**Eternal Issues, Lesson Six**

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*~next week, must leave by 6:50*

Isa 44:6-8 NASU

 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.

Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;

Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,

From the time that I established the ancient nation.

And let them declare to them the things that are coming

And the events that are going to take place.

Do not tremble and do not be afraid;

Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?

And you are My witnesses.

Is there any God besides Me,

Or is there any other Rock?

I know of none."

**Brief recap of Day One and Two:**

* Day One: Adam, humanity, Nephilim
* <conditions on the earth>
* Noah and the Flood
* “RESET” for earth
* All humanity comes from Shem, Ham and Japheth
* Nephilim and giants on the earth again [remember Eccl. 1:9-11]
* Tower of Babel (Nimrod, from Cush, from Ham)
* Abram at end of Day Two

\*Map slide here\* *Nimrod’s Babylonian Empire*

What we’re going to do in this lesson and the rest of the timeline is apply three objectives simultaneously:

1. Keep track of Israel and its tribes.
2. Observe world conditions and events.
3. What is God doing? What is God saying?

Abram is born ten generations from Noah, but Noah AND Shem are still alive in Abram’s day. In fact, Abram is 58 when Noah dies. There is an excellent chance Abraham learned from Noah and Shem. Abram lived in the land of Ur of the Chaldeans, but left for Canaan with his father’s household, yet didn’t make it there because they settled in Haran.

In Haran, God called Abram to leave his father’s household (Genesis 12) and go to the land God showed him. [Canaan, which was to become his seed’s inheritance] Abraham died in Canaan.

Gen 17:1-8

*Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him,*

*“I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless.*

***I will establish My covenant between Me and you****, and I will multiply you exceedingly."*

*Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,*

*"As for Me, behold,* ***My covenant is with you****, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations.*

*No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham;*

*For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.*

*I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you****. I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you****. 8 " I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."*

God covenants with Abraham to:

* Multiply Abraham exceedingly
* Make him the father of a multitude of nations
* Make him exceedingly fruitful
* Make nations of him
* Bring kings from him
* Give his descendants the land of Canaan

We’re going to track that covenant and those promises throughout the timeline.

If you’ll remember, God told Abraham his descendants would come into captivity for four hundred years, but in the “fourth generation” they would come back “here” – [Canaan] … because the sin of the Amorites hadn’t reached its full measure. [Gen 15:13-16]

The captivity the Israelites encounter is in Egypt, considered the world power at the time. [most historians say its world power reign was about 1500 B.C. to about 1000 B.C.]

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Ex 9:14-17 NASU

*For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people,* ***so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth****. For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.* ***But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.***

Ex 11:7 NASU

 *But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast,* ***that you may understand how the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel…***

**Day Three** confronts this World Power with the power of God.

Let’s look at some of the gods and creatures of Egypt and their correlation in the Word…

Shedu: **human** from the waist up, with bull horns and ears, **bull** from the waist down, with wings

 7700 shed “a doemon, (as in malignant)”

 Deut. 32:17 KJV

*They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.*

 Psalm 106:37 KJV

*Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,*

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Sphinx: **lion** with a **human** head (though sometimes woman, ram or eagle)

 739 ariy’el “lion of God”, from 738 “lion” and 410 “strength, mighty”

2 Sam 23:20 KJV

 *And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow*

2 Sam 23:20 YLT

*And Benaiah son of Jehoiada (son of a man of valour, great in deeds from Kabzeel), he hath smitten two lion-like men of Moab, and he hath gone down and smitten the lion in the midst of the pit in a day of snow.*

Repeated in 1 Chronicles 11:22

Sphinx found in Greece, Ethiopia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Burma…

Oldest sphinx frond in Gobekli Tepe, Turkey, c. 9500 B.C.

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“Lowenmensch” German: lion person [body of a man, head of a lion]

oldest zoomorphic sculpture in history, found in1839, dates 32,000 years…

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Satyr: **goat/man** faces and bodies of men/ears, legs, tails of goats

 8163 sa’iyr (satyr) “shaggy; a he-goat, a faun”

Lev 17:7 NASU

 *" They shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons with which they play the harlot. This shall be a permanent statute to them throughout their generations."'*

2 Chron 11:15 KJV

*And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.*

Isa 13:21 KJV “goat demons”… “shaggy goats”

*But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

Isa 34:14 KJV “hairy goat”… “demon”

*The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.*

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Smallest list of Egyptian gods I could find was 39, largest was up to 2000, but that incorporated local and city gods, changed names gods, etc. It seems there are 39-114 primary gods of Egypt at the time they were considered a world power.

Osiris & Isis – brother/sister, husband/wife, king/queen of Egypt

Horus – god of war, sky and falcons, son of Osiris and Isis

Ra (or Re) – sun god

Anubis – caretaker of the dead, son of Ra (Re) [son of Osiris and Nephtys]

Thoth (Djehuti) – god of wisdom, creator of world

19 picture slides in a row [last one is b/w]

Egypt deliverance via Moses and God:

Moses’ ROD.

Rod was a symbol of authority and rank by Egyptian custom, the nobles and officials in the court of Pharoah carried them.

Changed the rod into a serpent, another idol of Egypt’s. [serpent worship principle part of their idol worship system] Aaron’s rod/serpent ate theirs. Ex. 7:12

Egyptian plagues:

1. Water into blood: NILE
2. Frogs
3. Gnats
4. Flies
5. Dead animals
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Darkness
10. Death of firstborn
11. Water into blood: NILE
	1. NILE river was a place of worship to Egypt Exodus 7:15
	2. “…because the Nile was an object of superstitious reverence-the patron deity of the country. It was most probably on occasion of a solemn religious ceremony;” (from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1997, 2003, 2005, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
	3. River god Nu (or Noah) – Niloa, principle festival of Egypt to the Nile River
	4. The Nile was the only potable water in Egypt
	5. Exodus 7:20 *“And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.”*
	6. **“Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded - i.e., they inflicted this first plague at the moment (Ex 7:15) when the Nile god was receiving, or about to receive, the devoted homage of the Egyptian monarch. It was a blow to the system of that national worship, in which the Egyptians chiefly gloried.”** (from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1997, 2003, 2005, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
	7. This was also a testimony to the Hebrew babies killed in the Nile by the Egyptians and was also a demonstration of Moses’ authority, that at the strike of his rod the consequences were inflicted.
12. Frogs
	1. Frogs were considered a national symbol of superstition in Egypt
	2. The plague of the frogs demonstrated a rebuke of this idolatry.
	3. [see the chart of the Khnemu – deified snakes and frogs]
13. Gnats
	1. [“lice” is another translation. “mosquito” is considered the most accurate translation]
	2. Called the plague forth from striking the dust, again with his rod, depicting authority even over the very ground, earth, dirt.
	3. “this is the finger of God” – Egyptian magicians
14. Flies
	1. Distinction between Goshen and rest of Egypt, lest there be any more attributing the plagues to local deities, God drew a line of distinction that they would see it was the God of the Hebrews, and not the gods of the land
	2. Not considered average flies… the word translated “flies” does not even exist and was added by the translators. It’s considered to be the gadfly, dog fly, cockroach or Egyptian beetle … symbol of the winged asp in Lower Egypt was a tutelary deity.
	3. **“In the Septuagint the insect that plagued the Egyptians is called [kunomuia] dog-fly; and this circumstance is deserving of some consideration, as the translators of that version were in the very country which was the scene of the judgment. 'Moreover, the Egyptians held the dog in the greatest veneration, worshipping that animal under the name of Anubis; and consequently the punishment of the dog-fly must have been felt by that people as particularly severe.”** (from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1997, 2003, 2005, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
15. Dead animals
	1. The Egyptians venerated all work animals, cattle, oxen, rams, etc. and they were reared in their temples, and divine honors were paid to them
	2. Yet another blow to their idolatry
16. Boils
	1. The brick kiln was a symbol of the Hebrew’s oppression for their hours making bricks, which now became the origin of the chastisement of the most painful plague yet.
	2. There was also the practice of the Egyptians of sacrificing human victims to the god of evil, Typon. They would then cast up the ashes of the victims and any person whom a flake landed on was supposed to have immunity from evil. This would be an affront to such a god, and instead of immunity from the ashes of the furnace, they would be afflicted with painful sores.
17. Hail
	1. Exodus 9:14 “For I will at this time send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people; that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.”
	2. gods of the skies, storms, winds and air…
18. Locusts
	1. Exodus 10:2 *And that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that you may know how that I am the LORD.*
	2. again, brought forth by Moses’ rod
	3. gods of protection, etc.
19. Darkness
	1. Sun god, Ra, nowhere to be found
	2. Yet light was in Goshen…
20. Death of firstborn
	1. Exodus 11:5 **”The first-born were selected for the victims of this fatal plague, since, from the pre-eminence attached in ancient times to the primogeniture, they represented the elite of the nation; and the being who displayed his terrible power in the slaughter of the first-born might extend it to the entire destruction of the people.”** (from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1997, 2003, 2005, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)

PASSOVER

MOSAIC LAW

Deut 4:32-40 NASU

 *"Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and inquire from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything been done like this great thing, or has anything been heard like it? Has any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard it, and survived? Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within another nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him. Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire. Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great power, driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today. Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.”*

Sojourn to the Promised Land…

**1410 B.C**. Large portions of the Simeonites, Ephraimites, Naphthalites, Gadites and Reubenites emigrate from Israel because of the biting serpents]

[see Numbers 21 & 26 (tribes decreased 61,020 by males, up to 250,000 with wives and children) for account]

 Became known as “Milesians”, banner of biting serpents, known as Scythians

 Emigrated eventually to Gaul, Britain and Spain, and then a large group to Ireland

*“…bearing aloft through all their wanderings the Sacred Banner, which symbolized to them at once their origin and their mission, the blessing and the promise given to their race. This celebrated standard, the "Sacred Banner of the Milesians," was a flag on which was represented a dead serpent and the rod of Moses…”*

Source: <http://www.libraryireland.com/Atlas/I-Milesians.php>

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\*two map slides here\* *showing/explaining “Gaul” Emigrated eventually to Gaul, Britain and Spain, and then a large group to Ireland*

Judges 17:6 and 21:25

*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

**1380-1045 B.C.** Judges: 410 years

 296 years of peace & prosperity (good)

 114 years of affliction & judgment (bad)

 72% good

 Cycled: bad 8 years, good 40 years, bad 18 years, 80 good years, etc.

Sidenote: compare that with the reigns of the kings:

United Kingdom: [3 kings x 40 years/ea = 120 years]

100% good unless you count Saul’s decline then it’s 90% good

Israel: 19 kings in 209 years 100% bad

Judah: 19 kings in 345 years 55% good

\*three map slides here\* *first shows Assyrian Empire 3000-1000 B.C., second shows Assyrian Empire 1800 B.C., third one shows Assyrian expansions up to 1100 B.C.*

**1230-1190 B.C.**

“Danaans” or “Danauna” as recorded by the Greeks: seafaring people in eastern Mediterranean [Encyclopedia Britannica] aka: “Sea Peoples”

Tribe of Dan (see Judges 5:17) described as a nautical way of life

*In Deborah’s Song as she goes through the tribes she states, “And Dan, why does he sojourn in ships?*

Samson: famous Danite (Judges 13)

**1200 B.C.** Mediterranean Sea conditions considered “lawless”

**1100-900 B.C.**

Israel increased in power and geography

 Assyria declined in power and geography

**DAY FOUR**

**1010-970 B.C.** KING DAVID REIGN

 Ruled Israel for 40 years

 <standing army of 1,570,000 without Levi or Benjamin>

 (USA has a current army of 1,429,995/Russia 766,000)

 Israel’s population 6,000,000 [Israel 4M, Judah 2M]

 Gathered materials for Solomon to make the Temple

 Israel was the dominant world power at the time of David’s death

\*two map slides here\* of Israel’s Kingdom in David’s Reign, then of Assyria’s shrinking kingdom

**1000-800 B.C.** in NORTH AMERICA

*Overwhelming evidence of the Old World’s awareness of the New World… even Plato spoke of different common knowledge events of exploration of the “continent that seals off the Atlantic Ocean on the West”, as archaeologist Cyrus Gordon refers to from Plato’s 360 B.C. dialogue known as* ***Timaeus****.*

*Dr. Barry Fell America B.C. excellent resource for overwhelming evidence of America being mined, explored and even settled 3000 years before Christopher Columbus set foot on the east coast.*

**Rendered a “period of significant Old World exploration of the New World”**

**Was being heavily mined at this time, copper mines were worked to exhaustion**

**Lake Superior had 500 million pounds of metallic copper removed**

**Hidden Mountain, near Los Lunas, New Mexico discovered a large stone with the Ten Commandments written on it in ancient Hebrew, circa 1000 b.c. (not translated until 1949)**

**Ancient structures in North America linked to Phoenicians**

*Evidence found in New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts*

**“Adena” civilization in Ohio Valley 1000 B.C.-500 A.D.**

*Robert Lenhart TheAdena Tablets presents the overwhelming evidence and data of a highly cultured people living for 1500 years in the Ohio Valley with artifacts in ancient Punic (Phoenician), Greek and Libyan Arabic, Celtic, Iberian and Hebrew inscriptions… with tablets in Punic and basic Semitic languages.*

[1979] From Roberta Smith in an article published in the *Epigraphic Society Occasional Publications*, taken from Steven M. Collins’ book, Israel’s Lost Empires:

*When the early settlers of Plymouth Colony and the first French missionaries arrived in this country they found curious stone structures and the native Americans using scripts. These facts were duly reported to their superiors, but…the reports remained in the mother countries and the burgeoning new nation quickly forgot about them.* ***In the late 1800s, the Smithsonian issued a pronouncement that Columbus had been the first to discover America, and archaeologists and historians who disagreed with that view were politely asked to resign their positions in the universities.*** *Thus, for several generations American archaeologists…have been so thoroughly conditioned to the idea that no pre-Columbian contact was possible that now they find it exceedingly difficult to recognize significant data when it is encountered.”* [emphasis added]

**1000 B.C.**  BRAZIL

 BRZL = “iron” = Brazil [contains 25% of the world’s iron]

 Phoenicians called Brazil the “Island of Iron” and mined it

 531 B.C. the Sidonians landed in Brazil to get raw materials from the “island of iron”

**1012-935 B.C.** Assyria in dire straits

**1000 B.C.** Mediterranean Sea merchants began using the Sea again

**990 B.C.** – decisive battle of Mesopotamia against Israel

2-stage battle – Ammon [descendants of Lot] instigated Assyria, Babylon, Syria and others to wage war against Israel, only not outright. They hired mercenaries to make it look like rogue attacks.

32,000 chariots for Mesop/Assyria/Ammon (hired)

1400 chariots for King David

1. 2-front battle (Israel was surrounded and had to fight two different directions)
2. Syria against Israel (Mesopotamia nations retreated, Assyria retreated)
	1. 47,000 Syrians killed
	2. DEFEATED by Israel

\*[Assyria was weak during Kings David and Solomon]

\*map slide here\* *of Israel’s kingdom under David and Solomon with Phoenicia and Philistia*

**1000-700 B.C.** **Israelite/Phoenician alliance became the WORLD’s foremost military power of the time**

 “Phoenicia” was an alliance of Israel and the city-states of Tyre, Sidon and smaller city-states

 “Phoenicia” is the Greek word for “Canaan” [Encyclopedia Judaica]

 Greek age of Homer was the same age as Kings David & Solomon reigns

 Homer first coined “Phoinike” for Canaan

 Phoenicia was a descriptive term not used by the inhabitants of the region

 It’s the Greek worldview asserted to us now, making obscure the original meaning…

**PHOENICIAN DATA POINTS:**

Phoenician maritime skills [see pp 206 of Origins…]

Fleets superior

Sailed in the times of Kings David and Solomon

 Science of navigation was superior, invented the compass

 Made trans-Atlantic voyages

 Had a regular port-of-call off the coast of Maine

 Recorded longitude lines

(which were later not recorded as being rediscovered until the 18th century, after the Dark Ages, rendered obscure between 146ish B.C. and the 18th century)

 Masters of almost all European nations

 Introduced the sciences, navigation, battering ram, astronomy, and letters (**alphabet**)

New pottery originated in this time period: bichrome, trichrome, red-polished ware with no prototypes

ALPHABET, writing moved from drawings to letter characters, phonetic alphabet originated with Phoenicia

 Phoenician alphabet and Hebrew alphabet nearly identical

 Greeks learned their alphabet from the Phoenicians

**970-931 B.C.**  KING SOLOMON’S Reign

*Israel’s devotion to foreign gods lasted from Solomon’s death until the fall of Israel in 721 B.C. (210 years)*

**934-912 B.C.** Assyrian Empire climb back to its former power

**913 B.C.** Israelite Civil War

*Israel lost 500,000 soldiers against Judah (****almost half their military****)*

**911-891 B.C**. restoration of Assyrian strength and military, resurgence of power

**900-721 B.C.** frequent Assyrian attacks against Israel until Samaria fell in 721 B.C.

*(clearly Assyria was seeking vengeance for the loss of power and dominion to Israel back in the day)*

**900-666 B.C.** long period of Assyrian victories

\*two map slides here\* *first Assyria’s Empire during Isaiah’s time (745-702 B.C.), the second is Assyria’s reign after Israel and Judah had fallen, through 671 B.C.*

**874-853 B.C.** Reign of Ahab, 7th King of Israel

*Huge Israelite population emigrated from Israel via Phoenician fleets during the drought of Elijah. Founded a completely new colony: CARTHAGE to host refugees.*

**850-840 B.C.** {814-3 by certain secular sources} CARTHAGE *FOUNDED [Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and Encyclopedia Britannica date its founding at 850-840 B.C.]*

 *Dido, Phoenician Queen, grandniece of Jezebel and Ahab ruled*

 Native name of Carthage: Karta Hadasha

 Kirjath-Hadeschath = “New Town” or “New City”

 Immigrants called it “Kirjath”

 Greeks called it “Karchedon”

 Romans called it “Carthago”

*Language of Carthage was very close to Hebrew*

*Carthaginian leaders were called “judges” as opposed to Kings, in Hebrew tradition, because they were considered a colony of Phoenicia/Israel instead of its own settlement*

*Carthaginians were referred to as “Punic” (Latin for Phoenician) and as the “Western Phoenicians”*

PUNIC [Latin for Phoenician]

Western Phoenicians

**854 B.C.** Assyrian invasion of Israel (under Israeli King Ahab)

**849 B.C.** Assyrian invasion of Israel (under Israeli King Ahab)

**846 B.C.** Assyrian invasion of Israel (under Israeli King Ahab)

**800 B.C.** earliest records of Aramaic (language) found in northern Syria – considered a modern square Hebrew alphabet

**786-746 B.C.** Reign of Jeroboam II, 14th King of Israel

 JONAH

*Jonah was the prophet during Jeroboam’s 41 year reign. Although Scripture tells us Jeroboam was found evil in the eyes of the Lord , the nation of Israel was strengthened and their border expanded again, according to a word given to Jeroboam FROM Jonah (2Kings 14:25). Jonah actually responded to the word of the Lord out of protection for Israel, as Nineveh was a major enemy of Israel, so he resigned himself to death rather than bring a word that would favor Nineveh and perhaps even strengthen them… It was ultimately an act of sacrifice on the part of Jonah…*

 Nineveh was the capital of Assyria (Israel’s major enemy)

**750-500 B.C.** Greece drove out Phoenicians in Italy and a number of Mediterranean provinces, replacing them with Grecian emigrants into various colonies, almost encircling Carthage.

 Displaced Phoenicians fled to Carthage.

 Displaced Tyre refugees fled to Carthage.

**745 B.C.** Israelites carried into captivity

**740 B.C.** Tiglath-pileser, Assyrian King, invaded Israel

 Took captive Naphtali, Reuben, Gad & ½ tribe of Manasseh [2Kings 15:29; 1Chron 5:26]

Many Israelites fled/emigrated **from** Israel in the next decades to escape the coming Assyrian conquest and subsequent captivity

SPAIN (also called Tarshish and Iberia) was a common point of fleeing and then regrouping to move again

Region east of the Black Sea and north of Armenia came to be known as “Iberia” and was a well-known resettlement location for emigrating or fleeing Israelites. Spain was long-called the “Iberian Peninsula”.

**734 B.C.** 1/3 of Israel’s population taken captive by Tiglath-pileser (Assyrian King)

**722-705 B.C.** Israelites who migrated to the Black Sea region known as **SCYTHIANS**

*Gen 21:12 (NASU) But God said to Abraham, " … for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.”*

 Scythians = Sacae = Saka [Isaac w/out vowels S-C] [Asian sons of Isaac]

 Encyclopedia Britannica: “Saka [Sacae] and Scyths…were regarded as synonymous.”

 Persians called Scythian tribes “Sacae”

 Latin writers used “x” for “c”, called them “Saxoi” or “Saxones”

Scythian powers developed by Black Sea and east of Assyria

 Israelites who went into captivity settled:

 Assyria [2Kings 15:29]

 Cities of Medes (north of Iran) [2 Kings 17:6]

 Russian steppes from south

 Steppes east of Caspian Sea

 Black Sea (northern Scythians)

 East of Assyria (eastern Scythians)

*Paul wrote in Colossians 3:11: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.* “Barbarian” means foreigner or alien, implying foreigners and Scythians were opposites

Paul was in Tarsus, of Asia Minor, and would have been more familiar with the Black Sea Scythians than the Jews from Judean… Paul clearly considers barbarians and Scythians opposites…

“…there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while **the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers.”**

 Flavius Josephus, 1st century A.D.

 Jewish military commander, Pharisee, and historian

**721 B.C.** FALL OF SAMARIA (Israel’s capital)

 27,290 inhabitants of Samaria taken to cities of Medes [2Kings 17:6]

 (Israel was sufficiently scattered now)

**720 B.C.** greatest influx of Tuatha de Danaan to Ireland [tribe of Dan descendants]

**Simonii landed in Wales and Southern England [tribe of Simeon descendants]**

 **Were called “Brythonic Celts”**

 **From BRTH (Hebrew word for covenant), known as the “Covenanters”**

 \*See “Israelites: The “Covenant People” Chart [handout]

Celts origin was well-known to be Israelite, settling in the British Isles originally then later moving on.

*Ps 72:10 The kings of Tarshish* ***and of the isles*** *shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.*

*Isa 24:15 Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires, even the name of the Lord God of Israel* ***in the isles of the sea****.*

*Jer 25:22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon,* ***and the kings of the isles*** *which are beyond the sea,*

**Israelites who fled to the Black Sea were called by the Greeks “Scythians” or “Sacae” and did not worship Baal.**

2 slides: \*God’s Covenant with Abraham slide here\* followed by \*Isa 44:6-8 NASU slide here\*

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