

## "Isaiah Bible Study, Lesson 4, Isaiah 8 and 9"

- ✍️ Isaiah's prophecy is primarily aimed at the southern kingdom of Judah, the northern 10 tribes leave the scene early on and do not return as a nation. There have been many conjectures that these tribes are lost, and many false teachers have used that idea as an opportunity to promote lies in order to deceive. Joseph Smith famously deceived his followers into believing that the American Indians were the lost tribes of Israel. Others have claimed that Anglos (those in England and Ireland) are, somehow, the lost tribes and thus have a racial superiority over people with other skin tones. If we study the Scriptures carefully, we will see that these tribes were never lost. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 11:14 the nation of Israel was divided territorially by tribe but not genetically, that is representatives of all the tribes lived in places other than their ancestral lands.
  - ✍️ In 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 11:15-16 representatives of all the tribes moved south so that there never were missing tribes genetically speaking, the tribes were lost as far as their territories but not in the sense of their actual genetic representatives. After this, God could have killed every last person in the northern kingdom and there still would have been representatives of every tribe in existence who would carry on the tribe's genetics. Today, the tribes are not lost to Israel, they have, through genetics, determined each phenotype of every tribe so that they can again determine tribal ancestry. In James 1:1 the Bible seems to have anticipated this very heresy.
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### Isaiah 8

- ✓ Isaiah is going to prophecy about the overthrow of the northern kingdom typified by its capital, Samaria, along with the overthrow of the land of Syria typified by its capital city, Damascus. "Then the LORD said to me, "Make a large signboard and clearly write this name on it: Maher-shalal-hash-baz."," Isaiah 8:1. This phrase becomes the name of Isaiah's second son. In Isaiah 8:2-4 often God asked His prophets to do some seemingly strange things including naming their children prophetically, God tells Hosea to do this in Hosea 1:4, 6, and 9. God also leads Enoch to name his son with prophetic overtones: Genesis 5:21-27, if you lay out the ages of these men that were born in succession before the flood, you will find out that the same year the Methuselah dies the flood comes, Methuselah means "his death shall bring." Within Isaiah 8:5-8 God is predicting the rise of Assyria to defeat both Syria and the Northern kingdom of Israel in a matter of less than 15 months.
  - ✓ If we had the time to run down all the reference to stone or rock, as in Isaiah 8:9-15 we would see how they are all tied together and pointing in some way to Jesus who is "the stone that the builders rejected." We would see that these books written by 40 something different authors over 2000 years are a single message system conveyed by a single mind. Every number, name, and detail is in the Scripture by design. Not only is it a single message system, but it has its origins from outside of our time or space domain because it consistently predicts history before it happens, as if the writer had already lived through the future event.
  - ✓ In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:3-4; Daniel 2:44-45; Zechariah 3:8-9; Jesus claims to be this stone, Matthew 21:42 quoted from Psalm 118. Isaiah's two children are a sign, Isaiah 8:16-18. Palm readers, fortune tellers, tea leaf readers, tarot card readers are, at best, liars and at worst they are consulting demons (they were supposedly calling on those who had passed away) for you and when you follow their advice you are following the advice of demons, Isaiah 8:19. All kinds of exercises in the school systems for how to find your spirit guides and how to consult them are being taught at grade school level, Deuteronomy 18:9-10. The word of God is the truth; we need nothing more—the truth about the past, the present and the future, Isaiah 8:20. The truth is the equivalent to the light, without light it all gets really dark!, Isaiah 8:21-22.
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## 1. Isaiah 9

- ✓ Isaiah is predicting a time in the future when Jesus' ministry begins, "but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. He goes on to say that the people who walk in darkness will see a great light," Isaiah 9:1-2 which goes along with Matthew 4:12-16. Isaiah 9:3-5 refers to God leading the people from spiritual darkness into light by sending Jesus, the Messiah to save the world, Isaiah 9: 6. The Jews to this day argue that the Messiah will only be a man albeit empowered by the Spirit of God, but a man, nonetheless. The problem with that is that they draw that conclusion in opposition to their own Scriptures, "a son... a child" typical Hebrew poetry where the rhyme is in meaning and not in sound. This rhymes in meaning by stating the same thing in two different ways and adding to the meaning, you see this in the Psalms and the Proverbs.
- ✓ Children are born, but a son that is given implies He comes from somewhere not just through the birth process. God's answer to the needs of this world is often a baby: Israel was in bondage in Egypt, a baby is born, Israel is in severe decline, Hannah gives birth a baby named Samuel, the nation was 400 years without a prophet, Elizabeth brings forth John the Baptist, the world is dead in their sins, Mary gives birth to Jesus. Referring to Jesus "the government will rest on His shoulders," when did that ever happen? Luke 1:32-33 is the promise to Mary that her son would sit on the throne of His father David. His name shall be called," nouns: "Wonderful" (this is actually a noun that is an adjective description), Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. When was Jesus called wonderful? He gave them Samson in Judges 13:1-19 who was a type of the preincarnate Christ who is also called the Eternal Father or Father of Eternity, and Prince of Peace.

**"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14, "Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us," Romans 5:1. "His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!, Isaiah 9:7. Leading people astray is a very serious crime that God goes out of His way to denounce Isaiah 9:8-16. "That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick," Matthew 8:16. In Isaiah 9:17-21, the people's wickedness is pictured as burning them up like a huge fire with a large column of smoke. Isaiah 10:1-4 is the final stanza of this dirge; punctuates Isaiah 9:17.**

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