

## The Blessed Prophecies tied to Joseph of Egypt and His Posterity

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**Joseph** of Egypt and *his posterity* are closely tied to saving **the house of Israel**, both anciently *and* today. God's promises to Joseph and his posterity are many and significant in scripture, as Joseph is one of the ancient "fathers" in scripture, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob his father. We are to "*turn*" or "**remember**" the promises **God made to these "fathers"**, as stated in Malachi 4:6, as they apply to many of **us** today. They reveal the very "*bless-ed*" state of Joseph of Egypt as the *birthright* son of Jacob or Israel *and* his preferred wife Rachel. There are differences between being a *firstborn* son and a *birthright* son.<sup>1</sup> They help us understand God's work in our day. Joseph was 11<sup>th</sup> son of Jacob, as well as the *firstborn son* of Rachel (Jacob's favored wife). In his *birthright* blessing there is *supremacy*, *sovereignty*, and *priority* over things and people, and a *double portion* of blessing. Jacob, one of the early Patriarchs or "Fathers" in the Old Testament rescinded the original *birthright* blessing on his *firstborn* son Reuben because of his sin (see Gen. 35:22; 49:3-4; & 1 Chron. 5:1-3). He then gave this *right* to **Joseph** and his righteous *seed*. It involved three primary things; 1. **Leadership** via *Kingship* and *Priesthood* over the House of Israel, 2. The promise of **numerous seed** (or posterity), and 3. A choice, **Promised Land** *for their inheritance*.

We too are to inherit many of these same covenant blessings by way of the ancient "fathers" and specifically those through Joseph and his two sons born in Egypt. They are Manasseh the *firstborn* son, and Ephraim the *birthright* son. They were born of two righteous parents. Joseph married Asenath in Egypt. She was not Egyptian, but instead Joseph Niece through his half-sister Dinah.<sup>2</sup> Joseph's life and the unique promises made to him foreshadow a number of things, one being the future rescue of the whole house of Israel, anciently and today, as part of God's 2nd great "gathering" of Israel worldwide. It is a repeat of what happened in ancient Egypt with Jacob's whole family, rescued from famine there. Much of the "Joseph" portion of this latter-day gathering is centered on America, another "Promised Land" *west*. Isaiah scholar Avraham Gileadi and others believe that ancient Egypt in Isaiah's 66 chapters is a type for America - as "modern-day Egypt". Even with its increasing corruption, this land remains the most "blessed" of all lands on the earth, a land given to Joseph's "**remnant**" posterity here as an eternal *inheritance*. They are Native Americans, who with repentant Gentiles, will be part of another "great awakening" in our day - a last-day gathering of **the House of Israel**. *This* precious land of **inheritance** and other *bless-ed* things are promised to those who return to our LORD Jesus Christ, the God of all creation (2 Ne. 10: 8-10, 19-21; Ether 2 & 13). The gathering is to **HIM!** Note 1 Nephi 15:14 below in this regard.

"And at that day shall **the remnant** of our *seed* know that they are of **the house of Israel**, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord; and then shall they know and come to **the knowledge of their forefathers**, and also to *the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer*, which was ministered unto their fathers by **him**; wherefore, they shall come to *the knowledge of their Redeemer* and the very points of **his doctrine**, that they may know **how to come unto him and be saved**" (1 Ne. 15:14).

### A Most Bless-ed Son

A total of 14 chapters are devoted to **Joseph** of Egypt in the KJV Bible, whereas he is the focus of 19 chapters in *The Book of Jasher* (21% of the total book). In them we read about an exceptional man, one who is compared with Jesus more than other in scripture (various websites list from 60 to 100 parallels between Joseph and Jesus, see 25 of them on pages 9 - 10 of this paper). Joseph was a "*bless-ed*" son of God. The 2-syllables of the word "*bless-ed*" relate to one who is "in the state of the gods".<sup>3</sup>

We know Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt at age 17. He eventually rose to 2<sup>nd</sup> in command in Egypt under Pharaoh and then a kingly leader over the whole land, according to Pharaoh's wishes, even though Pharaoh's own son replaced him as king. Joseph controlled the government as a beloved leader for 80 years, double that of David and Solomon in Israel. God *favored* Joseph in all things. According to the KJV Bible and apocryphal scripture like the Book of Jasher, "The LORD was with him", giving Joseph wisdom, honor, glory, riches, power, and the *love* of the people. He was not only *well-favored* by God, but was given wisdom, understanding, and knowledge by the God of heaven. He was also "*comeby*", meaning beautiful in the eyes of his subjects, especially the women. With all of us blessings and gifts, he remained humble, kind, forgiving, and generous to all around, including prisoners, royalty *and* the brothers who hated him, delivering him into the hands of slave traders.

Joseph was also honored, respected, and loved by Pharaoh and the people of his kingdom. It is said that “he had dignity in his countenance” and was “great” and “mighty”, yet he had a “sweet voice”. In addition, he had tremendous success as a military leader, commanding the Egyptian army against its enemies, including the posterity of Esau. His favor by God in all things, and especially the love of his father Jacob towards him, caused much jealousy among his brothers. In “*The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*” (a book detailing the last words of Joseph’s brothers to each of their children, edited by translator R. H Charles), we read how his brothers first sought his doom, then later came to love and respect him. Many see Joseph as the premiere type for Christ in scripture, primarily because of his *mercy* for all around him, and the *saving mission* he performed for the whole **house of Israel** in Egypt! Prophecies and covenants tied to Joseph as the *birthright* son of Jacob, reveal that his past service to the **House of Israel** was and is a *type* for a similar future mission of *salvation* in both a physical and spiritual sense. These promises and prophecies will soon fall into the hands of Joseph’s posterity here in America, the choice Promised Land west given to his posterity (1 Ne. 15:12-16; Jacob 3:3-6; Jacob 5 allegory). They are the Native Americans here, most through his *bless-ed* bloodline, that of Lehi of the Book of Mormon, a man tracing his lineage through Manasseh, Joseph’s firstborn son (see endnote 1).

## The Promises to Joseph of Egypt & His Posterity

As seen in the 18 scriptures presented hereafter, the believing **remnant** of Jacob - through Joseph, are about to rise up soon, becoming a “**light**” to the whole house of Israel in the last-days, as they – most Native Americans, as well as most Gentiles on this chosen land, have been in *captivity* (physically and /or spiritually) and are “altogether bowed down under *sin*.” Like Jacob and Esau, Reuben and Joseph, and Manasseh and Ephraim, the *firstborn* or *birthright* blessings are about to be *rescinded* among Joseph’s two sons because of *sin*. This change fulfills the prophecies of promises of God in 3 Nephi chapters 16, 20 and 21. They are of great importance. The Manasseh **remnant** will soon rise up into their original *firstborn* status, with Kingship and Priesthood authority and responsibilities. They will be led and taught by a great last-days servant, the one addressed in both Isaiah and the Book of Mormon.

Who is “**the remnant**” and who are the Gentiles? Who is this special servant? And what is about to happen? The best place to begin understanding all these truths are “**the promises God made to the fathers**” Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and **Joseph**. I present those specifically tied to Joseph of Egypt hereafter in 18 scriptures. I include select verses, but I encourage you to read the whole chapters in the actual books of scripture to receive full context and understanding, letting the Holy Ghost bear truth of all these things to you, as they are about to be fulfilled soon!

**1. Genesis 37 / Jacob** - Joseph had two dreams; (1) Joseph’s sheaf stood up in the field and his brothers sheafs bowed down to his (vs. 7); And (2) The Sun (father), Moon (mother) and Stars (his 11 brothers) all bowed down to Joseph as the “*birthright*” son (vs. 9). The pattern of Joseph’s *2 dreams* shared with his family while a young man is followed by his imprisonment and his interpretation of the dreams of *2 men* while there (the baker and cup bearer of Pharaoh). They forgot about him for 2 years. Later they remember him and his gift. Joseph then interprets 2 of Pharaoh’s dreams, whereupon he is released from imprisonment and made second in command over all Egypt. Joseph’s first 2 dreams while young were prophecies of future service to his family occurring in Egypt (when he became high and lifted up). It is a type for the latter service of his posterity once again, in gathering and blessing the whole house of Israel a second time, much of it in modern-day Egypt (which is America in the book of Isaiah), the Promised Land west.

**2. Genesis 48 & JST Gen. 48 / Jacob Blesses Joseph’s two Sons Manasseh and Ephraim** Joseph served the entire house of Jacob by bringing them to Egypt, saving them from death via famine. His father’s house then bowed down to him in Egypt, not knowing who he was (the JST version adds that this is a type for our day). In verse 19, Jacob states that Manasseh shall become a people, but Ephraim will be greater in number (10x as many) and will become a multitude of nations, or a great many nations (Gentile nations). This was not be the land of Palestine, the land given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in covenant by God, for there was *no* room there for *a multitude of nations*. A separate land is thus revealed in this verse, a land given Joseph’s posterity. This land is revealed to us in the next chapter.

In the JST version of Genesis 48, Joseph is told that his seed will continue to be a **light** to Jacob’s posterity in the future, helping to deliver the family again, bringing salvation to them when they are in captivity and altogether bowed down under sin (our day). This is a two part promise, applying to Joseph’s day when his family was brought to Egypt and again in our day when things worsen in this land. Seeing Joseph’s seed, Jacob told Joseph two primary things:

“For thou hast *prevailed* and thy father’s house hath bowed down unto thee, even as it was shown unto thee . . . wherefore thy brethren *shall* bow down unto thee, *from generation to generation, unto the fruit of thy loins forever*; For thou shalt be a **light** unto *my people*, to deliver them [past and future] in the day of their captivity, from bondage; and to bring *salvation* unto them when they are altogether *bowed down under sin*” [in our day] (see JST Gen. 48:10-11, bold & italics added). See also endnote 1.

**3. Genesis 49 / Jacob’s Blessing on his Birthright Son Joseph** - Joseph’s bow has *strength*. God has made his hands *strong* (these are words tied to priesthood power in scripture). The Almighty shall richly bless him. He is a *fruitful* bough by a well with the **branches** of his family tree *running over the wall* (the Atlantic ocean separating nations). This means he has numerous posterity via Jacob’s grandsons Manasseh and Ephraim on the Promised Land of his inheritance west, a *choice land* where many in the future will gather to (*House of Israel* - Manasseh & *Gentiles* – mixed blood of Ephraim). Note that **Judah and Joseph** have promises with 5 verses each (longest of any sons), tied to *future posterity*. Judah’s posterity is centered on Christ as future King over all Israel, as well as heaven and earth (verses 8-12 & Matt. 1:1-16). His mother Mary is believed to have given Him more of the *Priestly bloodline* via **Levi**. Jacob promises Joseph’s posterity will have hands made **strong** by “the shepherd, the stone of Israel”. In blessing, Jacob spoke to Joseph, saying to him:

“The blessings of thy father [Jacob] have *prevailed* above the blessings of my progenitors [Isaac and Abraham] unto *the utmost bound of the everlasting hills* [your posterity, Joseph will receive a very blessed, sacred land]: they [these blessings] shall be on the head of Joseph and the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren” (Gen. 49:26, italics added).

Jacob here claims a *greater* possession for Joseph’s posterity through Manasseh and Ephraim, describing this inheritance geographically as extending to “*the utmost bound of the everlasting hills*” – America.

**4. JST Genesis 50 / Joseph** - Joseph states that he has obtained a promise that a righteous **branch** shall be raised up from his loins, a **prophet**, though not the Messiah. One in this bloodline is **Moses** (Tribe of Levi) who delivered the Israelites out of ancient Egypt. The Lord, through Joseph says that later the house of Israel will be scattered again, and that a new one like unto Moses will deliver Israel (here in the west) again. The Lord said:

“a **branch** [of the family tree] *shall be broken off* and shall be *carried into a far country* [Lehi and his family, and others are brought to America]; nevertheless *they* shall be remembered in **the covenants** of the Lord, when the Messiah cometh [a second time]; for *he* [this “**branch**”] *shall be made manifest unto them in the latter-days*, in **the Spirit of power**; and shall bring *them* [the house of Israel on this Promised Land west] *out of darkness into light*; out of hidden *darkness*, and out of *captivity* unto *freedom* [spiritually and physically]. And a **seer** shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a **choice seer** *unto the fruit of my loins* . . . and he shall be *esteemed highly* among the fruit of thy loins; and unto **him** will I give commandment that he shall do a work *for* the fruit of thy loins, **his brethren**. And **he** shall bring them to a *knowledge of the covenants* which I have made with thy *fathers*; And I will make him *great* in mine eyes, for he shall do my work; and he shall be great **like** unto him [Moses] whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel, out of the land of Egypt; for a **seer** will I raise up to deliver my people out of the land of Egypt . . . called Moses . . .

And again, a **seer** will I raise up *out of the fruit of thy loins*, and unto **him** will I give power *to bring forth my word* unto the seed of thy loins; and *not to the bringing forth of my word only*, saith the Lord, but to **the convincing them of my word**, which shall have already gone forth among them in *the last days*; Wherefore the fruit of thy loins shall write [Book of Mormon], and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write [the Bible]; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together unto **the confounding of false doctrines**, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing *them* [the believing Lamanites or house of Israel] *to a knowledge of their fathers in the latter days*; and also *to the knowledge of my covenants*, saith the Lord. And out of weakness shall **he** [the choice seer] be made strong, in that day when my work shall go forth among all **my people**, which shall *restore them, who are of the house of Israel, in the last days*. And *that seer* will I bless, and they that seek to destroy him shall be *confounded*; for this promise I give unto you; for I will remember you from generation to generation; and his name shall be called Joseph, and it shall be after the name of his father; and he shall be like unto you; for the thing which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand shall bring my people unto salvation” (JST Gen. 50:24-36).

Jesus is the primary “**Prophet**” or “**Branch**” of the tree of life (**house of Israel**) addressed in Isaiah *and* the Book of Mormon (and other scripture like Zechariah). There are other **branches** of the tree that are also **servants**. Jesus was the perfect servant of the Father, seeking His will in all things. In a number of scriptures Jesus is compared to **Moses** because He [Jesus] *delivers* His people miraculously in the Atonement *and* is the power behind the actions of Moses and his rod as Jehovah (see Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 5:46-47, 6:14, 7:40; JS Matt. 24:55; 1 Ne. 22:20-21; 3 Ne. 20:23, 21:10-20, 28:34). The last-days **servant**, known as the “**choice seer**” or “**mighty and strong one**” is compared to Moses here and elsewhere because of his future mission of *deliverance* for many in the house of Israel. We must listen to *both* Jesus *and* His last-days servant or scripture says we will be “**cut off**” from God’s presence. The servant is called “**him**” in 3 Ne. 21:11 and the one “**he hath chosen and sent**” in 3 Ne. 28:34. The words “**cut off**” are repeated **7 times** as a warning in 3 Ne. 21. This Servant will lead many out of captivity in our day much like Moses (see 2 Ne. 3:9). This part of the JST is similar to 2 Nephi 3 or #8 hereafter.

**5. Deuteronomy 33:13-17 / Moses** - The posterity of Joseph is blessed by Moses to be very fruitful in the 10,000’s of Ephraim and the 1000’s of Manasseh. They are greatly blessed in the prosperity of all things, including **lands** called “the everlasting hills” (Gen. 49 & Isa. 2:1-5). The two horns of the bull (these 2 grandsons Manasseh and Ephraim) shall push the people together, meaning a 2<sup>nd</sup> great **gathering of Israel** in the last-days. Joseph’s blessing is the longest and most detailed with 5 verses again (like Gen. 49). Moses stated;

“Blessed of the LORD be **his land**, for the precious things of heaven . . . His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his [2] 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” (Deut. 33:13 & 17).

**6. Psalm 77:14-55 / David** - King David prophesied in song that God has *and* would do more wonders among his people, the house of Israel. Note that Joseph and Judah are singled out among all of Jacob’s sons again. It will be part of the Lord’s last-days “**marvelous work and a wonder**”. The Native American posterity of Joseph rises up here in our day to bless the whole house of Israel as Joseph did in ancient Egypt.

**7. Jeremiah 31:31-33 / Jeremiah** - This important Old Testament Prophet is significant for many reasons. One is the prophecy of a New Covenant made with Israel and Judah (they were split). Jeremiah addressed the first covenant in verse 32. It was made with Jacob’s people after God delivered them from Egypt with Moses’ help (Ex. 12 – 13). It would not be carved *on hard* tables of **stone** this time but *in the softened hearts* of those who are repentant (vs 33). And this later covenant would include the 2 separated “houses” from Jacob’s loins, those of **Israel** north (**Joseph &** the lost 10 Tribes) and **Judah** south (with Benjamin). This 2nd covenant is being fulfilled in the redemptive covenant established by Jesus in His mission. He went *personally* to the blessed, lost sheep of **the house of Israel only** (Matt. 15:24). Jesus said their were also “other sheep” in *His household* that needed to be brought in by *Him personally* (3 Ne. 15:16-24). They were **the house of Israel** on this land west in 3 Nephi. They were the “other sheep” He spoke of, **not** the Gentiles as many have supposed. Jesus taught the higher law of the **12** beatitudes to both groups of “**the house of Israel**” *personally*, whereas Paul and others taught the Gentiles, who were blessed with *the presence of the Holy Ghost* (not Jesus *personally*).

The **house of Israel** (actual seed of Jacob) was the *first* group offered this 2nd covenant during Christ’s mission. They were smitten and scattered for rejecting Jesus, as they had Him crucified. This *first* group will then be the *last* to receive it in our day, when they are offered the fulness of Christ’s gospel again. In the Book of Mormon Jesus said this fulness would be taken from the Gentiles and given back to **the House of Israel** (see 3 Ne. 16, 20 & 21). *The Gentiles* were the first group to receive this covenant, via Paul and the other Jewish Apostles. The Gentiles throughout the world can be *adopted* or *grafted* into God’s fold via this 2<sup>nd</sup>, heart-centered “Christian” covenant, made possible by the atoning blood of Jesus and his teachings. Note too that the year 2012 was that time Mayan Elders said represented the end of one age *and* the beginning of another. It was the end of “the time of *the Gentiles*.” and the beginning of “the time of **the house of Israel**”, the first group now being last to receive this fulness.

**8. Ezekiel 37: 15-28 / Ezekiel** – This prophet addresses the coming together or reconciliation of the 2 separate houses of **Joseph** and **Judah** in the last-days. In verse 21 Ezekiel states, “I [God] will take the children of Israel from among the heathen [or Gentiles], whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land” (America). Ezekiel is also about a resurrection or renewal of the dry bones (v. 1 to 14), which is *unbelief* in both houses in our day. God’s 2nd word to Ezekiel then addresses how this is to occur, bringing the whole house of Israel together as one, with one shepherd. It is aided by 2 sticks or books available in our day (vs. 17) - the Bible and

the Book of Mormon, which contain much of the gospel in its fulness, together. Note how Ezekiel's verse 17 is addressed in 1 Nephi 13:40-41, a chapter centered on "the plain and precious things" (or "truths") removed from the Bible by evil and designing men (this is stated **7 times**). It says:

"And the angel spake unto me, saying: These **last** records, which thou hast seen among **the Gentiles**, shall establish the truth of the first which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb [in the chosen seed], and shall make known **the plain and precious things** which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues, and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of the world; and that all men must come unto **him**, or they cannot be saved. And they must come according to the words which shall be established by the mouth of the Lamb; and the words of the Lamb shall be made known in the records of **thy seed** [to be taken to the Native American remnant of Jacob and Joseph on this land] as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb [the Bible]; wherefore they both shall be established in one; or there is **one God** and **one Shepherd** [Jesus] over all the earth" (1Nephi 13:40-41).

**9. Amos 5:15, 9:9-11** / *Amos* - The Lord will be gracious to *the Remnant of Joseph*. A special tabernacle or temple, like the one built by King David's, will be re-established, one featuring thanksgiving, praise, and worship involving much singing and music (the Tabernacle of David featured 24/7 worship with some 4,000 musicians and 288 prophetic singers, serving in round the clock shifts, see 1 Chronicles, chapters 15, 16 & 23). It will have great **power** to *push away darkness and evil* as a type of **weapon** and will also greatly aid in *parting the veil* to the living God in heaven.

"it may be that **the Lord God of hosts** *will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph*" (Amos 5:15).

"I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All *the sinners of my people* shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. *In that day* will I raise up **the tabernacle of David** that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and *I will build* it as in the days of old" (Amos 9:9-11).

**10. 1 Nephi 10 and 2 Nephi 3** / *Lehi* - In 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 10, father Lehi *prophecies* of what is to become of **the House of Israel** - through the loins of his sons and daughters - on this choice land of their inheritance. Nephi starts, saying: "my father [Lehi] spake much concerning the house of Israel, that they should be compared like unto an olive tree, whose branches should be broken off and should be scattered upon all the face of the earth". Lehi then finishes Nephi's words stating:

And after **the house of Israel** should be scattered they should be *gathered together again*; or, in fine, after the Gentiles had received the fulness of the Gospel, the **natural branches** of the olive tree, or the **remnants of the house of Israel**, should be *grafted* in, or come to the knowledge of the **true Messiah, their Lord and their Redeemer**.

Then in 2 Nephi 3 he adds to this prophecy by revealing more in a patriarchal blessing on his youngest 6<sup>th</sup> son, Joseph. In it young Joseph is told that a latter-day *special deliverer*, a "**branch**" **Prophet** will rise up through his loins who will be "**like unto Moses**" of old. He is born in the posterity of not only Lehi, but Joseph of Egypt through him (Lehi was of the Tribe of *Manasseh*, see Alma 10:3). In various scriptures he is often called "**the choice seer**", "**the Branch Prophet**" or "**the One Mighty and Strong**". The whole chapter of 2 Nephi 3 points to him, especially verse 24. He leads the latter-day 2nd gathering of the seed of Jacob or the house of Israel here on this Promised Land of Joseph *west*. Much of the JST version of this chapter is a repeat of JST Genesis 50. Two verses add more. They state:

"And may the Lord **consecrate also unto thee this land**, which is *a most precious land*, **for thine inheritance and the inheritance of thy seed with thy brethren**, for *thy security forever*, if it so be that ye shall keep the commandments of the Holy One of Israel . . . And **there shall rise up one mighty among them**, who shall do much good, *both in word and in deed*, being *an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith*, **to work mighty wonders**, and do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass *much restoration* unto the house of Israel, and **unto the seed of thy brethren**" (2 Ne. 3:5 & 24).

In the next chapter Lehi blessed his son Sam (like Nephi, Jacob & Joseph) to inherit this special land (see Ether 2 & 13). An angel (thought to be Nephi or Moroni) quoted 2 Nephi 3:24 as part of some 45 total scriptures the night of his first visit to Joseph Smith on Rosh Hashanah 1823 (see "*The 45 Scripture Given Joseph Smith by an Angel on Rosh*

*Hashanah of 1823*”, Church History category). Five of these 45 scriptures are found in JSH 1:36-41. Of them, 2 focus on a special last-days servant who will gather those of Joseph’s seed in the end times, along with believing Gentiles.

**11. 2 Nephi 9:53 & 25:21 / Nephi** - The valiant one Nephi, prophesies that **his seed** and also that of Lehi through Joseph (his youngest son) will be preserved on this blessed land west, that the **covenants** made to Joseph of Egypt may be fulfilled in our day (see also 1 Ne. 15:14). God’s last-days **servant** is raised up in *this* **bloodline** too.

“And behold **how great the covenants** of the Lord . . . and because of **his greatness**, and his *grace* and *mercy*, he has promised unto us that **our seed shall not utterly be destroyed** [like the Nephite seed was] according to the flesh, but that *he would preserve them* [the Native American remnant]; and in future generations [our day] **they** shall become *a righteous branch* unto **the house of Israel**” (2 Ne. 9:53).

**12. 2 Nephi 10 / Jacob** - Another valiant one, the brother of Nephi, both sons of Lehi. Jacob prophesied of the 2nd gathering of the House of Israel through *Joseph, Manasseh, and Lehi* - on this choice land, west. He studied the precious words of *Isaiah* found in the Brass Plates, those *Isaiah* words Christ commanded us all to “*diligently search*” in 3 Nephi 23:1-3. There are some 234 verses in 21 of *Isaiah*’s chapters in the Book of Mormon, mostly centered on Israel and her gathering in our day. Part of that gathering is by “*nursing fathers and mothers*” addressed by Jacob (2 Ne. 10:9) and by *Isaiah* (49:23). Jacob tells us that a “*righteous branch*” of Israel is brought to this land by God. He adds that his brethren obtained “the promises” God made to Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph, all “fathers”. He adds that God showed him that “many of our children shall perish in the flesh because of *unbelief*, nevertheless, God will be merciful unto many; and our children [Native Americans remaining on this land] shall be *restored*, that they may come to that which will give them the *true knowledge* of their **Redeemer**” (vs. 2). This is “*the fulness*” of the precious gospel of Jesus Christ. Priestcraft, false traditions of fathers like Laman and Lemuel, and *unbelief*, all led to the “darkened” state of many until this “*restoration*”. **Five** times (a covenant number in scripture) Jacob tells us that *they* will be gathered to **Christ** upon *this* very choice **Promised Land west**. Quoting Jesus, Jacob said “**I have covenanted** with their *fathers* that *they* shall be *restored* in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of *their inheritance*” (vs. 7, 10, 19 – 21).

**13. Alma 46:11-24 / Alma** - Alma addresses the story of Captain Moroni and his flag of liberty. It was used to motivate his people to come unto to Christ and defend their rights and freedom. Captain Moroni stated:

“Behold, **we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; yea, we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph**, whose coat was rent by his brethren into many pieces . . . let us remember the words of Jacob, before his death, for behold he saw that *a part of the remnant of the coat of Joseph* was preserved and had not decayed. And he said – Even as **this remnant** of garment of my son *hath been preserved by the hand of God*, and be taken unto himself, while the remainder of the seed of Joseph shall perish, even as the remnant of his garment . . . my soul hath joy in my son, because of that part of his seed which shall be taken unto God.”

**14. 3 Nephi** (especially 16, 20 & 21 ) / *Jesus Christ* - In addition to 3 Nephi 11 and 12, these 3 critically important chapters in the ministry of Christ the LORD among the remnant here on this Promised Land west reveals the future **blessed state of Joseph and his posterity** in the last-days. Please read them as there is too much good doctrine in them, and from the LORD’s own mouth, to include all of it here. **The remnant** here now rises up after the Gentiles fall (the apostasy and corruption of non-believers *and* the Saints). The Gentiles had the temporary custodial care of the fulness of the gospel from about 1829 to 2012, after which this fulness is rejected by them (2012 was the time of “*the end*” according to Mayan elders). According to the LORD’s own words, this “fulness” is then returned to **the house of Israel or the Manasseh remnant** remaining on this blessed land west. They will rise up with the help of “**the Branch Prophet**”. See also #4 for more on this Servant *and* listening to him *and* especially Christ the LORD whom he preaches and serves.

**Chapter 16 truths - the remnant** here is “**the other sheep**” of the LORD’s fold in the New Testament, *not* the Gentiles. They scatter and oppress them here. They have much of *the fulness* of the gospel for a time, then corrupt it and lose it. This **fulness** is then taken to **the remnant** here by way of **the servant** so that there is *one fold and one shepherd* – Jesus. Note in verse 3 that **they – the remnant of the house of Israel** hear **His voice** and **see Him**. The Gentiles are only given the Holy Ghost, *not* God’s personal **voice** or presence (see also 21:2). Verse 10 reveals the *sins* of many modern Gentiles, the reasons why they *loose the fulness* of the Gospel of Christ. *Repentant Gentiles are numbered among the remnant. The remnant then inherit this land.*

**Chapter 20 truths** - Jesus provides bread & wine *miraculously*, as he did for His people in the New Testament. He is the manna from heaven. He tells **the remnant** there and us today to search Isaiah's prophecies as His people are about to be brought to a knowledge of their Redeemer in fulfillment of the Father's covenant to them. **This land is going to be given them through the judgments of Jesus and the remnant** as they go through the Gentiles *as a lion through the sheep*, with none to deliver. Jesus stated; "I establish in this land, unto **the fulfilling of the covenant which I made** with your father Jacob; and it shall be a **New Jerusalem**. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even **I will be in the midst of you**. Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying: A **prophet** shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; **him shall ye hear** in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear **that prophet** shall be **cut off** from among the people." Versus 43-45, addressing "**my servant**" can be applied to **Jesus** in the meridian of time and **His remnant servant** today.

**Chapter 21 truths** – A *great and marvelous work* is about to occur, involving **the servant** (verses 10 & 11). It is the fulfillment of the Father's covenant to the house of Israel. He is *marred* and *healed* that he might teach his people. "For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day whosoever will not repent and come unto my Beloved Son, them will I **cut off** from among my people, O house of Israel; And **I will execute vengeance and fury** upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard. But if they will **repent and hearken unto my words**, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto **the covenant** and be numbered among this **the remnant of Jacob**, unto whom **I have given this land for their inheritance**; And they shall assist **my people, the remnant of Jacob**, and also as many of **the house of Israel** as shall come, that **they** may build a city, which shall be called the **New Jerusalem**".

**15. Helaman 15** / *Samuel the Lamanite* – Samuel, a Native American or Lamanite, called the Nephite nation to repentance (they are a type for the Gentiles *today*). They have polluted the holy church of God (Morm. 8:36-38) because of idolatry, false traditions, and mostly **unbelief**, a trait in their more mixed blood. Those of the posterity of **Joseph** of Egypt (*birthright* son, house of Israel) have **believing blood**. It is passed down through Lehi to the Native American people remaining here. **Unbelief** is a primary theme addressed by Helaman (15:17), the LORD Jesus (3 Ne. 16:8), Mormon and Moroni (Morm. Chapters 8 -9), and Ether (4:3). It opposes *great faith* in the LORD Jesus, as found among much of the Manasseh Remnant, seen in their burying of weapons of war. For this and other reasons, God promised that their seed would **not be utterly destroyed**, as would the seed of the Nephites. They "are yet alive" among us, a statement made by their forefather Joseph, who was *forgotten* by his brethren in Egypt.

**16. Mormon 5:10-26, Moroni 8:22-41** / *Mormon* - As the great Prophet, writer, and compiler of the Book of Mormon, Mormon prophesied of the re-gathering of the seed of Jacob in the last-days through the seed of Joseph on this land, thus revealing the restoration of the covenant people of the LORD to their Redeemer, the LORD Jesus Christ. He tells us that the Gentiles who came to this land (mostly from Europe) have *temporary care and responsibility* for **the house of Israel** on this land (those called "*my people*" by the LORD), with a duty to share the fulness of the gospel of Christ with them, bringing them to their Redeemer. This has not happened, but it will with the LORD's last-days servant. Mormon concludes by restating the LORD's own words about the **remnant seed** going through the unrepentant Gentiles as a lion, with none to deliver. In chapter 8 he addresses the sorry state of pride and sin among the churches of our day on this land, including that of the LDS church, stating that "**your churches**, yea, even **every one**, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts." A house cleaning is coming, and by **the remnant**.

**17. Ether 13:5-8** / *Ether* - The prophet Ether wrote about "the brother of Jared". He was a 33<sup>rd</sup> generation descendant from him. Jared lived at the time of Nimrod and the Tower of Babel. Like Lehi and his family, Jared and his family inherited this "choice" Promised Land west, the most blessed land on the earth and where the city of New Jerusalem will come. Portions of this land are tied to what some call "*the land of first inheritance*", where Adam and Eve sojourned for a time after leaving the Garden of Eden (Zeniff sought this very sacred land, as have others, Mosiah 9:1). Joseph, the favored *birthright* son inherits this favored land with his posterity! God has warned, however, that just like the Promised Land of the Israelites in the old world, sin leads to the people being removed from their land (this happened twice with their removal by the Babylonians and then the Romans). Thus, only those who worship the Great King of Heaven and Earth – our LORD Jesus – can remain on such blessed lands. They are **the remnant** of Jacob or Israel currently here, our Native American brothers and sisters (see also Ether 2:7-12 & 13:2-12).

“after the waters had receded from off the face of this land it became a **choice land** *above all other lands*, a **chosen land of the Lord**; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof; And that it was the [future] place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven” (Ether 13:2-3; see also Rev. 21:9-27).

Note that there is *no* temple in this massive city, as “God and the Lamb are the temple of it.” Temples or “Houses of the LORD” will be built in other places prior to this city descending to earth, including those in Old Jerusalem and one in “the land of first inheritance” in North America.

**18. Moroni 1:3-4, 10:1-5, 30-34** / *Moroni* - Speaking to “his *brethren* the Lamanites” in the last-days (as do most of the Prophet-writers throughout the Book of Mormon), Moroni pleads with all to “**come unto Christ**” in humility, that the Holy Ghost may whisper truth to us. It is like a “familiar spirit from the dust”. It is a family message from one also of **the house of Israel**. The very last page of Moroni’s message is the Title Page of the Book of Mormon. It tells us that the book is “Written to the **Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel** [through Joseph of Egypt] and to Jews and Gentiles” dwelling on this choice land in our day. The book was hid up unto the LORD, “to come forth . . . by way of the Gentile” for their salvation and ours. We are to be saved together.

**Conclusion** Dear brothers and sisters, you who are Native Americans, Jews, or Gentiles of any faith tradition, please humble yourselves by repenting and then come unto the living, loving God Jesus our Redeemer. Be healed and made new in Him, that you may receive the Holy Ghost to guide you, helping you discern these important *truths* about God’s great plan to recover our Native American brothers and sisters, *and* repentant Gentiles. They are **the remnant** seed of Joseph of Egypt and other fathers of the Bible on this land. Choose Jesus and be healed in Him. I look to Him as a follower, searching His precious written word for guidance. Though not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), I believe *The Book of Mormon* has significant truths in it, especially those tied to **the house of Israel** here, the Native American people on this *Promised Land* west. They are about to rise up in a 3<sup>rd</sup> great awakening along with wise virgins among the Gentiles. Let us be one with them and God, for our collective salvation. This is my prayer in Jesus name, *Abmen*.

See also the three endnotes on pages 9-13, addressing (1) The *firstborn* son versus the *birthright* son; (2) Asentah, Joseph’s wife in Egypt; And (3) The meaning of being “*Bless-ed*” in scripture. See also the related papers below.

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### A Top 25 Listing of Some 100 Similarities Between Joseph of Egypt and Jesus Christ

*As we focus on God’s promises made to the fathers, especially those of Joseph, we see God’s greatness and goodness and who we too can be.*

Joseph of Egypt	The LORD Jesus
1. Joseph was a shepherd (Gen. 37:2).	Jesus is “the good shepherd” (John 10:11).
2. Joseph was sold as a slave into Egypt (Gen. 37:26-28).	Jesus was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver—the price of a slave (see Exodus 21:32; Matthew 26:15).
3. Joseph’s brothers did not recognize him when they came to Egypt to buy food. He then revealed himself to his brothers when they came to speak with him a second time (Gen. 42:7-8, 45:1-5).	Christ’s people did not recognize Him as their Savior (Luke 4:22, 28–29; John 1:10). Jesus will be revealed to Israel at His Second Coming (Matthew 24:30–31; D&C 88:104).
4. By following God’s guidance, Joseph had enough bread to save Egypt from famine (see Gen. 47:13-19).	Jesus Christ is “the bread of life”(John 6:35 & 51).
5. Joseph was the beloved of his father Jacob (37:3). He Lived with him before he was taken to Egypt (vs. 2-4).	Jesus is the beloved of the Father (Matthew 3:17). He lived with Him before coming to earth (John 1:2).
6. Joseph was hated by his brothers (Gen. 37:4, 5, 8) because of Jacob’s special love for him.	Jesus was hated by His brothers (John 15:25; Luke 19:14) because Jesus claimed God as His Father (John 5:18).
7. Joseph saved the whole house of Israel while in Egypt, a type for similar service in the last-days in America, modern-day Egypt in Isaiah’s book (Gen. 47:25).	Jesus saved all those who repent come to Him (Acts 13:23).

8. Joseph's brothers plotted to kill Joseph (Gen. 37:18-20).

9. Joseph was stripped of his special coat (Gen. 37:23).

10. Joseph was sold into Egypt at the proposal of Judah (37:26-27).

11. Joseph was sold for the price of redemption (Gen. 37:28).

12. Joseph's blood sprinkled coat (goat blood) was presented to his father (Gen. 37:31).

13. Joseph became a prosperous servant while in prison (Gen. 39:1-3).

14. Joseph was sorely tempted by Potiphar's wife and did not sin (Gen. 39:7-12).

15. Joseph was falsely accused (Gen. 39:16-18), but attempted no defense, as He knew His future mission (Gen. 39:19). He did not speak up even in the pit where he was held.

16. Joseph was cast into prison and was innocent (Gen. 39:20).

17. Joseph won the respect of the chief jailor (Gen. 39:21). He was numbered with transgressors, including the cupbearer and the baker of the King (Gen. 40:1-3).

18. Joseph was delivered from prison by the hand of God (Gen. 41:14; 45:7-9).

19. Joseph was seen as the Revealer of secrets from God (Gen. 41:16, 25). This the meaning of his Egyptian name, given him by Pharaoh.

20. Joseph was exalted, set up as second in command over all Egypt (Gen. 41:39-40). All were to pay homage to him and every knee was to bow to him (Gen. 41:43). This occurred with his whole family, a type for it occurring again in our day, when Israel is bowed down with sin.

21. Joseph was thirty years old when he began his ministry in Egypt (Gen. 41:46).

22. Joseph's exaltation in Egypt was also followed by a period of famine through much of the world (Gen. 41:53-54).

23. Joseph was revealed to his brothers at their second coming return to Egypt (Gen. 45:1-5).

24. Joseph was revealed as a man of Compassion (Gen. 45:1-2). Seven times we read of Joseph weeping (Gen. 42:24, 43:30; 45:1-2; 45:15; 46:29; 50:1; 50:15-17).

25. Joseph warned Pharaoh of coming dangers and famine and suggested he make preparations (Gen. 41:33-36).

The Jews plotted to kill Christ (Matthew 12:14; 26:4)

Jesus was stripped of His coat too. He was covered with a scarlet robe (Matthew. 27: 28).

Jesus was betrayed and handed over to the Jews by Judas (Matthew 27:3).

Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver (the price of a slave) (Matthew 26:15).

Jesus is our scapegoat and His blood was presented to the Father as a sin offering (Hebrews 13:12; Leviticus 16:8-10).

Jesus became was a very properous servant to the Father (Phil. 2:6, 7; Luke 22:27; John 13:1-17; Isa. 52:13; 53:10).

Jesus was tempted by Satan and did not sin (Matthew 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18; 4:15).

Jesus was falsely accused also (Matthew 26:59-61). He gave no defense at His trials, remaining quiet the whole time (Isaiah 53:7).

Jesus was put to death, but Pilate found no fault in Him (John 19:4, 6).

Jesus won the respect of a Roman centurion standing at the cross (Luke 23:47) while being crucified with two thieves (Mark 15:28).

God raised Jesus from the tomb (Acts 2:32; 10:40).

Jesus is the Revealer of Truth from God (John 17:8; 8:28; 12:49; Revelation 1:1). God gave Him a new name (Philippians 2:9, 10; Matthew 1:21; Acts 5:31).

Jesus was and is highly exalted by God and those who love Him. All creation bows down to Him (1 Peter 3:22; Phil. 2:9-11). Peter publicly declared the Lordship of Jesus Christ on Pentecost (Acts 2:36). He is the King of kings and the Great High Priest over all.

Jesus was thirty years old when He began His public ministry in ancient Israel (Luke 3:23).

'The time of Gentiles' has ended, meaning 'the time of Jacob's trouble' is upon us (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:7; Mark 13:19-20; Amos 8:11-12). Famine and judgment is coming.

Jesus is to be revealed to Israel as their God at His second coming return in Israel (Zech. 12:10; Matt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7).

Jesus wept over His people multiple times (John 11:35). He was their Creator and Redeemer.

Jesus warned all that death was not the end. He urged us to be on the watch and pray (John 14:3; Luke 21:36).

## End Notes

<sup>1</sup> **The Firstborn Son vs. the Birthright Son** Why was Manasseh, firstborn son of Joseph, by-passed for the *birthright* blessing under the hands of Jacob his grandfather? We must first start with the concept of the *firstborn* son via the *birthright* son.

Jesus is the *Firstborn* of the Father. He is the Great High *Priest and the King* of all kings. He is the type for all “firstborn” sons. They are to lead in *both* types of *governing* within the Kingdom of God, which on earth, is the House of Israel. God said all things *firstborn* “are mine”, including *the Levites* (those in the priesthood those who ministered unto the LORD at the Tabernacle). They replaced *firstborn* males in the other Tribes of Israel after the Golden calf incident near Mt. Sinai (see Num. 3:1-13). In addition to *the Levites*, all *offerings*, whether *animals* or *Firstfruit offerings* of the field were made to God in the Old Testament as symbols of the future Lamb of God Jesus and His atonement for all sin. God called the House of Israel his “*firstborn*” in the Exodus. They are the *firstfruits* in Romans 11:16 (Paul went to the Gentiles after they – the House of Israel – rejected the *firstborn* Son of God among them). The Passover in Egypt was sometimes called “the ordinance of the *Firstborn*, the saving of the House of Israel there in captivity, via the blood of the Lamb (Jesus). The last of 10 plagues involved the death of *firstborn* males in Egypt and that of their animals. They worshipped a false god, rejecting the true God, Creator and Redeemer of earth and all creation.

*Firstborn Sons* In the ancient, *secular* world ruled by kings, the literal *firstborn* son (birth order) became the next ruler, whether he was good or evil. There were blessings *and* responsibilities tied to leading the people. The blessings included land, wealth, and power to lead the people into good or evil. These blessings were passed down to the king’s *firstborn* son as an “inheritance”. Wicked kings ignored their *responsibilities* to the people, to serve them and bring them to the true God, like a caring father. Instead they used their positions for self-serving reasons. King Noah was such a king in the Book of Mormon (see Mosiah 8). Brigham Young was much like him, seeking power, wealth, and many wives.

**Birthright Sons** God’s kingdom on earth was to be different. Kings like David and Solomon in the Bible *and* Benjamin and Mosiah in the Book of Mormon were put in place by God to *serve* their people, in wise and inspired ways. They led both *spiritually* and *physically* like a good father in a family. In the Bible stories of the Patriarchs (kings and priests), the natural *firstborn* son was rarely the *birthright* son. This is because it was God who chose the one to lead the House of Israel in connection with the son’s *righteousness* or some other characteristic known by God. When the nation of Israel was more *righteous*, it was God who chose the king over the people *and* those who were to be priests, based on the individuals *righteousness* and character. These 3 primary things were what determining factors in who received the *birthright* blessing.

There are 8 examples in the Bible of the *firstborn* son not receiving the *birthright* blessing. The most relevant example for our day is #6, Ephraim, who received the *birthright* blessing rather than Joseph’s *firstborn* son Manasseh. There is no record that he was sinful, like Cain, Esau, or Reuben below. Why then was Manasseh by-passed for the *birthright* blessing? As seen hereafter, this choice is tied to 5 related things; (1) *righteousness* or some other personal *characteristic* known by God, in connection with, (2) *bloodline*, in connection with, (3) *timing*, relative to, (4) God’s foreknowledge of the *future posterity of both sons*, in association with, (5) *fulfillment of prophecy*.

(1) **Seth** took the place of Cain, *firstborn* son

(2) **Shem** took the place of Japheth, *firstborn* son

(3) **Abraham’s** *firstborn* son Ishmael through Hagar, was not the *birthright* son. Isaac was, because of *Sarah* (Abram and Sarai were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins). This was more of a *bloodline* issue, not one tied to *sin*.

(4) **Isaac** and *Rebecca’s* *firstborn* son Esau (a twin *with* Jacob) lost his *birthright* to Jacob, because of Esau’s sin. He sold or traded the *birthright* blessing away to Jacob (with Rebecca having a hand in this too). Rebecca and Isaac had close family connection (bloodline). They were family.

(5) **Jacob’s** *firstborn* son Reuben was replaced by the *birthright* son Joseph. He was favored by God and his father Jacob, based on his *character*, *righteousness*, and *gifts*. Joseph was Rachel’s *firstborn* son (and Jacob’s 11<sup>th</sup> son of 4 wives). Rachel was Jacob’s *avored* wife. Reuben was replaced because he slept with Bilhah, Jacob’s 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, a handmaid to Leah. See Jacob’s Family Tree farther below.

(6) **Joseph’s** *firstborn* son Manasseh was not given the *birthright* blessing by the grandfather of the two sons, Jacob. He instead chose the younger son *Ephraim* via inspiration of God. Why?

(7) **Moses** took the place of Aaron, *firstborn* son

(8) **David** was the youngest of all his brothers

**God’s Foreknowledge** Unlike the wrong *bloodline* of Ishmael through the Egyptian woman Hagar (3 above), or *sin* in the case of Cain, Esau, and Reuben (1, 2 & 5 above), we have **no written record** tying Manasseh to sin or poor character while in Egypt! Instead we see that God had foreknowledge of *sin* in the *future posterity* of both Ephraim and Manasseh, at different points in time, *and* on two different *Promised Lands*, and that Jacob’s blessing giving the *birthright* to Ephraim was tied to *fulfillment of prophecy* for our day, as Manasseh is destined to “blossom as the rose” once Ephraim becomes “a fading flower.”

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The Book of Jasher, for example, records that Manasseh as a valiant *firstborn* son, evident in various 3 events involving him interacting with Joseph's brothers Judah and Simeon in Egypt. We see no *rebellion* or *sin* with Manasseh, nor character flaws, only good service to his father Joseph. He favored Manasseh in these events and wanted him to receive the *birthright* blessing as evidenced in his negative reaction to Jacob's choice of Ephraim. God had Jacob give the *birthright* blessing to Ephraim because of His foreknowledge of what would occur with the posterity of both sons. Ephraim would eventually become a "fading flower" and then Manasseh would blossom as a rose. This fulfills prophecy in Isaiah and especially the Book of Mormon (see 1 Ne. 15:12-16; Jacob 3:3-6; the Jacob 5 allegory).

**Tame vs Wild Trees** The whole issue here is one of *timing* tied to *sin* - in the *future posterity* of the *House of Israel* (Manasseh) and that of the *Gentiles* (those mainly of mixed blood, including Ephraim), and where they came to dwell on *two different lands*, as well as *prophecy*. Those of *Ephraim* of the Northern Kingdom (mostly Samaria), for example, sinned by turning away from God into idolatry (see all of Hosea). For this rejection, they were *scattered to the world* by way of the Assyrians (later inhabiting what is what is now called Europe). Such sin often began with mixed marriages to those of surrounding *Gentile* nations. Isaiah 28 and each chapter of Hosea reveals Ephraim's collective *sins* in northern Israel. Isaiah describes the people as "*the drunkards of Ephraim*", having a "*crown of pride*". They "*exalted*" themselves, "*provoking God to anger*". They became a "*fading flower*" and went a "*whoring*" after the gods of foreign nations.

Similar sins eventually infected the southern kingdom too, of Judah and Benjamin in the *south*. They too were eventually *scattered to world* as a result of the invasion of Babylon, with many being taken into bondage. After they returned to the Holy Land things worsened again. They collectively rejected the LORD Jesus when He came among them personally. The God of Israel was even crucified when He came among them. Paul and other Jewish Apostles then took the fulness of the gospel of Christ to the *Gentiles*. It thrived for a time among them then until the early Christian Church became very polluted too. Jerusalem was completely destroyed. God brought Lehi and his family to America just prior to it. The House of Israel had been planted here, through Joseph as the *birthright* son, and his son Manasseh (Lehi was of Manasseh, Alma 10:3). Later the seed of Ephraim and Judah came to this land too, via Ishmael and his daughters, and Mulek.

Like ancient Israel in the *east*, the House of Israel on this Promised Land *west* also became polluted. It began with the *unbelief* of Laman and Lemuel, the two eldest sons of Lehi. They and their posterity, though *unbelievers*, they did not embrace the *materialism*, *polygamy* of the later Nephites, nor *secret combinations*, all of which led, to the total destruction of the Nephite nation. The unbelieving, darker skinned Lamanites were not totally destroyed like the Nephites on this land, as promised them by way of a number of Book of Mormon prophets. These same prophecies said the remnant of Jacob through Manasseh would rise again in our day, when "the time of the Gentiles" ended (3 Ne. 16:10), and when "the time of Israel" returns. That day is right around the corner.

**The Nursing Fathers & Mothers Prophecy of Isaiah - Temporary Custodial Care of the Remnant** Following the dark ages in lands *east*, God brought select believing *Gentiles* to the *Promised Land* of America west, once again. They wanted religious liberty here. They were the early pilgrims of Europe who had Bibles. Many of these Europeans had the mixed blood of *Ephraim* in them. Later Joseph Smith ushered in a Restoration of "fulness" in Christ's gospel for a time, with the aid of the Book of Mormon, and its return of many "*plain and precious things*" taken from the Bible (1 Ne. 13). *The Title Page* of the book says it was written to the Lamanites, the remnant of Joseph (of the House of Israel) remaining on this land, along with "Jews and Gentiles". It has had greatest success with the remnant (in terms of numbers) in Central and South America (less than 50% stay in the modern LDS Church). It has failed worse in North America, primarily because of the corruption of the LDS Church and other Christian churches, and pressure to conform to the ways of the white man and his culture in these churches.

*The Gentiles*, including Latter-day Saints were to be "*nursing mothers and fathers*" to the House of Israel here (see Isaiah 49:23 and 1 Nephi 21:22-23, 22:8 and 2 Nephi 10:8-9). Native Americans here (mostly of Manasseh) were to be under the *temporary custodial care* of *Gentiles*. Instead they have been smitten and forgotten, pushed onto dry, windswept lands mostly in the west. Their nursing care was also to include instruction in the *fulness* of the gospel of Jesus Christ (as contained in the Bible and Book of Mormon). The Latter-day Saints have had this "fulness" within these two books, but have pushed a corrupted "church" upon them more than Christ as Savior. Their Native culture has been suppressed as well.

God saw that *the Gentiles* would again turn from Him and the fulness of the Gospel as contained in both books. He said that this "*fulness*" (which focuses on *saving* the House of Israel) would be taken from *the Gentiles* and be given to the remnant of Joseph here in the later part of the end times, and in fulfillment of prophecies given by Jesus Himself in 3 Nephi 16, 20 and 21. The Manasseh remnant has rejected modern-day Mormonism and with it the Book of Mormon. It has in it very useful truths tied to; (1) Their identify as the House of Israel through Joseph of Egypt and Lehi; And (2) The "fulness" of Christ's gospel when combined with the Bible.

Prophecy states that the eventual reception of the full gospel of Christ by the House of Israel on this land will not occur until *the Gentiles* - who had it for a time as *temporary custodians* - corrupt it and reject it again in their many polluted churches as addressed in Mormon chapter 8 (and 3 Ne. 16:10). This was around 2012. According to Mayan Elders, the year 2012 marked the end of *one age* and the beginning of *the next*, or the end of "*the times of the gentiles*" and the beginning of "*the times of Israel*", the *first* being *last* to once again to obtain the knowledge of their LORD and His gospel in its fulness.

**A Marvelous Work and a Wonder** This fulness of light among the gathered House of Israel on this land (the Native Americans) is the result of God's outpouring of His Spirit in the coming days (Joel 2) and the important work of the special last-days *servant*, known as the "branch" prophet, the "choice seer", or the "one mighty and strong". He will "set in order the house

of God” taking *truth* and *light* to the Manasseh remnant and to *repentant Gentiles* who will receive him and his teachings in our day (see 3 Ne. 28:34). His work is God’s work in *recovering* Israel here – “*from their lost and fallen state*” a second time in our day! It *fulfills many covenant prophecies* in the Bible, especially those in *Isaiah* and *the Book of Mormon*. This is why Jesus commanded readers of the Book of Mormon “*to diligently search Isaiah*” (3 Ne. 23:1-3). It is “*the marvelous work and a wonder*” spoken of by Nephi in 1 Nephi 25:17, the blessed work of 1 Nephi 15:12-16. They will be brought to Christ their Redeemer, and then help *lost* but repentant Gentiles return to Him too in His pure way! In this way these people will “*blossom as the rose*” (see Bk of Comm. 52:21-26; D&C 49:24-25, 109:65; JD 15:282; 3 Ne. 21:22-26).

**Jacob’s Family Tree** As discussed earlier, *natural* birth order does not automatically grant *birthright* status in the kingdom of God on the earth. Joseph became Jacob’s *birthright* son, replacing the *firstborn* son Reuben because of his *sin* and because Joseph was favored by God, based on Joseph’s *character, righteousness, and choices* with the family *bloodline*. Joseph was Jacob’s 11<sup>th</sup> son, but was Rachel’s *firstborn* son. She was Jacob’s *favored* wife. Ishmael was not born of the favored wife of Abraham. This wife was not of the purer bloodline of the House of Israel like Sarah was. Reuben slept with Bilhah, Jacob’s 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, a handmaid to Leah (alternative stories suggest another reason, see their stories in scripture and commentaries on-line). And Jacob was tricked by into taking Leah as a wife *first*. Fourteen years later, Laban finally gave Rachel to him as a wife, his *favored* wife all along, the one God chose for him to bring for Joseph of Egypt and his two *favored* sons.

**Jacob’s 2 wives** (and their handmaidens) provided the 12 sons of the House of Israel.

**Leah** (oldest daughter of Laban, *first* wife via trickery of Laban) / Leah’s 6 sons are given below

**Rachel** (daughter of Laban, preferred wife of Jacob) / Her 2 sons are Joseph and Benjamin

Bilhah (*handmaid* Rachel, sister to Zilpah [according to Book of Jubilees])

Zilpah (*handmaid* of Leah, sister of Bilhah [according to Book of Jubilees])

**Birth order** of the 12 sons of Father Jacob

*Jacob’s Favor Among His 4 Wives*

1. **Reuben** via *Leah*

1. **Rachel**, Jacob’s *favored wife* / 2 sons

2. **Simeon** via *Leah*

2. Bilhah loved Jacob & became his *favored wife after* Rachel’s death / 2 sons

3. **Levi** via *Leah*

3. Leah was jealous of Jacob’s favor for Rachel / 6 sons - most

4. **Judah** via *Leah*

4. Zilpah was Leah’s handmaid / 2 sons

5. **Dan** via *Bilhah*

6. **Naphtali** via *Bilhah*

7. **Gad** *Zilpah*

8. **Asher** via *Zilpah*

9. **Issachar** via *Leah*

10. **Zebulon** via *Leah*

*Dinah* (daughter) via *Leah*, an 11<sup>th</sup> child, believed to be the mother of *Asenath* (with Shechem), Joseph’s wife. *Dinah’s* child *Asenath* (thought to be illegitimate) may have been taken to Egypt, becoming the adopted daughter of Potiphar, priest at On. For more on *Asenath*, see endnote 3.

11. **Joseph** via *Rachel* – the *favored* wife of Jacob and God - her *firstborn* son was Joseph (Jacob’s 11<sup>th</sup> son)

12. **Benjamin** via *Rachel*

Scriptures supportive of the topics of this endnote, include:

**Priesthood** Gen. 9:18-27, 10:2-5, 12:1-4, 21:9-13, 22:18; Ex.4:22, 13:2, 12, 15; Lev. 18:7-8; Num. 18:15, 27:8-11; Judg. 11:1-2; 2 Sam. 7:12-16, 24, 29; Psalm 2:7-9, 89:27; Prov. 19:14; Luke 2:23; Gal. 3:8; Heb. 1:5; Rev. 1:5; JST Gen. 14; Moses 7:1, 6-8, 12, 22; *Abra. 1:2-4; 2:8-11*; Alma 13:1-12; 2 Nephi 3; D&C 28:2 & 5; 43:2-7; 84; 86:7-10; 107:16-17, 40-52; 110:12; 118:8.

**Birthright Revoked** on the 1<sup>st</sup> born son Reuben

Gen. 35:22; 49:3-4; & 1 Chron. 5:1-3

**Law of the Favored Wife & Firstborn Son**

Deut. 21:15-17 (law of *favored* wife status and their firstborn son)

**Promised Land west as an Inheritance**

2 Nephi 10:8, 10, 19, 20, 21; Ether 1 and 13.

**Manasseh rising up in our Day**

1 Nephi 15:12-16; Jacob 3:3-6; Jacob 5 Allegory

**Nursing Fathers and Mothers**

Isaiah 49:23 and 1 Nephi 21:22-23, 22:8 and 2 Nephi 10:8-9

**<sup>2</sup> The Asenath Puzzle** Joseph married *Asenath* in Egypt. Research reveals that she was most likely not an Egyptian, but instead Joseph’s niece, through his half-sister *Dinah*. *Asenath* appears to be the missing 70<sup>th</sup> person in the genealogical list found in Genesis 46, the one tied to Jacob’s “70 descendants” when he arrived in Egypt. *Asenath* was already there, the daughter of *Dinah*, who was the daughter of Jacob and Leah. God made it all happen. *Asenath* is also of the House of Jacob or Israel. Both *Asenath* and *Dinah* (daughters) are the only women listed in Genesis, beyond Jacob’s 4 wives. *Asenath* is the special wife of the birthright son Joseph, the mother of the two sons Ephraim and Manasseh. They became adopted sons into the House of Israel, even though they were really Jacob’s “grandsons”.

**Two Key Scriptures** The two main scriptures unveil the puzzle of the missing, 70<sup>th</sup> descendant of Jacob. They are Genesis 34:2 (giving us the *Dinah* and *Shechem* relationship) and Genesis 46:5-27 (the listing of Jacob’s 70 descendants when he arrived in Egypt). The listing in Genesis 46 gives us 69 listed “sons” as descendants when he arrived in Egypt. The clue to the missing or 70<sup>th</sup> descendant of Jacob, one already there with Joseph and his two sons, is that it is a daughter - not a son, through Leah and

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Dinah. She is Asenath Joseph's wife. Once again, she and Dinah her mother are the only daughters listed in Genesis 46, and the only other females listed there beyond Jacob's four wives (Leah, Rachel, Zilpah and Bilhah).

**Three Key Facts** (1) Genesis 46 states that Jacob had 70 descendants when he arrived in Egypt. It is typical that only sons were normally listed, not daughters. Of these only 66 sons are listed there, as 3 were already there in Joseph and his 2 sons Manasseh and Ephraim. Though technically "grandsons" there were given blessings as if they were sons; (2) Leah had 33 descendants in the genealogical listing in Genesis 46, but only 32 are listed as making the trip to Egypt. The missing descendant in both lists must be Asenath; And (3) Joseph was a valiant righteous man, often compared to Jesus Christ. He was Jacob's birthright son. He knew the law relative to marrying outside the family bloodline and would not have married a Canaanite or Egyptian wife (the blood of Ham was in Egypt). There are 17 scriptures in the Bible forbidding one in the House of Israel to marry an "unbeliever", especially a Canaanite (see 10 of these in Gen. 24:3, 37; 28:1, 6-9; Ex. 34:16; Num. 36:8; Deut. 7:3-4; Josh. 23:12; 1 Kings 11:2; Ezra 9:12-14). Joseph, like the three Patriarchs or "fathers" before him, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, obeyed God's law and took a wife within the House of Israel. Asenath was Joseph's niece, daughter his half sister Dinah. She was 18 years old when she married Joseph at age 30 in Egypt. They had two special sons, those populating much of North America.

See John P. Pratt, Jacob's Seventieth Descendant, Meridian Magazine, Aug. 18, 2000

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<sup>3</sup> **The Blessed State of the Gods** To be "blessed" by a righteous one is good, but to be "**Bless-ed**" (2 syllables) is even better. The righteous and obedient enter into "*the state of the Gods*" when keeping God's higher law as contained in the *12 Beatitudes* given to the disciples of Jesus in the Bible and the Book of Mormon (see JST Matthew 5 and 3 Nephi 12). This is according to Old Testament scholar W. F. Albright and New Testament scholar C. S. Mann. They state that the word translated as "*Bless-ed*" in Matthew 5 is also tied to being "*fortunate*". They add that to be "*bless-ed*" is to be "*of the State of the Gods*". Their footnote reads, "*Fortunate*. The word in Greek was used in classical times [to mean] *of the state of the gods* in contrast to [that of] men. The usual English "*bless-ed*" has more and more come to have liturgical or ecclesiastical overtones, and we have chosen "*fortunate*" as the being the best translation available to us" (see W. F. Albright and C. S. Mann, *The Anchor Bible, Matthew*, Garden City, New York: Doubleday, 1971, p. 45).