kind of teaching is extremely dangerous, it teaches that YHWH does not mean or Do what He says. It suggests that no bad thing will come upon the rebellious and they just keep on growing and prospering, like Britain and the USA who are money and power mongering...
pagan nations.

Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the Torah of YHWH: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Wherefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters’ vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the pit.

For thus says the YHWH Elohim, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and you would not. But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall you flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. Isaiah 30:8-17

Think about where you might find evidence in history where a bunch of Jews ended on top of a hill somewhere in Israel, like a beacon, like an ensign. Here's a hint. There's a cable car that takes people for a ride to the top of a hill West of the Dead Sea. Masada. For many Jews Masada represents a valiant struggle for Jewish Freedom against the Romans, for me it is evidence of YHWH demonstrating His Word! Gamla, is another very tragic and sad part of Jewish history that happened to our people, it is gut wrenching to see the collateral damage to those who rebel against YHWH. YHWH is Merciful, Kind, Forgiving, Full of Justice and He is a Covenant Keeper, the problem never has been His Faithfulness, but the faithfulness of all of us who need His Blessings. No lie, is of the truth, the "Ephraimite" shtick is based upon a lie.

Some "Two House" people believe that they as the new "Ephraimites" are becoming a vast number of righteous souls who will fill the Land of Israel and become a glorious nation unto YHWH and His Mashiyach. This thinking is in effect sanctifying ones own belief system by theologically speculating how well one is doing before YHWH. It is very dangerous to pat oneself on the back with this kind of theologizing, NO, let YHWH pat the backs, we are to practice humility, repentance and good works before Him and each other. The fact is, all of the Tribes of Israel were dispersed and scattered out of the Land because of their disobedience and arrogance to YHWH. To say that modern Ephraim is going to fulfill YHWH's Covenant, through Mashiyach, is as arrogant as any other religion that would consider themselves blessed of YHWH while they stubbornly avoid becoming a Kedoshim. When and if the "Ephraimites" choose to be a Righteous people, they will no longer support the evil systems of Babylonian Democratic oppressive governments, like the US where the president "evangelizes" the gospel by killing and stealing from others. Yes maybe there are certain benefits for being an American, Canadian or Britain, Paul being a Roman citizen was beheaded by Nero, but Peter wasn't a Roman so he was
crucified like a slave.

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Some "Two House" people point out that the King James Version of the Bible states that Ephraim would become a *multitude of nations*, therefore many nations around the world must have come from Ancient Ephraim, because of this.

“And his father refused, and said, I know my son, I know: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a **M'lo HaGoyim full the nation**. Genesis 48:19"

The Hebrew **M'lo HaGoyim** means "the fullness of nations". 4393 Strongs/Thayers

The Hebrew **Hamon HaGoyim** means "a multitude of nations". 1995 Strongs/Thayers

The Hebrew M'lo is translated into the English as full 12, fullness 8, all that is therein 7, all 2, fill 2, handful 2, multitude 2, handful 1, handfuls 1. So what does it mean to be a "fullness of nations", we know that at one time Ephraim was pushing out at its borders, it was bountiful but very short lived.

YHWH appointed Sarah to "become nations" NOT Ephraim.

And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of people shall be of her. **Genesis 17:16**

So now, in places where "nations" are referred to in the Scriptures, it appears as some "Two House" loosey goosey spin doctors are using it to apply prophetically to "Ephraimites", this theology shows the "Ephraimites" want to be the "Master Race".

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Is Ephraim considered the 13th tribe? If so when?

**2 Chronicles 30:1** And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of YHWH at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto YWHH Elohim of Israel.

Are all the blessings of YHWH only contingent on His Promise, regardless of His people's response? OR must we as a people respond to YHWH in truth and obedience in order to activate the Blessings He has for us?

One of leaders of the "Two House" movement sent an email stating; "I made a two hour presentation to TWO Chabad Chassidic Jewish rabbis making the case that I am "Joseph" their BROTHER..." It's odd that a self proclaimed "Ephraimite" would use the same strategy as the pope of Rome. John XXIII during the Second Vatican Council addressed a Jewish delegation with the words, "I am Joseph, your brother." But even the pope of
Rome in his vileness was more truthful that this "Ephraimite" fellow, at least the pope had a birth name akin to "Yoseph", the head of carnal and evil Christian paganism is no brother to YHWH's people.

To claim to be something you are not, is being an imposter.

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Some of the "Two House" leaders point to YHWH's "blessings on America" as proof that YHWH has endorsed America to represent Him. Not only is this both shameful and arrogant for American Believers to think and say, it is also a major deception. This kind of thinking is indicative of one who wants endorsement for their religion and their flesh. Nationalism is the underlying religious motif for someone who follows this line of thinking, it is yet more pride and division against the Body of Mashiyach.

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Some "Two House" people do NOT like to refer to anyone as a "Jew" even if they are from the Tribe of Y'hudah, but as "Hebrews". But "Jews" from the Tribes of Asher, Benjamin and Levi where grateful to be referred to as "the Jews" or "Yehudi".

Luke 2:36 "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the Tribe of Asher: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;"

Acts 21:39 "But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people."

Philippians 3:5 "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;"

Romans 11:1 "I say then, Hath Elohim cast away his people? YHWH forbid! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin .

Acts 4:36 "And Yosef, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus."

History indicates that those from all the Tribes of Israel came to be known as "the Jews". The people of Israel were referred to both as "The Hebrews" and "The Jews". It's rather odd how a person can walk into a meeting as a Christian and walk out of it as a Hebrew? No, don't reduce that which is Holy into yet another "Americanism" please.

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"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousands of all the Tribes of the Children of Israel."
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Of the tribe of Y’hudah were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Re’uven were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Asher were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Naftali were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of M’nasheh were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Shim’on were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Yissakhar were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Z’vulun were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Yoseph were sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Binyamin were sealed twelve thousand."
Revelations 7:4-8

So where is Ephraim? At least the Jehova’s Witlesses were cunning enough to put a theological spin doctor to work on Revelation 7, they point at themselves as the 144,000 to give themselves authority. But it's a shame they never examined the text a bit closer, the number 144,000 is a plural. It is 144,000's check out the Remez, numerically 144,000 is 12 times 12 times 10 times 10 times 10 symbolizing (12) the House of Israel and (10) the Testimony. The plurality of this number indicates "The Faithful Ones" who "sing the song of Moses the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb". So if JW’s or anyone else do not know the Song of Moshe AND the Song of the Lamb... they cannot possibly be part of this number regardless of their theology or bloodline.

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The Sons of Ya’akov provide much insight into life, human nature and the Will of YHWH as each of the sons and their respective "Tribes" respond to the Covenant in various ways. Instead of weighing the Tribes as matters of geo-political identity, a righteous soul will seek to understand why and how each Tribe of Israel functioned within the family of YHWH, and apply wisdom to live out Truth.

There are many problems with fabricating lies, one of the biggest being...

"all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone"
Revelations 21:8

"Ephraimites!", stop telling the lies about being blood line "Ephraimites!" If you don't want to accept the authority of the Scriptures, what will happen one day if archeologists dig up archives in HaEretz regarding Ephraim, and we all discover the ancient Ephraimites drank themselves into oblivion, only a handful survived, those remaining moved to Sefat to study Kabbalah and they now call themselves Jews? "Ephraimites" wouldn't be able to get the egg of their faces fast enough, no?

YESHUA haMashiach doesn't need "Ephraimites" to establish a "Two House" identity movement.
Certainly we have only briefly touched on a few areas regarding the "Two House" movement, much more could and will be said I'm sure. Nor have the praises of those my brothers and sisters living in Mashiyach, doing Torah as unto YHWH who are hanging with the "Ephraimites" sufficiently been praised here. It's not right to criticize unless the motive is out of love, in hope to strengthen each one in the Body of Mashiyach. Some of the "Ephraimite" and "Two House" people tell me of how they felt rejection from the Messianic Jewish community, or by Rabbis, the JCC etc or how sad it is that Jews don't walk in Torah or come to know Yeshua etc. This is all clearly adding fuel for the "Ephraimite" cause when Jews do not regard non-Jewish souls as equals. However, Yeshua must be our Aim, He is the Goal of Torah, He is the Defining Factor of our Characters and Identity. If we seek any acknowledgment or approval from anyone, let's seek it from Elohim Chayim.

We shall all stand or fall based on whether we are Faithful to the One who called us and gave us Life. YHWH's Promises and Blessings are irrevocable and manifold to those who Keep Covenant, but which blessings mentioned in Torah will we reap if we are NOT Faithful? There is a very big difference to find one's identity as an American or otherwise "Ephraimite" or find one's identity in Yeshua and in His Word.

Our resolve whether Ephraimite or not must be to singularly uphold the Kingdom of Elohim in our identity in Yeshua Mashiyach, everything else has no lasting potential in itself. Our authority as individuals and leaders must rely solely upon our calling in Him, not our identities after the flesh. Our mandates to move forward in His authority must include all souls regardless of bloodline, real or perceived. Our discussion and studies of the Word of YHWH, in Torah, Tanak and Ketuvim Netzarim must be directed within the Kedoshim of YHWH. We need no affiliation with a hierarchy that upholds any other Authority than haMashiyach and Truth. The Unity of the Faith is not based on affiliation or identity within a label, the premise must be the Kingdom of Elohim. As we learn to walk in True authority, we will once again experience what Yeshua and His Talmidim did in shaking the world, and yet not only the world but we shall join with Mashiyach to shake even the heavens. Let YHWH be true and every man a liar.

"Turn, O backsliding children, says YHWH; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Tsiyon": Jeremiah 3:14

Whether we are blood descendents of Israel or Y'hudah or not, YHWH says He will choose from a city and from a family which ones He will bring to Tsiyon.

Judges 12:1-6  "And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, why did you pass over to fight against the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house upon you with fire. And Jephthah said to them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, you delivered me not out of their hands. And when I saw that you delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and YHWH delivered them into my hand: why then are you coming up to me
this day, to fight against me? Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No; Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right."

It is very interesting to note that Ephraim was driven so low that they tried to falsify their own identity. Three thousand ninety one (3,091) years later there are people who call themselves "Ephraimites" who are also trying to assume an identity that is not their own, others may believe this is only coincidence. The "Two House" identity movement is a deception from hasatan levied by false prophets whom YHWH is using, "for YHWH proves you, to know whether you love YHWH Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul." D'varim 13:3

The "Ephraimite" movement has helped many souls take a flying leap out of Christian Babylon, but none of us must suppose we are completely out, this is a dangerous presupposition.

"Bald faced lie" -1940's Merriam-Webster means undisguised, or "barefaced". Late 16th Century means having no covering over one's face, beardless, undisguised, unconcealed, open, transparent, not hiding behind a disguise. If one extends the boldness of the lie it goes to brazen, to impudent, to shameless.

"Ephraimite" -has been placed in quotations so as to distinguish between the theory and the genuine Ephraimites.

While some Jews seek a new identity in Yeshua, some ex-Christians "Two House" people seek an identity in Ephraim.

The enemy is trying to use confusion to split the camp into "two houses."

Labels, pride and identities in the flesh are used by the destroyer to divide people, turn our backs on the common enemy, not on those who don't carry "approved" labels.

YHWH be with you,
Shalom U'Vrachot!

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