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### The sealed ones

In the seventh chapter of Revelation, the 144,000 sealed ones from all the tribes of JACOB are described:

'And I heard the number of those who were sealed: One hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed out of all the families of the children of Israel'. (Rev.7:4-8)

We now draw a comparison with the 12 sons of Jacob and the 12 disciples of Jesus to determine the exact and correct order.

#### The 12 sons of Jacob

1. Judah	12000	<<<<->>>>
2. Reuben	12000	<<<<->>>>
3. Gad	12000	<<<<->>>>
4. Asher	12000	<<<<->>>>
5. Naphtali	12000	<<<<->>>>
6. Menasse	12000	<<<<->>>>
7. Simeon	12000	<<<<->>>>
8. Levi	12000	<<<<->>>>
9. Issachar	12000	<<<<->>>>
10. Zebulun	12000	<<<<->>>>
11. Joseph	12000	<<<<->>>>
12. Benjamin	12000	<<<<->>>>

#### The 12 disciples of Jesus

Simon Peter
Andrew, Peter's brother
James, son of Zebedee
John, brother of James
Philip
Bartholomeus
Thomas
Matthew
James, son of Alphaeus
Thaddeus or Lebbeus
Simon van Kana
Judas Iscarioth

144000

Ruben of Leah	Gen. 29:32	(1 <sup>e</sup> ) Seeing
Shimon of Leah	Gen. 29:33	(2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Hearing
Levi of Leah	Gen. 29:34	(3 <sup>th</sup> ) Leading
Judah of Leah	Gen. 29:35	(4 <sup>th</sup> ) Praising
Dan of Bilhah (Rachel)	Gen. 30:6	(5 <sup>th</sup> ) Law
Naphthali of Bilhah (Rachel)	Gen. 30:8	(6 <sup>th</sup> ) Wrestling
Gad of Zilpah (Leah)	Gen. 30:11	(7 <sup>th</sup> ) Hope, happiness
Asher of Zilpah (Leah)	Gen. 30:13	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) Fatness, abundance
Issachar of Leah	Gen. 30:18	(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Reward of the Lord
Zebulun of Leah	Gen. 30:20	(10 <sup>th</sup> ) Gift, offering
Joseph of Rahel	Gen.30:24	(11 <sup>th</sup> ) There is one more to come
Benjamin of Rachel	Gen. 35:18	(12 <sup>th</sup> ) Son of the right side

Jesus is in conversation with a Pharisee. The latter says to Jesus: "But if the souls of the people of this earth ultimately turn into gods, where will they find the space to move, rule, and reign with their divine freedom, independence, and power? For also

a spirit must occupy some space and time, even if it stands above space and above all time by the virtue of its divine qualities." [GGJ.06\_226,01]

I said "O you pettiest and totally shrunk mind! Have you never seen a starry sky? Don't you know what all these visible stars in their multitude numbers are?! **See, if from every atom of this earth twelve-thousand souls would arise** - which would result in such a large number that presently even the best mathematician could never imagine it -, there nearly would not be enough souls to add only one soul for every star cluster in the large creation-space, not mentioning the still many countless earth-worlds, of which not seldom many thousands orbit one single star cluster. (sun World) ' [GGJ.06\_226,02].

Why does Jesus mention **12000 souls** in this context?

Swedenborg writes in his book "The Unfolded Apocalypse", the second book, volume 3, section 428: "The quality of those who are in the good, separated from the evil". Who are the "good" and the "evil" here? In other words, all those who are in the true things of the good and are therefore in the Lord's church. First the **144000** are mentioned, then 12000 from each tribe of Jacob.

The spiritual things are neither counted nor measured, yet they come from the spiritual world or heaven. The numbers in heaven, as in the Bible, denote heavenly things. Even the angels speak among themselves in numbers, for numbers contain several things that they have spoken. Swedenborg explains this in detail in his book: 'Heaven and Hell, section 263, where you can read this.

144000 means **"those who are in the true things of the good"**. Israel had 12 tribes and these 12 mean in the spiritual world: the church. Israel symbolizes the true believers. 144 comes from 12x12 and twelve means **"all things"** and 144000 means **"all things and everything"**, i.e. "of the true things of the good".

The large numbers are an enumeration of the smaller numbers and the small numbers are an addition of the individual numbers. Thus 144000 results from 12000 multiplied by 12. The large numbers derive their meanings from the individual numbers. However, the latter are indicative and therefore determined as a basic number. This seems very logical, but the origin of this calculation is quite different.

Swedenborg writes that the larger numbers have their origin in the numbers **2, 3, 5, and 7** in their denotation or meaning. And that is right and good. Together they form the number 17 in hidden form, from which the Hebrew word **TOV** (9-6-2) results (our Dutch word 'tof' with the meaning GOOD).

According to Swedenborg, two (2) means "to be in unity, **to consist of good**. Three (3) means "the fullness" (think of a circle!), the true things. Five means "many and something". Seven means **"the holy"**.

The following numbers result from the <b>2</b> :	4	8	16
	400	800	1600
	4000	8000	16000

Since they arise from this singular number by multiplication with itself and with 10 (thus follows):

**4 8 16** results as follows:  $4+4 = 8 + 8 = 16$

The following numbers result from the **3**:

6	12	24	
72	144	1440	144000

The following numbers result from the **5**:

10	50	100
100	1000	100000

The following numbers result from the **7**:

14	70	700
		7000 70000

(Think of the numbers 2, 3, 5 and 7)

Because 3 means fullness and because fullness is EVERYTHING, this results in the number 12, because it means "all things and **everything**". And because the true comes from the good, this results because it arises from 3 multiplied by 4.

Of the three it is said, "of the true things", and of the four it is said "of the good things". Twelve therefore means ALL THINGS.

Each tribe of Jacob stands for one or the other universal (so there are more of them here!) as well as for the essential church. The 12,000 from all the tribes of Israel were all blessed. They were the ones who **ascended**.

Swedenborg describes it in such a way that we should not take the numbers literally, but much more symbolically. 12000 from one tribe of Jacob means 12000 in a figurative sense. Therefore all the tribes of Jacob (=Israel), mean 144000 together: **'they who are of the good in the true things'**.

All, wherever they are on earth (editor: the scattered Jews), symbolize the church of the Lord and form this church, are this church. For Swedenborg writes: 'For where are these tribes now, and where were they when this was described by John? Are they not scattered over a great part of the earthly realm? No one knows where they are except the tribe of Judah.'

But of these, it is said that they must be ruled so that they can be led to heaven by the Lord and be with Him. It is known that ELEVEN of the aforementioned tribes were banished from the land of Canaan because of idolatry and other abominations. This also applies to the Jewish nation. Therefore, the tribes of Jacob are not to be understood as tribes and the 12000 are not to be understood (literally) as the 12000. What then? **All who are in the true things of good. All who belong to the Lord's church.** (Editor: This can also be us, the spiritual friends of Lorber, this can be churches that are connected to the Lord, this can be the brothers and sisters from Islam who are also connected to ALLAH (= the Lord)).

Each tribe of Jacob or Israel stands alone and has a characteristic universal meaning. There is an infinite variety of good things and of them true things. The

entire heaven is organized according to characteristic models. The number 144000 is the number 12000 multiplied by 12. Everything true from the good is therefore to be understood concerning the genera and species as a total composition.

The Bible repeatedly speaks of units of measurement in numbers. (Rev.21:17): 'And he measured their wall to a hundred and forty-four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, which was of angels' (The measure of the wall is 144 cubits, and the wall has 12 foundations, and on the 12 gates are the 12 names of the 12 tribes, and on the 12 foundations are the 12 names of the apostles. The foundations were made of 12 precious stones. 'And it had a great and high wall, and had twelve gates, and in the gates twelve angels, and names written on them, even the names of the twelve families of the children of Israel'. (Rev.21:12) 'And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb' (Rev.21:14ff.)

Revelation 21:16 speaks of the heavenly Jerusalem. The city was foursquare, and its length was as great as its breadth; and he measured the city with a reed to 12000 stadia, the length, breadth, and height being equal.

Since a church was to be founded, the Lord made sure that Jacob had 12 sons. NUM.1:44: 'These are the numbered ones whom Moses numbered, and Aaron and **the rulers** of Israel; they were twelve men, each over the house of his fathers.'

Twelve kings (rulers) of Israel were responsible for the INAUGURATION of the altar. Similarly, 12 men were sent to explore the land of Canaan. (Canaan as a word here means the church). The 12 are mentioned in many contexts in the Bible. Each tribe of Israel symbolizes a designation. Here, for example, Judah: "The love of the Lord!

All those who are designated by the 12000 from each tribe or by **the 144000 SEALED on their foreheads** are those who acknowledge the Lord and love him. The representation of heaven is based on the order in which the 12 tribes are named. To love the Lord does not mean to love Him according to His person, **but to live according to His teachings.**

The evangelist John writes: 'In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Judas, not Iscariot, said to Him, 'Lord, why is it that You reveal Yourself to us and not to the world? Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.'" (John 14:20,21,23,24)

A word about the last tribe of Israel. (It would go too far to describe all the tribes individually). Benjamin means in the original Hebrew language: "son of the right hand". He was born in Bethlehem (the true here is connected with the good in the natural!) (Gen 35:16-19). In addition to Jesus and Benjamin, David was also born in Bethlehem. (1Sam.17:12, Micah 5:1)

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## ISRAEL

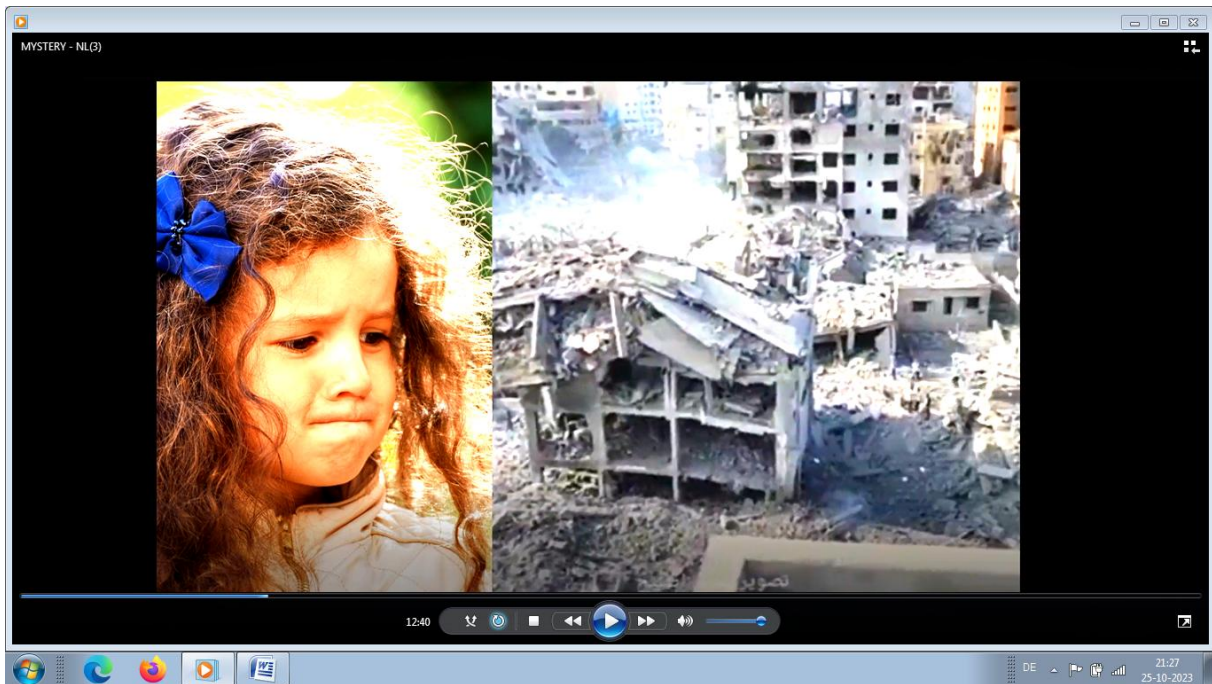
Have Israel and its inhabitants changed over the years? The Hamas attack on October 7 was orchestrated by Israel, not Hamas itself. (If you are interested, you can obtain the complete script from us free of charge! Send me an e-mail). The Israelis of today, however, are not Jews, but Zionists. (Khasars). Only a few orthodox Jews are Hebrew Jews, and they do not want an Israelite state! Is there democracy in Israel? Just as little as in Europe or the USA. Is today's Israel the people of God? This status has not existed for two thousand years. That was only the case at the time of the Old Covenant! At the time of Jesus in Palestine, there were no longer many real Jews (Hebrews), but the city of HEBRON is still derived from it.

The Palestinians were expelled back then, in 1948, and much earlier! They had to leave their land, they were deprived of their homeland. Now imagine the neighbors taking away your garden or driving you out of your house to live in it themselves. Wouldn't you rebel too? Surely you would do something! So can you imagine why the Palestinian people would revolt? We are not so much talking about the Hamas leadership itself, but about the people, the real people of the Palestinians.

Many reject the idea of the Palestinians fighting back against Israel. Is that even realistic? What has Israel done for the displaced to give the Palestinians a new place or land to live? Nothing, absolutely nothing. More and more Jews are deliberately moving close to the Palestinians so that their living space becomes smaller and smaller.

**Being against Israel is not anti-Semitism, because they are not Semites at all!** So you can be against Israel but for the (real) Jews! The (real) Jews follow the Torah, but the Zionists (the Kazars) follow the Talmud. The Jews were scattered all over the world in the year 70 and never founded their "own" state afterward. Today's Israel is called "New Khazaria".

Jesus Jehovah Zebaoth said on April 28, 1847, among other things: '... They (the Jews) are still waiting for a Messiah who would one day lead them back to their ancient promised land and make of them a great and mighty nation; but this Messiah will never come, and they will remain what they are to the end of time; hence, what is easy to understand, they play an extremely humble part in the spiritual realm and are not worthy of notice. .... "

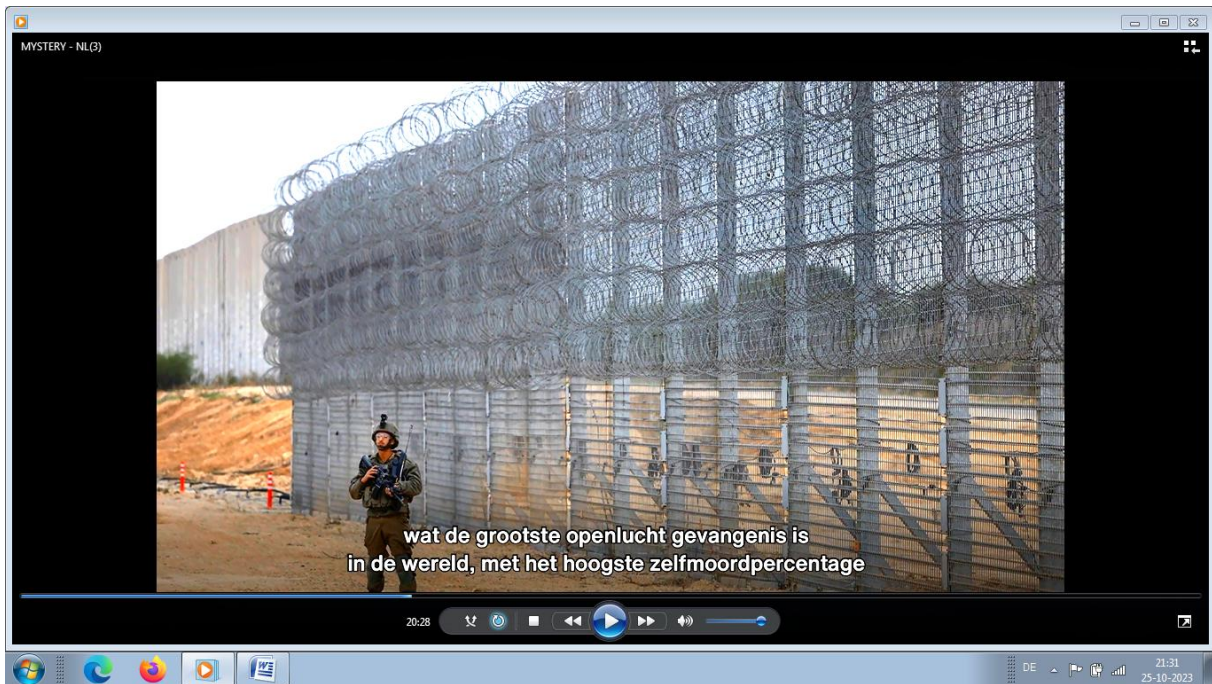


The actual origins of modern-day Israel lie in Eastern Europe with the Turkic Khasar people, whose ruler introduced the Jewish religion to his country. These Jews are also known as Ashkenazi. Many of them only came to German-speaking countries in later centuries. The land of Israel has not existed on this earth since 70 AD. It was completely leveled and destroyed by the Romans and all members of the Jewish people were scattered with the winds. Today's so-called state of Israel is in reality the "new Khazaria". They have simply occupied the land of Palestine without the consent of its inhabitants.

If Lorber readers are shocked by this or do not want to read this, the advice is. Please do your own research. The Lord has explained to us in great detail in **the 'twelve hours'** why such things happen. No one can deny this. Even in the time of Hanoch, we see the cunning political strategy. We should stay awake and not close our eyes to it. Hidden but clearly legible in the word **politics** is the word POLICE. In Danish and Norwegian, this is best expressed as follows. Instead of being protected, we are controlled. (In politics, of course!). The Greek word for politics is politeia (poleis -polis) and that is government regulation.

The Bible says that Israel is the apple of God's eye. It is God's people, it says. Why did Hamas attack Israel? The following texts by Jakob Lorber can shed light on the matter.

About 2000 years ago, exactly the same thing happened on a smaller scale in the southern Gaza Strip: "For from the coasts of Palestine many parents had fled for fear of Herod, the murderer of children, and they promptly told what atrocities Herod was committing in and around Bethlehem **and throughout southern Palestine**, not least with the help of Roman soldiers! For Jehovah God once led the children of Israel out of Egypt through Moses into the promised land of Palestine, which was then called Canaan." (JJ-1-47:9, 1-45:6).



What is left of the real Jews, of the real Israelis? At the time of Jesus in Palestine, there were not that many truly believing Jews. How many of them are left in the year 2023-2024? Jesus said: “But now count how many Jews there are who have not been tempted and seduced by the mammon of this world! In all the cities of Galilee, Judea, Palestine, Canaan, Samaria, and in other parts of the land **you will not find a hundred who have followed the truth according to Moses and the prophets from ancient times and have kept it in their hearts and deeds**. Only now, through My teaching, have a greater number turned again to the old truth, and that mainly from the class of the poor” [GGJ.09\_193.14].

The angel Raphael said: “The land of Canaan has been given to the children of Jehovah, **and gods will dwell in it**. And so you are now in the land of the gods, and there you have to do with gods and not with mere worldly people who are like you. But if you want something from the gods, you must first be able to ask them very seriously, otherwise the gods will remain silent and give you no teaching or advice. - Do you understand me?”(e.g. Melchizedek with the patriarch Abraham!) (GGJ7-41:2)

“If it is already despicable and shameful for a man to deceive one, two or three of his brothers, how much more despicable must it be in the eyes of God when people know how to crown and anoint themselves by all means and then, under this crowning and anointing, to deceive entire peoples in every conceivable way for their own benefit, be it through so-called state wisdom, be it, if this fails, through cruel open violence” [SS.02\_092,04]

“Everywhere, he expressly forbids only this activity, but here he forbids all desire because the danger that results from it is too great for the spirit. It draws the spirit completely away from God and turns it entirely towards hell. This can be seen from the fact that every other sinner feels remorse after a sinful act, while the rich speculator rejoices and triumphs over a happily successful speculation.” [SS.02\_092,15]



The following text calls usury the abyss of hell that opens up for such people. **“This is the real triumph of hell, and that is why the prince of hell prefers to fill people in every way with the love of the riches of the world** because he knows well that they are most detestable to the Lord when they are filled with this love, and that He therefore has the least pity on them!” [SS.02\_092,16]



Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is relevant to both present material and spiritual events.

“Behold, I give unto you some **of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie...**” (Rev 3:9)

“And the great dragon shall be cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world: and he shall be cast out into the earth, and his angels shall be cast out with him. “(Rev.12:9)

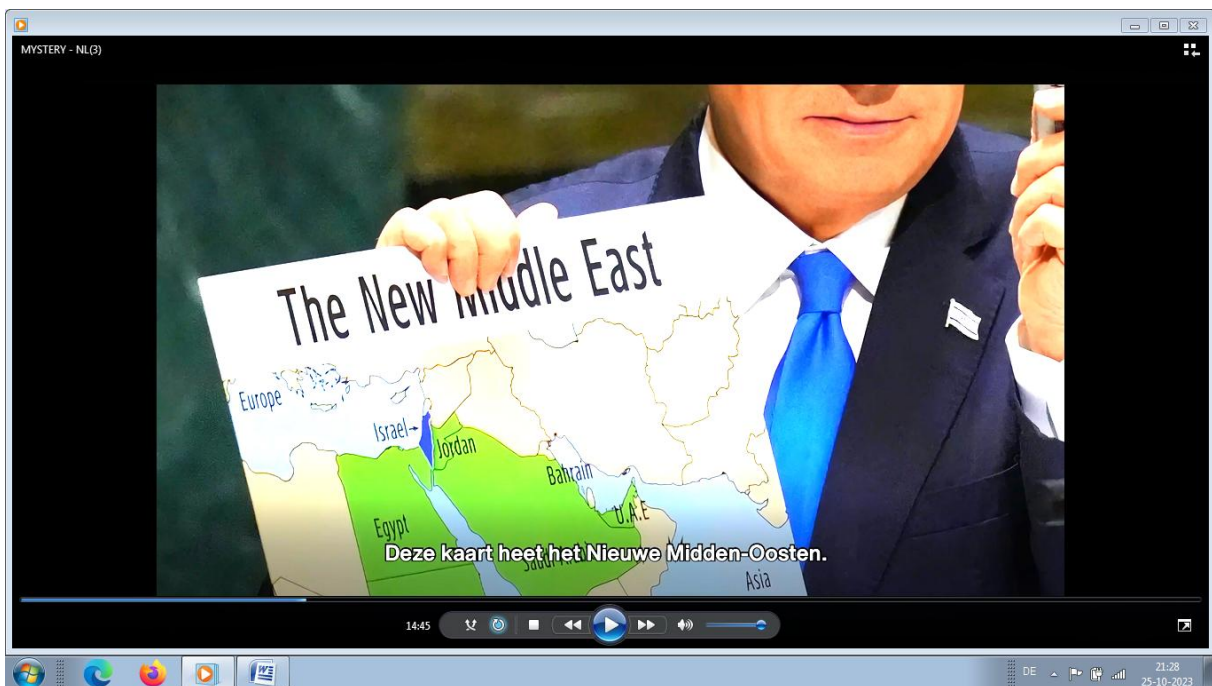
“And a third angel followed them, speaking with a loud voice: If anyone worships the beast and receives his image and the mark on his forehead or his hand...”(Rev.14:9)

A Greek said in the presence of Jesus, "What faith commands, man must do if he has no wiser arguments for himself. But from now on your faith must develop more, then you will see that the exalted gods certainly do not desire human sacrifices from our hands, for they themselves have countless means in their hands to take away hundreds of thousands of people from this earth at will." [GGJ.03\_083.04]

Satanism is mentioned again in GGJ.02\_089.10. The Jews of that time were promised a heavenly Canaan if their lifestyle corresponded to it. (Heb.11:16). Jesus often emphasized: "My kingdom is not in a geographical place". (John 18:36) God is not interested in a military nation that wages war and kills people.

Judas took this literally and expected a great Jerusalem with Jesus as sole ruler, as the greatest leader of the world. But he was very wrong. He sought it outside himself: Power and prestige with Jesus. He did not want to transform himself, but Jesus did not speak of an earthly kingdom but of a heavenly one.

There are many misunderstandings about using the terms 'Jew', 'Israelite', or 'descendant of Abraham'. Abraham was a pure, upright man. He was not cunning and did not engage in occult practices. He remained faithful to his Creator. That is why the Lord said to him: **'You will be a father to all the nations of history. From you will come forth a great nation that will come from all the peoples of the world and will be called Israel.'**



**Benjamin Netanyahu shows here the new map of Israel, this was before October 7**

Israel means "man of God, prince of God". (Royal child of God). A royal child of the Creator. But the descendants of Adam forsook their Creator and returned to dark evil. They returned to the worship of demons and humans, to child sacrifice.

The Bible book Galatians 3:16 speaks of the spiritual seed. People with pure hearts, but surrounded by evil, follow in its footsteps. **Isaiah and Paul made it clear that only a very small part of ancient Israel was the true Israel.** And Isaiah proclaims about Israel: *"Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet the remnant shall be saved"*. (Rom.9:27)

It was the Jews who rejected Jesus 2000 years ago because they wanted a military-political kingdom at that time. They wanted to defeat the Romans and establish a military nation that would rule the whole world. They interpreted the Holy Scriptures in a very earthly way.

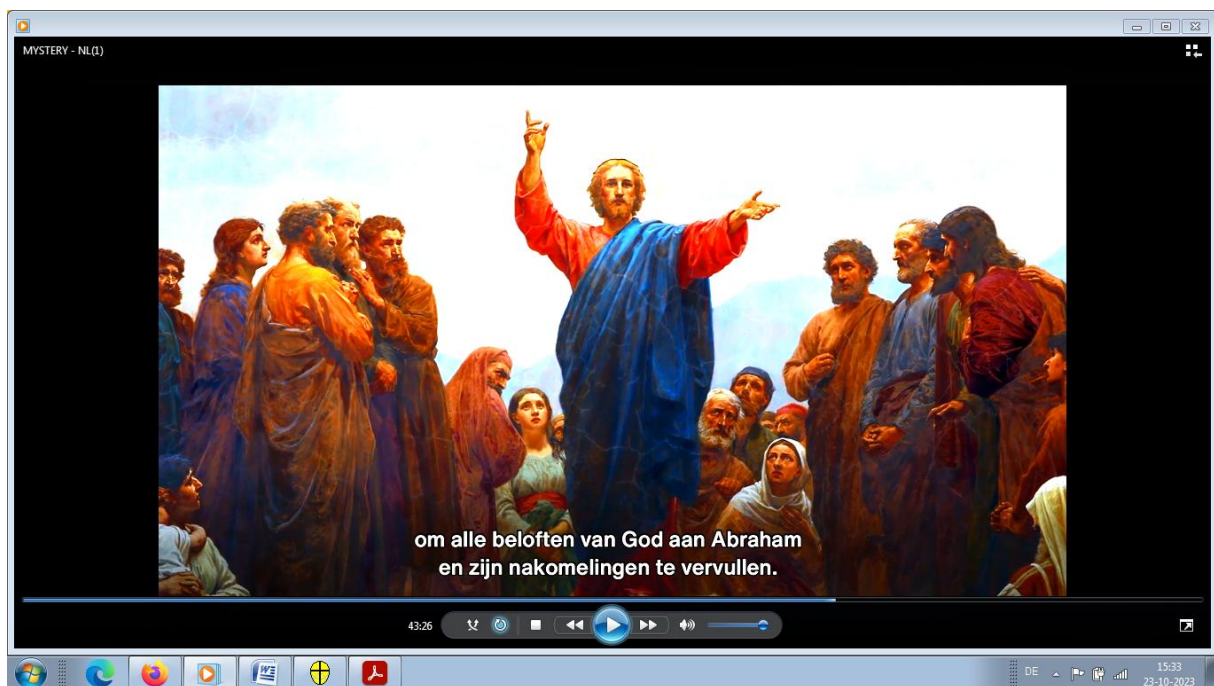
The doctrine of Zionism goes back to the time of ancient Jerusalem. The Jews murdered Jesus and slaughtered some of the apostles. **Israel is very divided in its**

**beliefs, many of them atheistic.** Golda Meir, Israel's fourth female prime minister, identified strongly with Judaism culturally but was otherwise an outspoken atheist. One of her famous statements expressing this was: **'I believe in the Jewish people, and the Jewish people believe in God'**.

The Israel of today is no longer the true Israel. According to Jakob Lorber, all Jews will remain scattered all over the world. [GGJ.10\_197,04] [The use of the Star of David and the name Israel, does not mean you are Israel. It is a constant conflict between the two populations: the Israelis and the Palestinians. But that's not what's really going on now.

It is the hidden elites who have deliberately created this conflict in the background so that they can benefit financially from it. It's about unprecedented money, **about war as a business model.** It is a war between the Deep State and all of humanity. There are now many victims on the side of both Israel and the Palestinians.

In the following, the Lord says: **"...to the great shame of many Jews, who have the word of God and the commandments of God, yet whose whole heart is full of falsehood and deceit, full of strife, anger, adultery and all kinds of fornication. Therefore it will also happen, as Daniel testifies, that the kingdom promised to David will be taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles, and that the descendants of Hagar's son will rule over the descendants of Isaac, although at that time (2000 years ago!) all salvation for the whole world will come from the tribe of Judah."** (GGJ2-107:10)



Abraham said to Jesus on the Mount of Exaltation: *"O Lord Jehovah of hosts, I have so little reason to rejoice over my descendants! Truly, the descendants of Hagar are far better in their behavior than the descendants of Sarah!"* [GGJ.07\_162,04]

Noah said to his two sons: "Praise be to God, he extends the lineage of Shem! **Canaan shall remain his servant!** So God also spread out Japheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, **but Canaan shall remain his servant!**" [HH.03\_363.12]

But when Nimrod became very powerful before men and yet was very pious, so that he was called the slayer of God, Ham, who lived well for a long time, thought: "Who shall the children of God be but the children of Chu, **and Canaan shall serve them?**" [HH.03\_365.03]

But what is greater in the world than a usurping state power, which, seen from the divine side, never acts according to the divine counsel, but only according to its worldly state wisdom, which consists of politics and diplomacy, subjugates the peoples **and uses its power for its own pompous exploitation and consumerist welfare?** [SS.02\_092,07]

The following text calls usury the abyss of open hell for such people. "**This is the true triumph of hell, and the prince of hell, therefore, strives to fill men preferably in every way with the love of the riches of the world** because he knows very well that they are most detestable to the Lord when they are filled with this love, and that He, therefore, has the least pity for them!" [SS.02\_0.16]

According to Lorber's description, the Lord will NOT return to the land of Israel, which has now become darkly pagan. But to countries that still serve Him, such as somewhere in America. Israel will be dissolved again in the near future and scattered with the winds for the second time.

The third beast, which looks like a "lamb" and also has "two horns", is the general industry that strongly supports and ultimately even idolizes the water beast. And with its two horns violates the (main) commandments of love! Just look at America and England. But how much this third beast is an industry can be seen, for example, **in the cruel mistreatment of children in English and American factories because they often have to work from five in the morning until over nine in the evening, constantly standing, almost half-naked, and often from the age of eight.** They receive no instruction whatsoever - except about their industrial slave existence! Oh, if you could see the nature of the industry with Me and through Me, you would say: "O Father, this is the dragon himself" [Gifts of Heaven.01\_41.05.07,07-09].

Almost the entire population of the earth worships the second, wounded animal. Kings, princes, and other (industrial) founders and inventors are worshipped everywhere? Monuments are erected for them all over the world. How barbaric it is to make people believe that I can even be worshipped by abominations! **(But that only lasts for a very short time!)** [Gifts of Heaven.01\_41.05.07.10]

"Behold the deception of the inhabitants of the earth! The image of the beast with the sword wound of all political righteousness is now fully alive! People were forced to erect this image with their blood! And now it is adorned and speaks and commands, kills and is worshipped by all the worms and lickspittles who therefore call themselves "scholars" and "journalists", and still by a few humbugs who must have some of everything to earn something with it without working." [Gifts of Heaven.01\_41.05.07.11]

“But whoever dares not to worship this animal will soon realize how much it has done for him in worldly terms!” [HiG.01\_41.05.07,12]

But this is the "spirit" (or the "life") after the image of the beast, that self-love and greed have reached the highest peak in all the great ones of the world, namely the full number **666**, where self-love is 600, the stolen lightning 60 (i.e. the divine commandment is applied tenfold for self-interest!) and charity finally only 6 (i.e. the most perfect servitude applies)! - Instead of giving for 1 hundred, one demands for 1 hundred!)

“Is it not the thirst for power, whether by might or by reason? - Tell me, can a man do anything without this sign? What is the man without this sign for man?”[Gifts of Heaven.01\_41.05.07.14]

Judges 1:18-19 "And Judah took Gaza with the whole city. *"And Judah took Gaza with its territory ... Now Yahweh was with Judah, and they took possession of the hill country."*

Isaiah said. “And now says the Lord, who formed me from the womb to be a servant, that I might bring Jacob back to him, **but Israel will not be gathered**, yet I will be glorified before the Lord, and my God will be my strength.’ Furthermore, the Lord said through Isaiah: 'It is too little for you to be a servant to me to raise the tribes of Jacob and **to bring back the preserved ones in Israel**; I have also given you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”(Isa. 49:5,6)

**Israel, O Israel, be at peace with all the peoples of the world, including your neighbors and especially the Palestinians, for they too are your brothers and sisters....**

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## The Philistea

Two warring factions of a coalition, also fighting together against Israel in 1948 and 1967, but not yet completely destroyed as foretold later in that same Psalm. They are direct neighbors of Israel, whereas, on the contrary, Ezekiel 38 speaks of secondary neighbors Turkey, Iran, Libya, Sudan, and Russia.

What we see now, however, is that Gaza in particular is keen on Israel's destruction, and Hezbollah in Lebanon is also trying to take advantage of the chaotic situation.

The **P** and the **F** are the same letter in Hebrew but are distinguished by a dot. Although today's **P**alestinians cannot be traced back ethnically to the original **P**hilistines, the names are related.

**"Woe to the careless in Zion and to the careless on Mount Samaria, the most famous of the nations to which the house of Israel is coming. Go to Calneh and look around there; go from there to the great Hamath and descend to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? Is their territory greater than your territory? You who keep the day of destruction far from you,**

**but bring the seat of violence [ Hamas ] nearer."** Go over to Calneh and keep watch; and go from there to Hamath, the great [city], and go down to Gath of the Philistines, whether they are better than these kingdoms, whether their territory is larger than your territory?" **(Amos 6:1-3)** (Hamath is pronounced Hamas! Hamas means 'violence' or 'death')

Hamas was also once founded thanks to Israel to lame the PLO. This has obviously gotten pretty out of hand. Let's realize that this Israel is not yet the reborn Israel spoken of at the end of Ezekiel 37.



**"Therefore have I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be to you as an incentive, and their gods shall be a snare to you."** (Judges 2:3)

In any case, we know that Israel did not drive out or destroy the nations at the time of Joshua, as God had commanded, so they still serve as a "spur in their side". The year 2023 can certainly be interpreted in this sense. Many of the areas mentioned in Judges 1 are, strangely enough, still areas where many "Palestinians" live.

What many people don't realize, is that the Hebrew word Hamas literally means "violence" and "false witness". What makes it even more interesting is that the word Hamas is only used in the Bible when referring to violence against the Jewish people. The Arabic loanword of the Hebrew word Hamas also means "courage" or "bravery", so it is safe to say that, because of the meaning of this Arabic loanword, this must have been the reason why the group Hamas chose this name. At the beginning of the first book of the Bible, the Lord makes it very clear that the fate of the one who uses violence is death.

The word Hamas also appears in the Psalms. The psalmists plead for mercy and deliverance from the hands of the Hamas men. The enemies of God's people are

described in the Psalms as "cruel men" (Psalm 27:12). The houses of Hamas are called "the dark places of the earth". (Psalm 74:20).

Two biblical passages could refer to the current war against Israel. (Obadiah 10 and Joel 3:19). These verses specifically speak of the violence of Edom, another name for Esau, the ancestor of the Arabs, against Jacob and Judah, the ancestors of the Jewish people.



**"For they have joined together and made a covenant against you: the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelite, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Palestine with the inhabitants of Tyre." (Ps. 83:6-8,)**

Judging from what Obadiah says, *"Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, shame will cover you and you will be destroyed forever. Joel says that "Edom will become a desolate wilderness because of the violence against the Judeans, in their land, they have shed innocent blood".*

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