

Tribe

What is a tribe? A group of people with common interests, objectives, culture who come from a common ancestor. The tribes of Israel all came from Jacob who came from Abraham. Our Master said, "I am the vine and you are the branches" Who was he talking to? To His disciples. How many were there? Twelve. So in that way (Jn 15:5), they were twelve branches. And there were twelve tribes. Tribe also means to branch off, to branch off from the vine. But more than any other way it is used in the bible, *tribe* means a rod, scepter, place or seat of authority, place of ruling authority — where God's authority is established. It is like a lion in the midst of the world. He has authority. So the tribe that is being established here has authority over everything — it is like a lion. It is the branch of a tree which is in heaven which has all authority over everything in heaven and on earth. He (the vine) has authority over everything in heaven and earth.

Therefore, He says, make disciples of all nations. What does it mean to make disciples of all nations? [Some people think it means to make disciples of Brazil, the USA, France, etc. There is a certain sect called The Reconstruction who think they are to bring the nations under the body of Christ and someday, in I don't know how many thousands of years, everyone in Brazil and America and France, etc. will be disciples. But they misinterpret what our Master said in Mt 28:18-20.] It means to make disciples of people of all nations — of all nationalities. In Rev 5:9 it talks about how in the twelve tribes there will be people of all nations and peoples, tribes and tongues. Not *all* from every tribe, but some. Not all who speak Portuguese, but *some* from *every* tongue.

There are still tribes in existence in the world today — some Indian tribes are left to some degree. And some will be taken into the twelve tribes from those tribes and from the Aborigines and from tribes in Africa — from these peoples who still hold together. "From every tribe, every nation, every language and people." From every *people*. There are some people in the world who are called a *people*. Like the Basque people in southern France, and also the Gypsies — they hold together as a distinct kind of people. That is who it says are going to be in the twelve tribes. From every tribe, tongue, people, nation. And they are to constitute a nation. Our Father is going to bring out people from the Amazon jungle. *Somebody* has to go there and get people from those tribes in the Amazon jungle. And to every nation in South America — there are a lot of nations in South America: Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Chile. You may be sent out to go there to start a way out house for people from those places.

So if you look up the word *tribe* in the concordance and study what it really means, it assumes you know what a tribe is. Each one of the sons of Jacob has a specific territory in Israel; all the twelve tribes have a specific location; they have a government; they are twelve divisions of Israel; twelve brothers divided in twelve sections; and they were places of authority. They were each called a tribe, a scepter, authority, where rule is. It is a place where our Father's authority is established in an area — our Master's authority is established in an area and it is like a lion in that area — a lion has authority. And at the morning and evening sacrifice we pray and it hastens the day of our Master's final taking back of the whole earth. Our living together hastens that, it brings it about. That is what a tribe is. Twelve tribes. The first edah constituted twelve tribes and that has to be restored for it is obviously no longer twelve tribes.

In some Bibles you can look at the maps of the New Testament church. Some communities were established in the first century and some in the second. But only the ones established in the first century are you able to read about in the New Testament scriptures. They were in Asia Minor all the way up to Macedonia, in Greece, down to Acacia. The seven churches mentioned in Revelations were located in a pattern more or less in a few days walking distance from one another and around each of those centers were probably other clans. You can see from Acts 26:7 that there were twelve tribes by the time Paul was speaking to King Agrippa — there were twelve tribes established. But you cannot find those twelve tribes today. Therefore they fell away and there is no longer any tribal Israel — no tribal edah. Our Master came to establish Israel beyond the borders of natural Israel so His name

would be great in all the earth from the rising of the sun to the setting (Mal 1:5,11). So there must be a restoration of those tribes because the church (Israel that He came to establish) is twelve tribes (Jms 1:1; Rev 12:1; Rev 7:4).

So the new twelve tribes, the new Israel, replaced the old Israel (Mt 21:43) at least for a time span of two days or 2000 years. After two days, He will restore natural Israel and we will live before Him (Hos 6:2). So for 2000 years there will be a church. In the first century it was on earth but then for the last 1800 years or so, it has been in heaven — for there was no real church on earth — just as there were no twelve tribes before Messiah. And ~~the~~ *church* today is not true Israel — like the Jews were no longer true Israel before our Master came — they were not twelve tribes, they were just Judah. They did not have the land between Egypt and the Euphrates river which was promised in Gen 15:18.

In the first century, the twelve tribed church started being scattered and quit being Israel. (You can see what a deplorable condition the church was in at that time from the rebuke they took in Jms 1:1.) Mt 21:43 — 'In going to give the kingdom to those who produce the fruit. We know from Mt 24:14 that that fruit is produced, but it was not produced in the first century. It will be produced in the end time. And this fruit brings about the end of the age by the witness and testimony of that kingdom (Mt 21:43; 24:14). And that is the same kingdom that was prophesied about in Dan 2:44, that in the days of those ten kings that come forth in the very end of time (Dan 7:24), and there is mention of the kingdom to be raised up in the last days and the kingdom of God that will be set up *during* that time of those kings And that is the kingdom that grows *into* the next age (Dan 2:35) and fills the whole world with its fruit — with the fruit of that kingdom (Mt 21:43) in Dan 2:45. It says it is for sure it will happen (Mt 13:31-33).

So you see that something is going to happen very soon. You are going to see ten kings established in your lifetime. Out of those ten horns (Dan 7:24), the so-called antichrist comes in and stands in the place of Messiah. He comes from Israel and they will receive him and he will be king of the world and will come against Messiah — against us, the spiritual twelve tribes. Dan 7:25 talks about how he comes against us.

It was impossible for the first church to be that kingdom because there were not ten kings at that time. But we learned a great lesson from the first church so we would not fall as they fell. They did not have that example. They did have the example of old Israel, but we have a vantage point — we have the example of both. They were an example for us. We have to learn by their mistakes (1 Cor 10:11). Heb 4:11 says, "So that we would not fall by the same example of disobedience." So they were ready to fall by disobedience and they fell by disobedience — thus the first church died on earth. The overcomers who were filled with the Holy Spirit (who were only a *few*) prayed. They were not enough to keep the church going. All they could do was pray and our Father finally had to take them into heaven and their spirits are with Messiah in heaven today. *That* is where the church is today and that is who He is going to bring back with Him when He returns — the overcomers. He is going to bring them back to be that stone that crushes the other kingdoms of the earth (Rev 17:14). They will be with Him in the air and we will be taken up into the air and our bodies will be changed into immortality in an instant. [In the twinkling of an eye, our bodies will be changed into immortal bodies; it will be a miracle — the same kind of miracle it was when He breathed into a lump of clay which He formed and it became a human being. So, He is going to change our bodies into immortal bodies when our Master returns.] Rev 19:11-21 talks about us being taken up to be with Him as part of that great army, riding across the sky, ruling with Him. So you see, old Israel wasn't anything when our Master came — only a little tribe of Judah and they were sick and begging. The prophecy of Dt 28 had come upon them. And the first church was created by the breath that came forth from the Holy Spirit and filled those people at Pentecost and they became a new creation — old things (Judaism) passed away and new things came. But ancient Judaism had such a hold on some of them that they never got out from *under* the law of Moses and it caused trouble and they fell away. A *form* of godliness took over (2 Tim 3:5) and Christianity came forth out of the first church. After all of the overcomers went to heaven, all those with stained garments plus all those who came in over the wall became the *church* as we know it today — Catholicism, Greek Orthodox, etc. which then gave birth to all the other Christian churches. They went *on*. Even though

they left their first love, undying love (Eph 6:24; Rev 2:4,5; 1 Cor 16:22 [Greek = affection]) and the lampstand was taken away, they went on in form — just as old Israel went on in form — they did not know God (most of Israel did not know God when our Master came to Israel.)

So now there has to be a restoration of those twelve tribes that *were* in Acts 26:7. But this cannot be as they knew the world then in the first century, for to them, the 'known world' was only the Roman Empire in Europe, the Mideast, etc. But that was only a small portion of the world that was later to be discovered. They did not know anything about North and South America. Our Father had the whole world in mind. The twelve tribes have to be established now in the western world as a witness of His kingdom. They *were* worshipping fervently night and day. They were worshipping — our twelve tribes. Acts 26:7 could not have meant the Jews — for they had not been twelve tribes in 700 years. They had been scattered in Assyria and then also there were many left in Egypt because only some of the tribe of Judah returned back to the land. And if any other individuals from the ten tribes came back, they were also known as Jews. (Right now in the world in Israel, there are people from other tribes, but they only know themselves as 'Jews' because they stuck together with the Jews, holding onto their culture through centuries of persecution, the holocaust, etc. And they are alive today as true witness of the God of Abraham. And one third of the Jews will be saved and will establish Israel in the land in the next age and fulfill the promise made to Abraham in Gen 15:18. It will happen because our Father swore He would do it. (Gen 17:7,8,11; 18:19; Isa 49:6-8) But He has not fulfilled it yet because he has not had a people to do it. He never had a people who would stick together in a bond covenant without being disloyal and leaving — a people who would love one another. Even in the first church, people were stealing, pilfering, committing sexual sins, dividing from one another, all kinds of horrible things were coming in.

Lev 25:8 — There is going to be a time when we start counting off the days and every seven years we will have a year of rest from our regular work, when we won't harvest but we will live for one year off of what is stored up. Then the next seven year period, and the next, etc. until the last seven year period which is going to be a great testing for us; it is going to separate the true from the false among us. If all of the trials and testings do not separate us by that time, it is going to sift us then. Paul said it is an evil day that is coming, a time of tremendous deception and testing. During that time, people will turn against one another; they will leave, desert, betray one another; their love will turn into hate. And those who are genuine and true will flee to the wilderness for the last three and a half years after they give birth to the male child (Rev 7:4-8; 12:1-5). Each tribe will produce 12,000 who go out and preach the gospel of obeying God in your conscience. That is the only gospel that is left for the nations at that time. And the people who receive them won't take the mark of the beast and everyone else on earth will take the mark. 12,000 will go out from this tribal area into all of South America and speak the eternal gospel by the power of angels who are going to go forth with them (Rev 14:6-10). While the woman is in the wilderness, they will be in prison, without clothes, food, water, and eventually they will all be killed (Mt 25:31-34). And those who *do* receive them will escape some way and they will be rescued from the destruction that is coming and they enter into the next age and restore the nations in the next age. We have something great to look forward to. And our life is going to be prolonged so that we will see it (Mt 21:34). That generation who is to see those things will not die. That is why we do our exercises and eat good food and chew it well and enter into the breaking of bread with our sins confessed, having judged ourselves truly so that we won't drink judgment on ourselves, so our Father can prolong our lives. He does not want us to die prematurely because of judgment, but He wants us to be forgiven now. He does not want us to die. *We* take up our cross daily and die *to ourselves*. He wants us to be there encouraging our sons and daughters and the people who come in later. He wants us to live until then when our Master returns to set up His kingdom on this earth. His will has been put into our hands. Our Master was crucified, died, and ascended to heaven to give us His Spirit. Once again a people on the face of the earth, *we*, received the Spirit of Messiah. That is why you can live together in peace and unity and not betray one another. [Not like the people in 2 Pet 2:20-22 who have a temporary change just through

learning the word of God — the knowledge of the truth — they change for a while but their nature doesn't change. If their nature doesn't change they will eventually go back to where they came from because they cannot endure in the fiery environment of the edah, in the fire of that furnace every day, because they don't have the Spirit so they don't have grace. So just like a dog, he goes back to his vomit; and like a pig after being washed off, he goes back to wallowing in the mud.] But we are sheep (not pigs or dogs). Jn 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice," (Pigs and dogs do not hear His voice — only sheep do.) "I know them and they know Me ... and no one can snatch them out of My hands because they are in My hands and I am in the hands of My Father." *No one* can take us out of His hands. We are going to be loyal; we are going to be the called, chosen and faithful — to the very end. There will be twelve tribes. We are six now, but we have to pray for the establishment of the other six tribes. We cannot exist as six or seven tribes — we must be twelve — twelve distinct tribes, twelve lions, twelve places of authority, twelve branches of authority in this world.

Dan 12:10 you can see even today the wise who can understand and the wicked who cannot understand.

[Someone asked if there was hope for the Jews in this age.]

Some of the Jews, individually, will come into the edah. Zec 12:10; 13:8 says that two thirds will be cut off and one third will (at His return) be saved. This one third are the Jews who will begin the natural Israel again in the next age. No, there is no hope for the Jews as a people in this age, but their hope is in the next age. Their hope is in us bringing about that next age to bring about their promise. Someone has to do what they cannot do; we are the servant for them. We will reconstitute it for them. Mt 19:28 says there will be twelve tribes again in the next age (over whom the twelve apostles will rule).

This cannot be easily understood because it has been lost. It is gradually being brought back now to our understanding. Gen 15:18; 17:5; 18:19 all say that someone has to be circumcised of heart in order to bring about the promise to Abraham — which is the Jews establishing the natural Israel in the land in the next age.

[Emet asked if the holocaust was God's will.]

Well, it was a fulfillment of prophecy in Dt. 28. It said they will fear for their life. And they themselves said, "Let the blood of Yahshua be on our hands and our children's." And that is what happened. So they have been paying for it now for 1900 years — for crucifying our Master. You can see in 1 Ths 2:14-16 how the Jews brought all this on themselves. They are obstinate. They have been under the wrath of God for 1900 years but He still loves them and so do we. Paul said he would rather have his name taken out of the book of life so that his brothers [Jews] could be saved. "If I could just make them jealous." Did n't we make Elad jealous?