

# CHAPTER 1

## WHO ARE THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL?

Who are the two houses of Israel? Historically, they were the Northern Kingdom (*house of Israel*) and the Southern Kingdom (*house of Judah*). Today, the two houses of the G-d of Israel are known by the more common names of Christianity (*house of Israel*) and Judaism (*house of Judah*). Both Christianity (*house of Israel*) and Judaism (*house of Judah*) worship the G-d of Israel. However, they have historically disagreed with the method of expressing true Biblical worship to the G-d of Israel. These disagreements have divided the children of the G-d of Israel into two houses of worship of the G-d of Israel. Why are the two houses of Israel (*Christianity and Judaism*) divided?

There are two MAJOR disagreements between the two houses of Israel (*Christianity and Judaism*). These two major disagreements are the role of the Torah in true Biblical worship of the G-d of Israel and who is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). In spite of these two disagreements, both houses of Israel have been used by the G-d of Israel to preserve the following two very important truths within the Kingdom of the G-d of Israel. Judaism (*house of Judah*) has preserved the truth that the Torah is eternal and is the *Tree of Life* given by the G-d of Israel. Christianity (*house of Israel*) has preserved the truth that *Yeshua/Jesus* is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*).

## THE FAMILY OF THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS LIKE AN OLIVE TREE

Allegorically speaking, the family (*mishpochah*) of the G-d of Israel is likened to an olive tree. In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 11:16-17 it is written:

*"The Lord called thy name. A green olive tree ... For the Lord of hosts, that planted thee ... the house of Israel AND of the house of Judah ..."*

The *house of Judah* (Judaism) is the root and natural branches of the olive tree of the G-d of Israel. The *house of Israel* (Christianity) is **GRAFTED** into this olive tree. In Romans 11:13, 17 it is written:

*"For I speak to you Gentiles [Christianity]... and thou, being a wild olive tree, wast grafted in among them [the natural root of the house of Judah]..."*

From the viewpoint of the G-d of Israel, He only has one family (*mishpochah*) that consists of natural branches (*house of Judah/Judaism*) and wild branches (*house of Israel/Christianity*). The wild branches have been grafted into the natural root (*house of Judah/Judaism*). In Ephesians 4:3-6 it is written:

*"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit [Ruach] in the bond of peace [shalom]. There is one body [kahal/congregation/ekklesia/church] ... one Lord, one faith [emunah] ... one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all."*

## **A REJECTION OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY**

It may be a new revelation to many members within traditional Judaism and Christianity that the house of the G-d of Israel is divided and that Judaism represents the *house of Judah* and Christianity represents the *house of Israel*. Furthermore, there are an increasing number of people within both houses of Israel to whom the G-d of Israel is revealing this truth through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*).

There are various "Christian" groups who teach that there are two houses of Israel. However, some of these groups teach a *poisonous* and unbiblical doctrine of *elitism* (they are a special race of people) and *replacement theology* (they are the "new Israel") against the *house of Judah* (Judaism). Because of these poisonous and unbiblical doctrines, many within true Biblical Christianity (*house of Israel*) who reject the poisonous doctrines of elitism and replacement theology against the *house of Judah* (Judaism) are reluctant to accept the Biblical truth that there are two houses of Israel.

In embracing the truth of the two houses of Israel, this book **REJECTS** all forms, thought and intent of elitism and replacement theology against the *house of Judah* (Judaism). On the contrary, the purpose of this book is to promote restoration, reconciliation and unity between the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity).

## THE RESTORATION OF BOTH HOUSES OF ISRAEL

In order for restoration and reconciliation to come to both houses of Israel, they need to repent (*teshuvah*) to the G-d of Israel and to each other. The *house of Israel* (Christianity) needs to embrace the Hebraic/Jewish roots of their faith in *Yeshua/Jesus* as Messiah (*Mashiach*). Meanwhile, the *house of Judah* (Judaism) needs to continue to follow the Torah of the G-d of Israel while maintaining and keeping their Jewish identity when accepting that *Yeshua/Jesus* is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). The repentance, reunification, reconciliation and unity of both houses of Israel are prophesied in Ezekiel (*Yechezekel*) 37:15-27 as it is written:

*"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: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; 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 thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, 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: 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: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant [Messiah ben David] 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 [follow the Torah of the G-d of Israel]. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and my servant David [Messiah ben David] shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore [the Messianic Age/Athid Lavo]. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people ."*

## **MAY BRETHREN DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY**

When and how will the two houses be reunited? This book will examine some of the theological issues that have historically divided the two houses of Israel and when and how they will be reunited in the end of days.

The first part of the book will discuss some of the theological issues that have historically divided the two houses of Israel. Among the items that will be studied are the issues of Torah and grace, the Sabbath (*Shabbat*), the Jewishness of the Messiah (*Mashiach*), the deity of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*), the 7,000 year plan of the G-d of Israel and who is the church and who is Israel.

The second part of the book will focus on how and when the two houses will be reunified in the end of days. The importance of the birth of the modern day state of Israel, the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and the role that Israel's peace agreements with her Arab neighbors will play in the eventual reunification of both houses of Israel will be studied. By parting the land of the G-d of Israel (Joel [*Yoel*] 3:2) and the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah [*Zecharyah*] 14:2), the G-d of Israel will judge the nations. When the two houses of Israel repent and are redeemed, restored, reconciled and dwell together in unity, the following events will occur.

1. The exile of both houses of Israel will end and they will return to the land of Israel (Ezekiel [*Yechezekel*] 37:15-27).
2. The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) will dwell with His people teaching the Torah to all nations from the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) during the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*) (Isaiah [*Yeshayahu*] 2:2-3).

May brethren from both houses of Israel dwell together in unity. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 133 it is written:

***"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren [from the house of Israel (Christianity) and the house of Judah (Judaism)] to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore ."***

May the G-d of Israel pour out His Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) and bring restoration, reconciliation and unity to both the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) speedily in our days. Amen!