

# The Identity of The United States in Prophecy

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Less than 250 years ago the United States did not exist as an independent nation. On July 4, 1776, the colonists signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring their independence from England. With an under-manned, ill-equipped army they defeated the world's greatest empire. Then, miraculously, they managed to put together a Constitutional Republic, which was based on the Bible, the Magna Carta, and the Declaration of Independence.

From its early beginning of 13 colonies, the United States flourished to become the richest, the most influential, and the most powerful nation to ever exist. None of this could have happened without the blessing of Almighty God. Why did God bless the United States above all other nations? We are going to show that the people of the United States have descended from the thirteenth tribe of Israel, i.e. the tribe of Ephraim. Ephraim means "double fruit." The meaning of the United States in Hebrew is literally "the lands of the Covenant."

## The People of the Covenant

God told Abram to leave his country and go "...to a land that I will show you: and I will make of you a great nation [1471, *people*]..." (Genesis 12:1, 2). The land was the land of Canaan, a small piece of real estate in the area of the present day nation of Israel. The land of Canaan was only a small portion of what was to come.

God said to Abram, "Look now toward heaven, and tell [5608, *to tally*] the stars, if you be able to number them: and he said to him, **So shall your seed be**" (Genesis 15:5). The small land of Canaan could not possibly support the multitude of people that God said would come from Abram, so the inheritance was going to eventually have to extend far beyond the borders of Canaan. "In the same day the LORD made [3772, *to cut*] **a covenant with Abram...**" (v. 18).

Again, God said to Abram, "I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be you perfect [8549, *upright*]. **And I will make My covenant between Me and you**, and will multiply you exceedingly....**My covenant is with you**, and you shall be a father of many nations [1471, *people*]. Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham [85, *father of a multitude*]; for a father of many nations [1471, *people*] have I made you. And I will make you exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. **And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant**" (Genesis 17:1, 2, 4-7).

The Covenant was passed on to Abraham's son Isaac. The Eternal said to Isaac, "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you and your seed, I will give all of these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father; and I will make

your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these countries; and **in your seed shall all the people of the earth be blessed**; because that **Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws**” (Genesis 26:3-5). The Covenant was based on Abraham’s obedience to God.

From Isaac the covenant was passed on to his son Jacob. “And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall **spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south**: and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 28:14). The descendants of Jacob were destined to spread abroad beyond the borders of Canaan.

### **Jacob’s Name is changed to Israel**

The Eternal changed Jacob’s name to Israel. “And He said, your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel [3478, *prince of God, or he shall rule with God*]: for as a prince have you power with God and with men and have prevailed” (Genesis 32:28).

Many have erroneously believed that all of the people of ancient Israel were Jewish, which is not true. Jacob had twelve sons, and Judah was the one from whom the Jewish people have descended. The name Jew is *Strong’s* 3064, a Judahite or Jew. It is from 3063, Judah. Judah was Jacob’s fourth son. In the first place that the name “Jews” is used in scripture, we find that that are at war against the ten northern tribes of Israel (2 Kings 16:5, 6).

All of Jacob’s sons were Israelites, but only one of his sons was a Jew. Moses, through whom God gave the law to the people of Israel, was not a Jew. Moses was from the tribe of Levi, and therefore he was a Levite—not a Judahite. The total population of Jews throughout the world is only about 13.5 million. That number hardly qualifies as a vast multitude of people.

### **The Sons of Joseph**

“Israel loved Joseph more than all his children...And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more...they hated him [*Joseph*]...” (Genesis 37:3, 4). Joseph’s brothers ended up selling him into slavery. Joseph became a slave in Egypt, but God was with him and he miraculously rose up to be the second in command of Egypt. Pharaoh told Joseph, “...only in the throne will I be greater than you...See I have set you over all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 41:40, 41).

Pharaoh gave Joseph “...to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On...” (Genesis 41:45). Joseph had two sons by Asenath, “And Joseph called the name of the **firstborn Manasseh** [4519, *one who forgets*]: For God, said he, has made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house. And the name of the **second** called he Ephraim [669, *double fruit*]: For God has called me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction” (vv. 51, 52).

When Jacob was nearing the end of his life, he put his name (Israel) upon Joseph’s two sons. “And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh...are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall

be mine” (Genesis 48:5). Joseph became two tribes in Israel; thus Israel’s two grandsons, Manasseh and Ephraim, became the twelfth and thirteenth tribes.

The Promised Land was divided among twelve tribes, because Levi did not receive an inheritance among the children of Israel. The Eternal said, “I have given the children of Levi all the tenth [4643, *tithes*] in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation” (Numbers 18:21).

When Jacob blessed Manasseh and Ephraim he gave the greatest blessing to Ephraim, who was Joseph’s younger son, instead of to Manasseh, who was the firstborn. This displeased Joseph because the greater blessing was supposed to go to the firstborn. Jacob said of Manasseh, “...he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but **his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude [4392, *fullness*] of nations [1471, *people*]**” (Genesis 48:19).

A “multitude of nations” has often been interpreted to mean a “commonwealth of nations”; therefore it has been assumed that the blessing of Ephraim was fulfilled by the British Commonwealth of Nations. However, the literal translation is “his **seed** [2233, *offspring, posterity, descendants*] shall become a multitude of people.” It was the offspring of Ephraim who was to become “a multitude of people.” The British Commonwealth consisted of many foreign nations who were not of the “seed” of the British.

At the time of the American Revolution the British far outnumbered the colonists, but the Americans grew to a greater population than that of Britain, as was prophesied by Moses. Moses “...blessed the children of Israel before his death” (Deuteronomy 33:1). Of the sons of Joseph he said, “His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the **ten thousands of Ephraim**, and they are the **thousands of Manasseh**” (v. 17).

Ephraim, the younger of the two brothers, **was going to have a greater number of descendants than would Manasseh**. This has been fulfilled by the United States as its descendants have exceeded the populations of the seed of the descendants of Great Britain.

The churches of God consider the older Manasseh to be fulfilled by the United States, and Great Britain as the fulfillment of the younger Ephraim. The problem with that interpretation is that Great Britain has existed as a nation far longer than the United States. The United States is not the elder of the two—Great Britain is! That the United States is the younger of the two brothers is an undeniable fact of history. The greatest blessing went to the younger of Joseph’s children, and that has been fulfilled by the United States.

The British did build a great empire, but as the United States developed, it eventually surpassed the British in wealth, power, and influence. During World War II it was made abundantly clear that the United States was the most powerful nation on the face of the earth. Our industrial output

was unequalled. Following World War II the United States was clearly the leader of the free world, which has kept the tyrannical communist regimes from enslaving the world. That is why there has been a concerted effort by the leftists to destroy the country from within.

### **Separate From His Brothers**

Before he died, Jacob said of Joseph, "...even by the God of your father, who shall help you; and by the Almighty, who shall bless you with blessings from heaven above, blessings of the deep that lie under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: the blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of him **who was separate from his brethren**" (Genesis 49:23-26).

It is interesting that Joseph was "separate from his brethren" who persecuted him. The nations of Western Europe have descended from the "ten lost tribes of Israel," but it is not our purpose in this article to go through those proofs. Britain is an island nation that is separated from the land mass of Europe by the English Channel. This "moat" has provided Britain with some measure of protection from their European brothers.

The United States is separated from Europe by a vast sea, which has provided us with a great deal of protection from Europe, and other nations as well. People took great risks to cross that sea and come to America to escape religious persecution by the Church of England and the Catholic Church. The children of Israel were led across the Red Sea by God to escape the bondage of Egypt, and to eventually enter the Promised Land. Likewise, the Eternal God led the people across the sea to escape the bondage of Europe, to come to this land of promise.

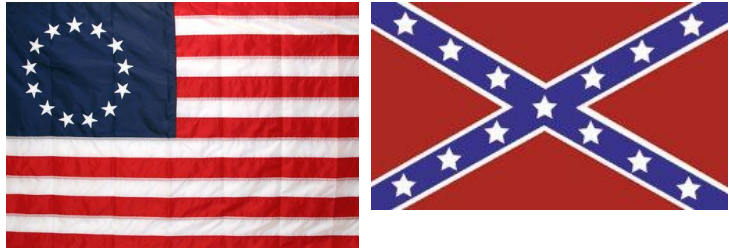
The people escaped from the repressive/hierarchical governments of Europe, which included England, and established a form of government that allowed the people the liberty to develop the great resources provided by God. The preamble to the Constitution reads, "We, the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution of the United States of America."

### **The Thirteenth Tribe**

The number thirteen is equated with rebellion. "Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the **thirteenth year they rebelled**" (Genesis 14:4). Solomon made "...Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite [673, *Ephramite*]...made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph" (1 Kings 11:26, 28). Jeroboam rebelled against the house of David, and he was made "...king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only" (1 Kings 12:20).

God placed the number thirteen on Ephraim, and it identifies who he is. Ephraim is the thirteenth tribe, and this number marks the United States as being the descendants of Ephraim. It also marks the United States as being a rebellious nation. The United States began with thirteen colonies. Why thirteen? Why not fourteen, or any other number? Because God ordained that it would be thirteen. The number thirteen is found in our flag, as well as the Great Seal of the United States.

The **thirteen** colonies declared their independence from England in 1776. Seven plus six equals **thirteen**. The American flag consisted of **thirteen** stars on a blue background. “I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven.” The flag has **thirteen** stripes, seven red and six white.



In another rebellion the Confederate States of America consisted of eleven states, but their flag had **thirteen** stars.

On the front of the Great Seal of the United States there is a cloud, a sunburst, and **thirteen** stars above the eagle. The phrase on the banner, E PLURIBUS UNUM, contains **thirteen** letters. It means “Out of many, one.” On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies became one nation with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



The Great Seal of the United States.

There are **thirteen** bars on the shield, **thirteen** arrows in the eagle’s left talon and an olive branch with **thirteen** leaves and **thirteen** olives in the right talon. The eagle is facing the olive branch which is a symbol of peace. The arrows are symbols of war. The United States prefers peace, but it has had the mightiest military ever assembled with which to defend itself. “The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the mighty God of Jacob; (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)” (Genesis 49:24).

The eagle is a symbol of God’s deliverance. “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself” (Exodus 19:4). The cloud and the sunburst represent the pillar of cloud that led Israel by day, and the pillar of fire that led them by night. Also, we find in the book of Malachi, “But to you who fear My name shall the **Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings...**” (4:2). The thirteen stripes on the shield represent the thirteen colonies. The Chief (the top of the shield) is blue, representing heaven. The eagle, as a symbol of God, is holding the shield.

In Psalm 84:11 we read, “For the LORD God is a **sun and shield**: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in You.” The Eternal God has been a shield that has protected and blessed this country, not because of our righteousness, but because of His promises to the patriarchs.

On the reverse side of the seal is the phrase “Annuit Coeptis.” It consists of **thirteen** letters, and it means “He (God) has prospered our undertakings.” The eye at the top of the pyramid is the “Eye of Providence,” representing the all-seeing eye of God, who watches over our undertakings.

There are thirteen steps on the Great Pyramid of Egypt, from whence came Manasseh and Ephraim. The thirteen steps represent the original thirteen states. The unfinished pyramid indicates that the founding fathers foresaw additional states being added. Obviously the founding fathers did not foresee the number of states that would be added.

The Roman numerals on the base are the year 1776. The phrase NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM means: “New Order of the Ages.” The United States brought about a new order of government that was “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” This new government provided liberty for its citizens, and that was the opposite of the tyrannical regimes of Europe and the rest of the world.

Much of the symbolism of the Great Seal of the United States is of pagan origin. Therefore it is no great surprise that it was the tribe of Ephraim who led the ten tribes into idolatry.

**Conclusion:** No other nations have fulfilled the blessings promised to the sons of Joseph as have Great Britain and the United States. God placed the number thirteen on the United States to reveal its identity as the descendants of Ephraim. The great blessings bestowed on the United States have not been the result of their own greatness, but they have come about by the hand of God. “But you shall remember the LORD your God: **for it is He that gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers...**” (Deuteronomy 8:18).