The Two Sticks, Judah and Joseph, and the Restoration of Israel
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Ezekiel 37:16 The word of the Lord came again unto me saying, “Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon 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:”
17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. Thus saith the Lord GOD; 19 Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, 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.
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
22. 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:
And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.
So we have the hope in this image here of An eventual unity in two authorities. One is in **Judah**. One is in **Joseph**. What does that mean?
So here we have two authorities. One is in Judah. One is in Joseph. What is their identity? And what is their purpose as we come into the latter days?
This is a prophecy telling us of two authorities involved with the regathering of Israel in the latter days? Do the Scriptures provide more information for us?
Let’s go back to a significant starting point for the covenant people of God. Let us take a close look at the two key elements of the Abrahamic Covenant.
Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

1. God’s Holy City
2. God’s Holy People
A Nation, a Promised Land and a Holy City Upon a Hill.

A “Melo-HaGoyim”, a Multitude or Fullness of Gentiles/Nations.
A National Promise?  A Ministerial promise?
What are these, my Lord?

Zechariah chapter 4
Zech 4:11-12 What *are* these **two olive trees** upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?

And . . . what *be these two olive branches* which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?
14 These are the **TWO ANOINTED ONES** that stand by the God of the earth
Revelation 11

3 And I will empower my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the God of the earth.
Two Witnesses – Two Olive Trees
Two Witnesses

Two Olive Trees

Two Lampstands
Two witnesses who stand before the God of the earth. Are they also showcased here?
Day of Pentecost
The Feast of Pentecost.
Two leavened puffed up loaves
Two separated factions of the “called out”? Why Leaven?
LEAVEN
1 Symbol - Type of SIN
2 EXPANSION- INCREASE- JOSEPH
3 FERMENT- NEW WINE - BRASH
4 PUFFED UP-PRIDE
The Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D.
The Church-State system of Constantine
The Medieval State Church
Gargoyles of the pagan realms perched atop the Cathedral at Notre Dame
The Inquisition
A holocaust against the Body of Jesus Christ. The Inquisition was never renounced and nor was it ever rescinded. It is still in effect.
William Tyndale, Bible translator, Burned at the stake, October, 1536
The St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre of the French Huguenots
The specter of compromise in the ecumenism sweeping through all the religions of the world
The Ku Klux Klan in America. Do anti-Semites know the evil spirits who are pulling their strings?

This was the early salute of the Pledge of Allegiance, promoted by National Socialists in the USA 3 decades before it was adopted by the National Socialist German Workers' Party. Oppose modern legacies of National Socialism & the KKK in the USA today and support & visit RexCurry.net
The nations rage against little Israel. And hatred towards Jews continues. What is the root cause of anti-Semitism?
The raging nations of the world have a grudge against the other people who bear witness to Messiah, the Jewish people. Why? What is behind all this hatred?
Neo Nazi skinheads in Germany. Anger and hatred against Jews. Why?
Dominion Theology is leavening the American Church as it did during the former era of the British Empire.
Christians United For Israel
But are they reconciled and united in the God of Israel?
THE RAPTURE

Jesus promised that His people who are living when He comes, will go from Earth to Heaven without dying.
The Western Church, having been told that her witness on behalf of her Bridegroom is not called for has come to believe she is irrelevant. Inwardly demoralized and with fear rising up over faith she has become a Runaway Bride.

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“Jewish Israel” lives here

The “Gentile Church” lives here
Israel

OT Earthly
People of
God’s LAW

Church

NT Spiritual
People of
God’s GRACE
I HAVE AMNESIA
And how will it be resolved?

Francis Schaeffer
Could it be that Messiah is the key to repair the breach?
But profane men want to dissect God into what they see as two principles.
LAW

GRACE

Is this the fracture line in Israel?

Francis Schaeffer
Did the fracture line in Israel, the fault line, break here?
The Breach of Jeroboam
Did the lost ten tribes of Israel curse themselves into partial blindness?

“What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!”
Was this the beginning of the 2900 year old blood feud between the two houses of Israel?

Did the lost ten tribes of Israel curse themselves into partial blindness?
Church

Israel

Here we are today
“The CHURCH” and “ISRAEL”
The "Gentile Church" lives here

And "Jewish Israel" lives here
Israel

OT Earthly People of God’s LAW

Church

NT Spiritual People of God’s GRACE
Who is Israel?
“ALL Israel” – (There is no other).

Keep the Noahide Laws and you may come in with us in Israel ... ... but in a lower grade category.
The Church has now swallowed up and completely replaced Israel
The Feast of Pentecost.
Two leavened puffed up loaves
Two separated factions of the “called out”?
LAW

GRACE

Who will repair the breach?

Francis Schaeffer
Mercy Seat
For
God’s
GRACE

Judgment Seat
For
God’s
LAW
The order of Melchizedek
Two offices
Melchizedek was both High Priest and King of Salem, Prince of Peace. Melchizedek prefigures the fully integrated, fully complementary, fully harmonized dual office of Messiah in the Order of Melchizedek.
Psalm 110

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing, (volunteers), in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
LAW

GRACE

How did the breach play out in Israel’s history?

Francis Schaeffer
Israel splits into two Kingdoms. The royal Jewish House of Judah along with Benjamin and elements of Levi in the Southern Kingdom include Jerusalem, the Holy City.
Jeroboam takes the ten rebelling tribes and forms the Northern Kingdom with the capital, Samaria.
Judah returns to the land under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah
But what happened to the lost ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom?

Did the lost ten tribes really go back to Jerusalem to be subsumed with Judah?
Josephus (Ant., 11:133) states as a fact "the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude and not to be estimated in numbers."
Were the lost ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom just homogenized?

Judah returns to the land under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah.
Migration of the "Lost 10 Tribes" of Israel

- Norsemen
- Frisland
- Parthian Horde under Odin
- Scythia
- Parthia
- Assyria
- Media
- Scythia
- Gaul
- Saxons
- Angles
- Jutes
- Western Alans
- Iberia
- Suevi
- Tarshish
- Carthage
- Vandals
- Visigoths
- Burgundians
- Allemanni
- Lombards
- Ostrogoths
- Heruli
- 400-500 CE
- 400-500 CE
- 721 BCE
- c. 200 CE
- A. Barkochba rebels of Judah to America post 164 AD
Acts 16
8 So they . . . . went down to Troas.
9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia, and help us”.
How did the breach play out in *Theology*?
Who is going to fix it?
THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW CALENDAR

Spring Feasts
- Firstfruits
- Unleavened Bread
- Passover

Pentecost

Summer
- Sivan
- TAMMUZ
- AV

Fall Feasts
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles

Messiah comes as the Suffering Servant

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Israel’s Sacrifice Lamb

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The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah - Revelation 5:5
8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.
Genesis 49

9 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.
Jacob’s Blessing over Joseph
Genesis 49

22 Joseph is a **fruitful bough, even** a fruitful bough **by a well**; whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and **hated him**:

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty **God of Jacob**; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:

25 **Even** by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.
Genesis 49:22
Joseph is a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a fountain;
His branches run over the wall.
Joseph’s bloodied coat of many colors
Joseph is sold into slavery; transported with the Balm of Gilead. Is separated from his brethren.

A past and a future reality?
Joseph resists the seductions of the harlot wife of the chief executioner.
Joseph, falsely accused, not executed, thrown into prison, an excellent spirit, the doer of everything in the prison, interpreted dreams of the cupbearer and the baker.
Joseph is summoned before the king. He interprets the dreams of the Pharaoh of 7 years of famine,
Joseph opens the storehouses feeds the world the Bread of Life.
Joseph sees his brothers, shopping for grain.
Calls his brothers to responsibility back to their God given destiny.
Joseph sets the table for his brothers according to their birth order. He feeds portions to them from *his table*.
Joseph’s cup... in Benjamin’s sack
“Now these things happened to them as examples for us to take note of. They were written down as types and shadows, as instructive warnings for us, the people on whom the ends of the earth, or the culmination of the ages, has come.”

- 1Cor. 10:11
How did the breach of Jeroboam affect the Congregation of Israel?
When did the Congregation of Israel get it’s downgraded generic name, THE “CHURCH”? 
The Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D.
The Church-State system of Constantine
The Medieval State Church
WHAT IS THE “CHURCH”? The word in Greek is “ekklesia” and it just means “a called out assembly”.
TO WHOM ARE THE CALLED OUT CONGREGATION BEING CALLED OUT / GATHERED?
The Church seems to forget her blood covenant faith connection to Abraham and hence to the nation of Israel
God’s Covenant with Abraham forms the basis for our redemption and our faith.
But in the New Covenant there is an open door back into citizenship in the nation of Israel.

Ephesians 2:12 “. . . .once you were without Christ, being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”
The Greek word ‘politeia’ means

1. a state or **commonwealth citizenship,**
2. the rights of a citizen
3. the administration of **civil affairs**
Our Apostle Paul goes on to say

Ephesians 2:13  “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
The Commonwealth/Congregation of Israel
So will that epic final glorious reunion, reconciliation, and restoration of Israel come by force, by Dominion Theology?
Is there a call for the Christian Church to be reconciled to Israel?

The restoration of Israel is more than just a matter of the salvation of the Jewish nation. (Zech 12, Joel 2)

The restoration of Israel is two sided. It very definitely involves the repentance of the Church and her reconciliation to her true and rightful place in Israel. (Eph.2:12-13)
1. a *Holy City* wherein dwells righteousness, with everlasting foundations not made with hands whose builder and Maker is God.
12 gates according to the 12 tribes of Israel

And every one a pearl. - Rev. 21
2. And they would be a *Holy People*, a cross-membered royal priesthood and a *holy nation*, and a *melo hagoyim*, a company of nations, a multitude of nations, a fullness of Gentiles, as numerous as the sands of the sea, a myriad company as the stars of heaven that could not be counted, all of them gloriously arrayed and each of them individually and called out by name.
UN-RESTORED ISRAEL

ROYAL NATION?
(the Jews)

HOLY PRIESTHOOD?
(the Church)
Neither Moses and the Apostle Peter spoke of this. They did not speak of a separate royal Jewish nation and a separate holy priesthood, congregation, or Church. Rather, they spoke of a combined and cross-linked royal priesthood and holy nation.
And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an **holy nation**. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. – Exodus 19:6

But ye are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an **holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: - 1Peter 2:9
UN-RESTORED ISRAEL  
(Dispensational model)

ROYAL NATION  
(the Jews)

HOLY PRIESTHOOD  
(the Church)
RESTORED ISRAEL (Biblical model)

ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

HOLY NATION
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then take another stick, and write upon it, For JOSEPH, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:”
“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation”

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The Commonwealth/Congregation of Israel
Not by might, nor by power
But by My spirit saith the Lord