

ISHMAEL'S SONS IN ISRAEL

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"In that day, Yisrael shall be one of three, with Mitzrayim, and Ashur, even a blessing in the midst of the earth."
Yeshayahu/Isaiah 19:24

ISHMAEL/ISRAEL?

As Israel's two house restoration quickens at an unprecedented rapid pace in this final Pre-Tribulation hour, the question begs to be asked. Where do the sons of Ishmael and/or Esau fit in to Yahuwah's plan to regather all Israel? Are Ishmaelites and Esau/Edomites necessarily the same peoples? Do they have a role to play among reconstituted Israel in the end times? Is it even possible that the sons of Ishmael will have no role to play, as Yahuwah restores Judah and Ephraim? These legitimate questions will bring many scriptural conclusions, that may shock and surprise you.

PROMISES TO ISHMAEL

It is Yahuwah's desire to affirmatively answer Abraham's prayer/declaration found in Bereshit/Genesis 17:18, through the Moshiach Yahshua. Yahuwah has ordained to bring life eternal to Ishmael's sons and daughters, and thus make them one in Israel's millennial commonwealth (Rev. 20:4-6). We notice that in Bereshit/Genesis 17:25-26, Ishmael is circumcised, and becomes part of the Abrahamic Covenant, though obviously he is not the child of messianic promise, nor is he the promised child of physical multiplicity like Isaac and Jacob. Nevertheless it is the Father's expressed and explicit desire, to re-make Ishmael's offspring into an identifiable part of the people of Israel, (correcting Abraham's fleshly error) by Ishmaelites joining the people of Israel through personal trust in Israel's Messiah Yahshua. So while the outworking of messianic redemption, and national identity, would initially bypass Ishmael's offspring, the **Great Tribulation and ultimately the Millennial Earthly** Reign, will see many of Ishmael's children becoming Israel. Abba Yahuwah promised Abraham that his cry for Ishmael's life and perpetuity, had been heard (Bereshit 17:20). Rav Shaul (Paul) also teaches us that Yahuwah's plan to restore Israel's two scattered houses includes all peoples, and all things, in heaven, on the earth, and under the earth, with no exclusions from that purpose (Ephesians 1:10). This instructs us that Ishmael's children will be included in this gathering at the "fullness of time", or the time when the "fullness of the nations/melo hagoyim" (Ephraim/Israel) are re-gathered.

So while we rejoice to see thousands of Ephraimites or non Jewish Messianic believers return to national Israel through the King of Israel, and the constitution of Israel

(Torah), it is prophesied that at the time when the "fullness of the nations/melo HaGoyim" will be gathered, we may also expect to see Ishmael's offspring gathered as well! It is Yahuwah's stated plan to turn Ishmael's offspring into Israelites, as they join in the re-gathering of the two houses of Israel, when Israel at long last enters the atid lavo/millenium. Genesis/Bereshit 49:10 reinforces this understanding by declaring Shiloh the "Sent One", as the One who will bring and gather all nations to Himself in power and obedience. As it is written, and unto Him "shall the gathering/obedience of the PEOPLES be." Ultimately, Yahuwah through His Son Yahshua, is determined to answer Abraham's prayer by giving everlasting kingdom life to repentant Ishmael, as He makes Ishmael part of the "one new man", as Jacob and Ishmael both dwell in the expanded tents of Shem.

KEEP THIS IN MIND

We must keep in mind that not all Ishmaelites or Arabs are Muslims, just like not all Israelites are Jews. When we speak of Ishmael's final ingathering into Israel's Commonwealth as Israel, we speak of individual heirs of salvation from the Arabic peoples, and not necessarily those of Muslim faith. While there may in fact be many end time Muslims, who willingly renounce the ways of Allah for the ways of Yahuwah, scripture speaks of the nations of Ishmael found in Genesis 17:20, as those who would be gathered into Israel's Commonwealth by the Messiah. We see an enactment of this principle in Bereshit/Genesis 25:9, where the death of Abraham, reunites Isaac and Ishmael, after Ishmael had been cast out, (of the covenant) into the wilderness of the nations.

In like manner it is the <u>death of Messiah Yahshua</u>, Son of Abraham, (Yochanan/John 1:1) that brings these two sons together, as they weep over Him who had been pierced/killed (Zacharyah / Zechariah 12:10). Like Israel, Ishmael's heirs would be divided into 12 tribes, with 12 tribal leaders. Is it possible that the 24 elders of Revelation 4:4, represent not only First plus Second Covenant Renewed Israel but also the eternal bliss of Israel's 12 tribes, as they are joined by Ishmael's 12 tribes, united in the Father's hand, as millennial glory reigns supreme?

Certainly we can receive that understanding, if we look at that scripture on a remez level, (hint/allegory) the second level of Hebraic interpretation. On a *drash* level, (parabolic third level of Hebraic understanding) one can even surmise that the Luke 15 parable of the two estranged brothers coming together into kingdom restoration, speaks of Ishmael and Isaac, while on the pashat or simple/obvious level, it obviously refers to Judah and Ephraim. It is interesting to further note, that when Ishmael dies in Bereshit 25:17, Yahuwah states the he also was "gathered to his people". This reference apparently makes no distinction between Abraham being gathered to Abraham's people of promise, later known as Israel, and Ishmael's people, later to be scattered in many Hamitic and Japhethic lands. Both Isaac and Ishmael were said to be gathered to the SAME PEOPLE! If that gathering was a past gathering together in the earth, how much greater shall be the final gathering THROUGH the life of Messiah, as He reigns over Israel's Commonwealth in the millennial kingdom, as the 12 tribes of Ishmael's descendants, join the 12 tribes of the

restored Tabernacle of David?

WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?

Bereshit /Genesis 25:18 teaches us that the first Ishmaelites were traders who settled near Egypt on the east of Egypt in Arabian desert areas, all the way up towards Assyria. Genesis 10:6 shows us that Egyptians were the offspring of Ham, Noah's son. Through Nimrod according to Genesis 10:11-12, a strong Hamitic presence intermingled with Semitic Ishmaelite dwellings, in the regions of both modern day Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.

In beautiful typology, we later see the Ishmaelite traders, returning to their homes in Egypt, finding Yoseph son of Jacob/Yakkov, and embracing him by saving his life (Genesis 37:26-28). Later as second to Pharaoh himself, Yosef would see to it, that these same Ishmaelites dwelling in Egypt, would have their lives preserved by Yoseph's wisdom and excellent Spirit. Only as Ishmael's sons (then dwelling in large numbers in Egypt) embraced Joseph, (a foreshadow of the Messiah Yahshua) did they have their famine terminated in Egypt, a type of the world. When Ishmael embraces Yahuwah's Messiah, Messsiah Ben Yosef, the Suffering Servant, they will be saved and delivered from the wayward ways and spiritual famine of Egypt, just as were Jacob's sons in the land of Goshen. Both Israel and Ishmael together in Egypt, experience a common bond of redemption through Joseph, a type of Messiah Yahshua! Notice that in the land of Egypt, (circa 1930 BCE) both Jacob and Ishmael, are gathered together, unto and for the purpose

of life. In Egypt many Ishmaelites would come to embrace Yoseph, as would Jacob's children, both trusting in Joseph, as both were gathered to life by that same Joseph.

There can be no doubt that many of those who are called in scripture the "mixed multitude" (Shemot/Exodus 12:38) that left Egypt along with Israel, and as Israel, in the Exodus of 1500 BCE, were the trusting blood redeemed sons of Ishmael. From there, the Ishmaelites multiplied exponentially within Israel, according to their numbers. In order to leave with Israel, as Israel, and eat the first Passover, they again had to be physically circumcised, (Shemot/Exodus 12:48-49) as were their forefathers in Abraham's day. This is a covenant renewal by Yahuwah-Elohim, upon the multitudes of Ishmaelites that also left that day, as part of the mixed multitude of the Egyptian Exodus. In a historical context, they had to be the first "strangers" after the Exodus referred to in those same verses.

PROPHETICALLY SPEAKING

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11, speaks prophetically to Ishmael's ingathering in the latter-days of Israel's two house restoration. In Isaiah 11:11, Yahuwah promises to regather scattered Israelites found in Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, and Kush, all recognized Ishmaelite lands of settlement. When the two houses are restored and gathered from these lands, as seen in Isaiah 11:13, no doubt many Ishmaelites from these lands will also join in the re-gathering, as they see and even acknowledge the mighty hand of Yahuwah in Israel's two house re-

gathering.

As always in any move of the Ruach, there are those who will see His divine hand of guidance, and will join and be gathered along with Ephraim and Judah, as they enter the kingdom. This re-gathered, re-constituted tripartite people of Israel, will then wage final land related military battles against the Edomites, (Esau/Muslim-Arabs) Moabites and Ammonites. Both Moab and Ammon are known incestual offspring of Lot (Bereshit 19:36-38). In Isaiah 11:16, in a recognizable latter-day context, we can clearly see that those living and escaping from Assyria are primarily Ishmaelites, who have been saved and regenerated. Ephraim/Israel had long before departed from Assyria into all parts of the earth, (between 721 BCE until now) and were well on their way to becoming the "fullness of the nations/gentiles". So if Isaiah 11:13-14 speaks of the LATTER-DAY INGATHERING OF EPHRAIM AND JUDAH, then to be consistent verse 16 of Isaiah 11, must also speak specifically of the latter-day inhabitants of Assyria, or modern day Syria / Lebanon. In order to properly understand the greatness of Yahuwah's plan, we must not automatically equate Ishmaelites and their 12 tribes, with Muslims or the majority of the Muslim descendents of Esau/Edom. Ishmael did not father Esau, (Isaac did) and his descendants.

Unlike Ammon, Moab and Esau, the Ishmaelites or many of the modern day NON ISLAMIC Arabs, will be grafted into Israel, concurrent with Israel's prophesied latter-day two house restoration. In Isaiah 17:3 Yahuwah says that "the stronghold [s] shall cease from Ephraim [Israel], and the reign from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram [will

be] as the esteem of the sons of Israel." Yahuwah will end the religious, spiritual, and demonic strongholds over Ephraim/Israel, (non-Jewish believers in Messiah) while He SIMULTANEOUSLY LIFTS THE BONDAGES AND BLINDNESS OF DAMASCUS, a synonym for ancient Assyria.

In Yeshayahu/Isaiah 17:6, the olive tree of Israel, (Judah and Ephraim) will have another wild or uncultivated branch added on. That branch is the remnant of Ishmael in Damascus, and other Near East areas, as Isaiah 17:6 states that "two or three branches", will eventually make up the fruit bearing olive tree. This Ishmaelite awakening, is said to take place in the days when Ephraim/Israel learns to come out of the sun by forsaking Sun-Day worship, Sun-Day replacement kirch feasts, and the pagan Sun ways of Constantine, and the Sun baked beast system.

Isaiah 17:7-8 declares that the reason for this end time Ishmaelite awakening to life, is due to the children of Israel's re-awakening and re-gathering from pagan practices. Aramites (Isaiah 11:3, Genesis 10:22) are Semites found in latter-day Syria. You'll notice that the Assyrians or Ashurites, were Semites or brothers to the Israelites, (Genesis 10:22) even though Nimrod (from Ham) migrated there, as did many Ishmaelites. The Kushites (black peoples) will also join with and in Israel's revival according to Isaiah 18:7, as large dark smooth skinned Hammites, are presented by the Messiah as a present to Yahuwah, as they also join Israel's Commonwealth in the days of accelerated two house restoration and identity.

In Yeshayahu 19:13 we are told that Ishmael's tribes that settled in Hamite Egypt, led the sons of Ham even further astray. Egypt became a Semitic & Hamitic stronghold needing deliverance, as it does to this very day. Many of the worlds leading hate mongers and terrorists are Egyptian bred and trained. Due to Judah's final gathering back to the land that began in 1948 CE, and their soon to be superpower military status, Egypt as they have previously done under former President Anwar Sadat, will again cry out for peace with the Elohim of Israel. That desire will ultimately lead to revival, as Egypt and Assyria along with other scattered sons of Ishmael, will become a third party or third house of re-gathered Semites, as they join Israel's olive tree in the MILLENIUM, as all Israel is born anew.

COMING TOGETHER

Yahuwah even shows us that many Ishmaelites will be speaking Hebrew, which lines up perfectly with the millenial promise of Zephaniah 3:9, when Hebrew or the language of Judah in Canaan, will be adopted by returning/remnant, repentant Ishmael (Isaiah 19:18). In those days Ishmaelite dolmans and memorial markers, will no longer be set up to Rah the sun deity or Allah the moon deity but to YAHUWAH OF HOSTS. In the Great Tribulation, many of scattered Ishmael will cry out to Yahuwah, and He will send them Yahshua the Savior to bring them peace, life, and national Israelite citizenship. These same redeemed Semites and Hamites, will be allowed into the rebuilt Millennial Temple to make slaughter offerings, and to perform vows to the Prince and His Father, since they will be considered part of

millennial Israel.

Abba Yahuwah promises to hear, and to heal, as they turn to Him in full teshuvah. There is a place of service to the King of Israel in the millennial House of Yahuwah on Mt. Moriah by Torah keeping Ishmaelites (Isaiah 19:21). In Isaiah/Yeshayahu 19:23-25 we see some of the greatest glimpses into the peace plan amongst Arab nations hostile to Jewish Israel. In the days of Ishamel's ingathering to the rest of Israel, there shall be a Torah highway from Egypt to Syria. Assyria and those from Assyria/Syria, will go to Egypt, and those from Egypt will go to Assyria. It will be the highway or path of return and teshuvah. Ishmaelites from both these nations are prophesied to COME TOGETHER IN ORDER TO SERVE YAHUWAH the Elohim of Israel. This renewed tripartite Israelite alliance that will enter the millennium under Messiah, is said to be composed of Ephraim/Israel, Jewish/Israel, and Ishmael/Israel! All three parts are Israel! And why not? In Solomon's day before the Kingdom of Israel split, Ishmaelites in Lebanon and Syria, were already a large part of national Israel, as were the Arab lands and governors (Second Chronicles / Dibre HaYamim 8:6, 9:14). Our Father in Heaven is Father, Son, and Ruach, even as we His children are body, soul, and spirit.

In that Great Day of final ingathering symbolized by the 7th day of the Feast of Sukkot/Tabernacles, Jewish/Israel will be one of three main branches of Israel (Isaiah 17:6). Yahuwah wants to take all the descendants of Noach's three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and bring them all under the Captain of their salvation, the ONLY

BEGOTTEN Son of Righteousness for all of mankind, seated eternally on David's Throne in heaven (not in London, England) and one day soon in Yahrushalayim.

In the days of the great Semitic/Ishmaelite awakening, all Ishmael's sons scattered in and among the nations, along with a small remnant of Edom/Muslims who willingly denounce falsehood, will be joined together by Messiah's blood, and will move Abba Yahuwah to pronounce a new bracha / blessing, patterned after the Aaronic Benediction of (Numbers 6:23-27). May Yahuwah bless Egypt My people/Ami, May Yahuwah bless Assyria, the work of my hands, May Yahuwah bless Israel/my inheritance (Isaiah 19:25). And in so doing, all three parts of Israel, Judah, Ephraim, and Ishmael, will carry the Name of Yahuwah and "I Myself shall bless them, for I have returned them" saith Yahuwah (Numbers/Bamidbar 6:27,10:36).

NOT ENOUGH SPACE

Returning Ishmael found in Hamitic Egypt and Assyria, as well as many other scattered Middle Eastern locations, will be brought in to the nation of Israel in the days of Ephraim's awakening according to Zacharyah/Zachariah 10:10. While Jewish/Israel and Ephraim/Israel dwell and settle in Israel proper after hearing Yahuwah's whistle, (final shofar/1 Corinthians 15:52) Ishmael/Israel is prophesied to settle in the lands of Gilad/Gilead and Lebanon. These are two references to points east of the Jordan River, and north of Galilee in modern day Israel. Apparently the numbers of Ishmaelites who will be joining Israel in the tripartite

renewal of latter-day Israel is so massive, that parts of Lebanon and Jordan, will simply not provide enough space (Zacharyah 10:10). It seems that Yahuwah keeps Judah in ancient Judah and keeps Ephraim on the original massive network of the "hills of Samaria", and settles Ishmael/Israel in Lebanon/Syria/Egypt and Jordan. And why not? Even today Lebanon and Jordan have huge NON-ISLAMIC, NON-EDOMITE "denominational Christian" type communities. In recent years Lebanon has been a battle ground between Arab/Christians, and Muslim fundamentalists. Not only do the radical forces of Islam want Judah and Ephraim's future homeland, they also are being fueled by an unseemly desire, to inhabit Ishmael/Israel's future home.

THE VICTORY IS SURE

Vahuwah of Hosts, and as such He will tie up the depths of s.a.tanic darkness in Assyria and Egypt, (Zacharyah 10:11) as the light of the Good News enters those lands, as myriads of Ishmaelites join Israel, and are fully sealed along with Judah and Ephraim by the blood of the Lamb, and the only true eternal Name of the Creator Yahuwah (Zacharyah 10:12). Yahuwah will make them part of Israel, as they become a mighty prince according to Zacharyah 10:12 by both the power, (Ruach HaKodesh) and the seal of the everlasting NAME of Yahuwah. "And Yahuwah shall be King over all the earth. In that day there shall be one Yahuwah, and His Name one."

Selah.

THINK ABOUT IT!