

**THE TRUTHS ABOUT GENESIS 48:19**  
**[EPHRAIM AND JUDAH 'TWO HOUSE' DECEPTION]**  
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The purpose of this paper is to expose illogical and deceptive thought found within the basic foundation of the Ephraim and Judah 'Two House' Theory. Their idea that the tribe of Ephraim, and/or the Northern tribes of Israel were transformed into a larger body of peoples, known as **Gentiles**, is very prevalent among thousands of Gentile believers today, and also some Jewish believers. This deception comes from the invalid interpretation of the blessing that Jacob gave to his grandson, Ephraim, Joseph's second born son, ... that Ephraim's descendants would become '**the fullness of the goyim.**' Genesis 48:19

To show that this special blessing by Jacob most certainly **does not mean 'the Gentiles'**, we need only to look at the heritage given by the founding fathers. So let us now go to the Word of God itself, and see what Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, **and God** had to say regarding the purity of their family lineage. See this truth revealed in these wonderful bible scriptures from our Jewish heritage.

And the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into **a great nation (goy)**, and **I will bless you, and I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you**, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3

"I will make **your offspring like the dust of the earth**, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted." Genesis 13:16 "Look up at the heavens and **count the stars**, if indeed you can count them." "Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. Genesis 15:5,6,18-21

When **Abram** was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and **will multiply you exceedingly**. As for Me, behold My covenant is with you, and **you shall be as a father of many nations (goyim)**.

No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for **I have made you a father of many nations (goyim)**. **I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make you into nations (goyim)**, and kings shall come from you.

Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and **she shall be as nations (goyim)**; kings of people shall be from her.” Genesis 17:1,2,4-6,15,16

Then the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become **a great and powerful nation (goy)**, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I chose him so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the Way of the LORD, by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what He has promised him.” Genesis 18:17,18,19

Then Abimelech, king of Gerar, sent for Sarah and took her. But God came to Abimelech in a dream one night, and said to him, “You are as good as dead because of the woman whom you took. Now return the man’s wife for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die.” And She is a married woman. Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls, so they could bear children, for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech’s household. Genesis 20:2,3,7,17,18

You can see how important it was to the LORD to keep Abraham’s heritage pure!

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time, and said, “I swear by Myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, **your only son**, I will surely bless you and make **your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore**. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, **because you have obeyed Me**.” Genesis 22:16-18

Now **Abraham** was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that **you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites**, among whom I dwell; but you shall go **to my country and to my kindred**, and take a wife for my son Isaac.”

“Now my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘**You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites**, in whose land I live. **But you shall go to my father’s family and to my own kindred, and take a wife for my son**.’ “And I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ “But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before whom I walk will send His angel with you and prosper your way. **And you shall take a wife for my son from my kindred and from my father’s house**.’ “...this thing comes from the LORD... Here is Rebecca before you. Take her and go, and let her be your master’s son’s wife, as the LORD has spoken.” Genesis 24:1-4, 37, 38, 40, 50, 51

Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, “**Two nations (goyim) are in your womb**, and two peoples will be separated from within you. One people will be stronger than the other, and **the older will serve the younger**.” Genesis 25:21-23

Then the LORD appeared to him (**Isaac**) and said: ... “Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. And **I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven**. I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My requirements, My commands, My decrees, and My laws. Genesis 26:2-4,5

And the LORD appeared to him (**Isaac**) the same night and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. **I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.**” Genesis 26:24

When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekeh. And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?” Genesis 26:34,35; 27:46

So he (Jacob) went to him (Isaac) and kissed him (Isaac). When Isaac caught the smell of his (Jacob’s) clothes, he blessed him (Jacob) and said, “May God give you (Jacob) of heaven’s dew and of earth’s richness, of the abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed, and those who bless you be blessed..” Genesis 27:27-29

Then **Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him**, and said to him: “**You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan**. Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, **that you may become a multitude of peoples**; and give you ‘**the blessing of Abraham**’, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.” Genesis 28:1-4

He (Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD standing above him, and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. **Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth**, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and through your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Genesis 28:13,14,15

Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came. Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel, by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done. But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. And make marriages with us.

Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves."

Now it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain (all the men of the city of Shechem being circumcised), that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males. And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went out. Genesis 34:1,2,5-9, 25-26

Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. Genesis 37:3

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; **does my father still live?**"

... Then they (Joseph's brothers) went up out of the land of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father. And they told him saying, "**Joseph is still alive! And he is governor over all the land of Egypt.**" And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. Then Israel said, "It is enough. **Joseph my son is still alive!**

**I will go and see him before I die."** Genesis 45:3,25-28

Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father is sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you". And Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed. Then **Jacob** said to Joseph: "**God Almighty appeared to me at Luz**, in the land of Canaan, **and blessed me, and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of peoples**, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.' And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine." And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, **bless the lads**; Let my name be named upon them, and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac. **And may they increase greatly in the midst of the earth.**" Genesis 48:1-5, 15,16

When Israel is on his deathbed, and desired to bless all his sons before he died, **he first began by giving his best blessings to his favorite son Joseph**. Israel gives Joseph's sons, his two grandsons, full inheritance as sons, with his other 12 sons.

**And then Israel again blesses Joseph by giving Joseph's youngest son, Ephraim, his greatest blessing that both God and Jacob's forefathers had passed on to Jacob... that Ephraim would become 'the fullness of the goyim', 'the fullness or multitude of the peoples/nations of Israel.'** (from Genesis 48:19)

**Jacob blesses Joseph by passing on to Joseph's son Ephraim the same kind of blessings that God had first given to Abraham, then to Isaac, and then to Jacob!**

Joseph was not only Israel's favorite son of his old age, but he was also his firstborn son of his wife Rachel, the wife that he loved the most. Jacob had gone down into Egypt, not just to see his son Joseph before he died, but of all his 12 sons, he most earnestly desired to pass on to this son, Joseph, **the family blessing** before he died.

Israel went down into Egypt to pass on to Joseph **'the blessing of Abraham'**!

**How do we know this? Because we have just read it in the scriptures, and because the Hebrew word 'goy' does not only refer to Gentiles, but the word 'goy' also specifically refers to the peoples of Israel, and to the nation Israel.**

Many examples of this use of 'goy' found in the Jewish Holy Scriptures (in Hebrew) are: **Genesis 12:2; Genesis 17:4,5,16; Genesis 18:18; Genesis 25:23; Genesis 48:19; Exodus 19:6; Psalm 33:12; Isaiah 1:4; Isaiah 26:2; Jeremiah 31:36; Jeremiah 33:24.**

Both Israel and God passed on to Joseph's son Ephraim both **'the family blessing'** and also **'the right of the first-born son'**. (See Genesis 48:19,20 and Jeremiah 31:9)

Their family line was so important to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! It is inconceivable that Jacob would bless his favorite and most loved son Joseph, and his grandson Ephraim, with the heritage of 'a Gentile line'. This would have been equivalent to giving them the **greatest curse!** It makes no sense. It is really absurd. And as the Word of God has so clearly shown in many places, **Jacob's entire family history forbade such a violation!**

Intermarriage was forbidden! We see this truth so clearly from God's Word in God's teachings through Moses in the Sinai, to the 12 tribes of Israel, and also throughout the early history of the nation of Israel. **'Do not intermarry with them! Do not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons.** For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods. And the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.' Deuteronomy 7:3,4

See also Exodus 34:14-16; Joshua 23:11-13; Ezra 9:1-3,10-12;

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