

¿Quién Somos?

- What does it mean to be Hispanic, Mexican, Chicano, and/or Latino?
- Where did our ancestors come from before they arrived in Spain?
- Are Hispanic people mentioned in the Bible?
- Where did our ancestors come from before they came to the new world and the Southwest?
- Did the Prophets of old speak about the Hispanic people?
- Does Elohim Have a plan for Hispanic people in these troublesome times we live in?

Now What is our Legacy?

Our Legacy - Our Destiny "If we don't know where we came from, we don't know where we are going".

Our Identity

"If we don't know from who we came from, we don't know who we are".

Our Thesis

"Some" of the Hispanic people in the Southwest are descendents of the Sephardic Jews who have been in the Iberian Peninsula since the time of Solomon.

In this study we will trace the *People of the Book,* from our father Abraham, to the American Southwest in our present time.

Psalm 126 - A Song of Degrees

"When YHVH turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the Govim, YHVH has done great things for them. ³ YHVH has done great things for us; we are glad. 4 Turn again our captivity, O YHVH, as the streams in the Negev. 5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that go's forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." - Let Us Pray

Glossary of Terms

Name of the Creator

"- YHWH = I Am, Best translation is YAH-WEH. Translated as LORD. Never Jehovah, Yahuah, or HaShem, (to used ONLY for reading, prayer & teaching)

Titles of the Creator

קלוֹהִים Elohim = Mighty One, Translated as generically as God. אַרוֹנֵי -Adonai = Master, Translated as Lord.

Name of the Savior

ישרע - Yeshua = Salvation. Never Yahshua (ישרע is never found)

Titles of the Savior

מוֹשִׁיחַ- Messiah = The Anointed One

'בְּ- Rabbi = Teacher, Great One

κύριος - Master, Translated as Lord, for YHWH/Adonai, Men, Idols.

Holy Spirit

רוַח Ruach- = Spirit/Breath/Wind הקרש – HaKodesh = Holy

Church

קהילה -Kehillah = Called-Out Assembly, Translated as "Church" εκκλησια –Ekklesia = Called-Out Assembly, Translated as "Church"

Hebrew- Ivrit, from the other side

Yisrael- Israel, Jacob/Yaakov's name

Israelite- Descendent of Jacob/Israel

Yehuda-Judah/Jew (All Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews)

House of Israel- Northern Kingdom

House of Israel-Southern Kingdom

Converso- A convert

Nuevo Creyente- a new believer

Nuevo Cristiano- a new Christian

Marrano- a swine

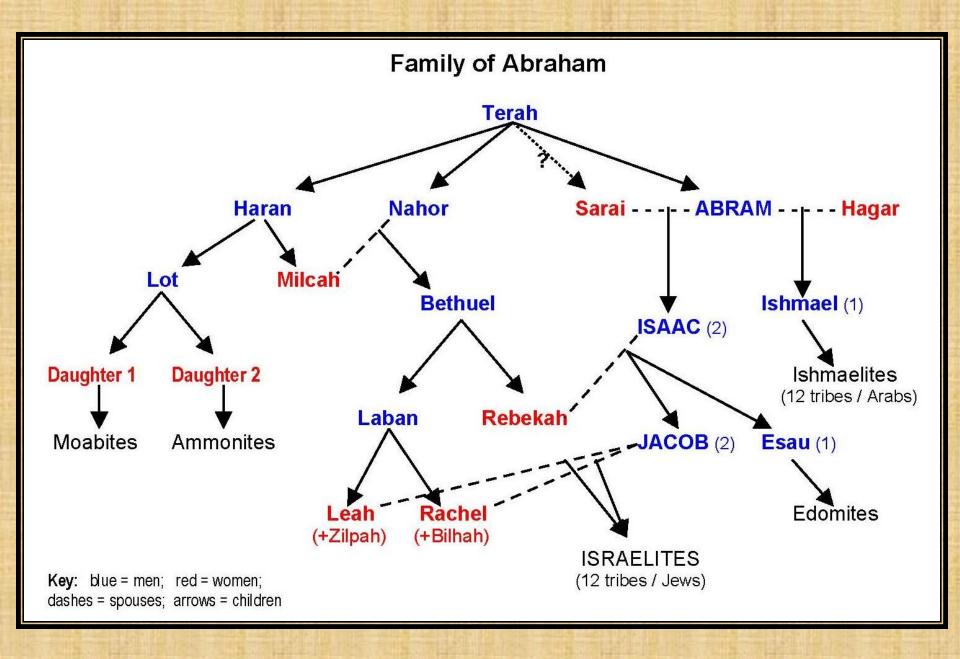
Crypto Jew - the secret adherence to Judaism by Converts

Anusim- those forced to adhere to another faith

B'nai Anusim- Descendents of those forced to adhere to another faith

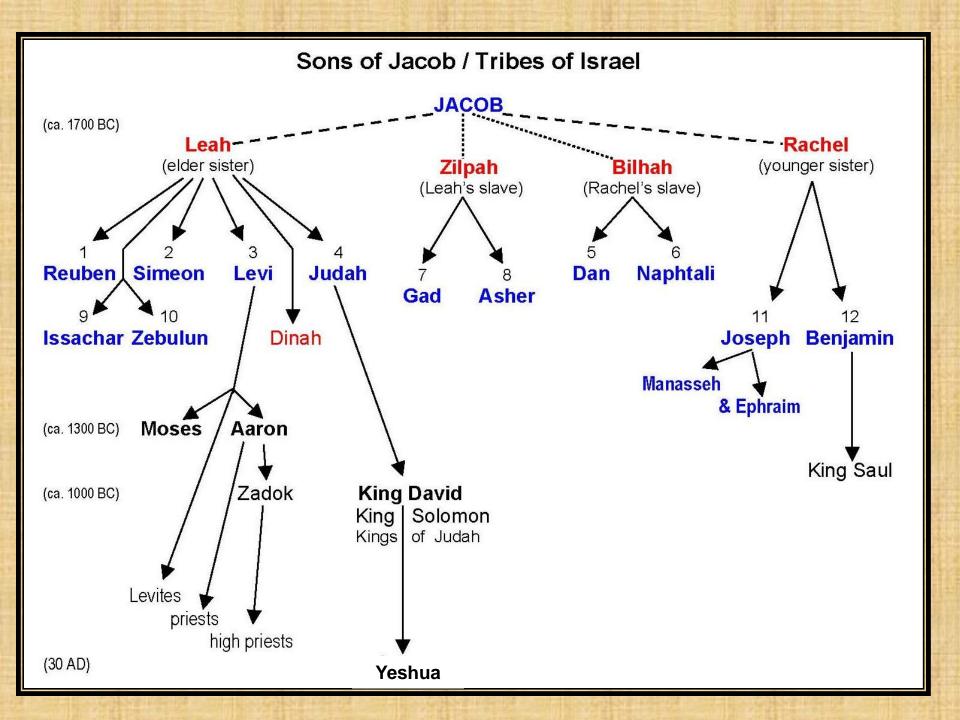
Origins

- Our journey begins over 4000 years ago with the land of "Spain", the Iberian Peninsula. Iberia dates back to before 2000 BCE (BCE-means "Before the Common Era" of Rome).
- The word Iberia means the same as the word "Eber"ia/Heberia which means "Hebrews Land". The root Hebrew word was originally spelled with an "I" and later spelled with an "E". The word is- "Ibr", (pronounced E-bed) or Eber. "Eber" is the great grandson of Shem (B'resheet /Genesis10:21-25). Shem's grandson "Salah" called his son "Eber" from the Hebrew word "Abar" which means "to cross over". He must have left Mesopotamia at this time and "crossed over".
- The genealogy continues from Eber to Peleg "for in his day was the earth divided" (B'resheet (Genesis)10:25), to Reu, to Serug, to Nahor, to Terah to Abram. Where did the other sons "crossover" to???
- Abram was called out of Ur and became our Father Abraham, he also left and "crossed over" to Canaan and was called the "Hebrew".



The Fertile Crescent







The Land of Canaan at the time of the Patriarchs:

Avraham, Issak, Yaakov, & the 12 Sons





Egyptian Sojourn and Exodus

- Joseph sold to Egypt by Ten Brothers
 - Jacob and 70 souls go to Egypt
- The Children of Israel multiply for 400 years
 - Pharaoh Kill Male Babies
 - Moses Birth & Calling
 - First Passover
 - The Exodus

Great Sea (Mediterranean)

Canaan

Fraditional

Nile Delta

> Sinai Peninsula

Egypt

Route of the Exodus

Mt. Sinai

Red Sea

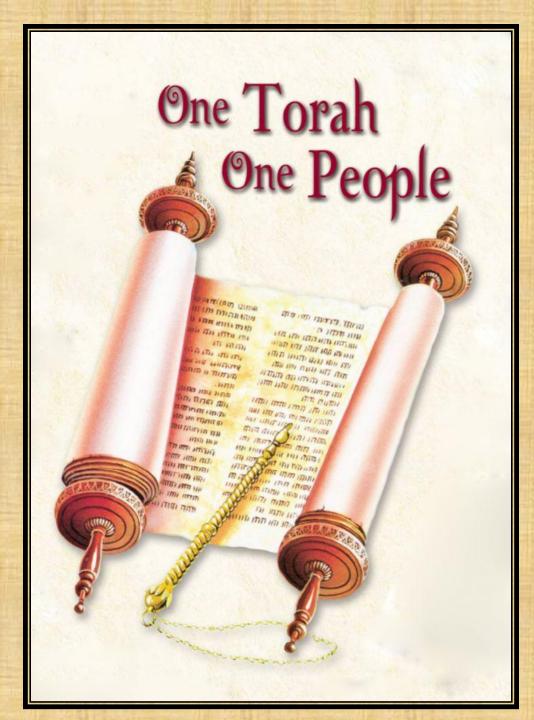
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Moses Delivers the Covenant from YHVH to the Children of Israel in three forms:

- Spoken,
 Written on Scroll,
- 3. On Tablets



One Torah

For Native & Stranger:

Exodus 12:49 "The Torah is to apply equally to the citizen and to the foreigner living among you."

Leviticus 24:22 "Ye shall have one Torah, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am YHVH your Elohim."

Numbers 15:16 "One Torah, one statute, will apply for you and the resident alien."

Isaiah 56:6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH, To minister to Him, and to love the name of YHVH, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant;"

Warning of Dispersion for Disobedience

- Deuteronomy 28:25 YHVH shall cause you to be smitten before your enemies: you shall go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shall be removed [dispersed] into all the kingdoms of the earth.
- Deuteronomy 28:63 And it shall come to pass, [that] as YHVH rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so YHVH will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and you shall be plucked from off the land whither you go to possess it. 64 - And YHVH shall scatter you among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known, [even] wood and stone. 65 - And among these nations shall you find no ease, neither shall the sole of your foot have rest: but YHVH shall give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: 66 - And your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear day and night, and shall have none assurance of your life:



Twelve Tribes of Israel

Manasseh Asher Naphtali Issachar **Ephraim** Benjamin Simeon

Zebulun Gad Dan Reuben Judah



The United Kingdoms of Saul, David, and Solmon 1000 - 924 BCE



Solomon's Israel

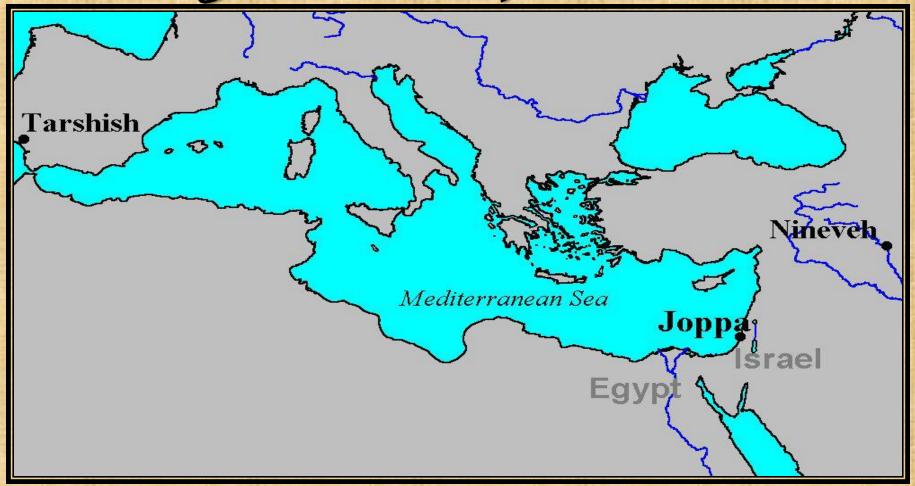
Solomon and Tarshish



Tarshish was located in what is now South-West Spain, in the country at the mouth of the river Guadalquivir. There was a considerable Israelite colony in Tarshish probably at the time of Solomon, and certainly as early as the destruction of his Temple. Phoenicia and Tarshish engaged in a substantial reciprocal trade. According to Strabo this important Hebrew-Israelite colony was established soon after the Trojan War.

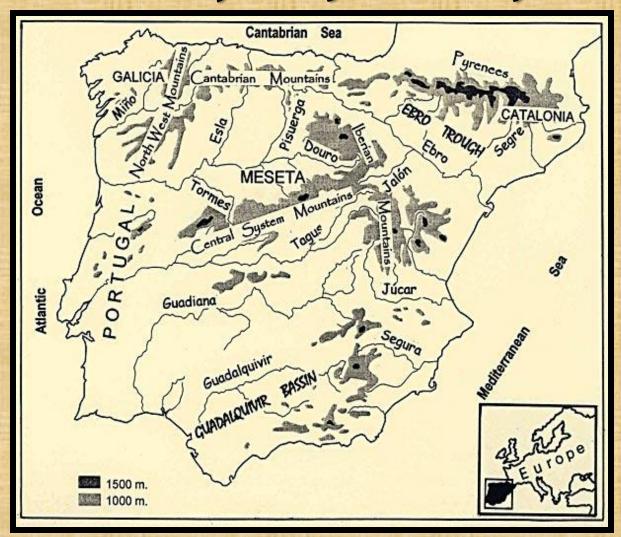


2 Chronicles 9- "For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory..." Jonah and Tarshish



Jon. 1: "But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of YHVH. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of YHVH."

The Iberian Peninsula



The word Iberia is a corruption of the word "Eber"ia / Heberia which means "Hebrew's Land". Eber (from whom the word Hebrew derives) was the grand-sire of the Hebrew Abraham (who was NOT Jewish - Judah was not born yet - he was

the great-grandson of Abraham) who in turn was the grand-dad of "Jacob/Israel" who sired the "12 Tribes of Israel"



<u>Divided</u> Kingdom

Two Captivities and Dispersions

• The Assyrian Captivity/Dispersion

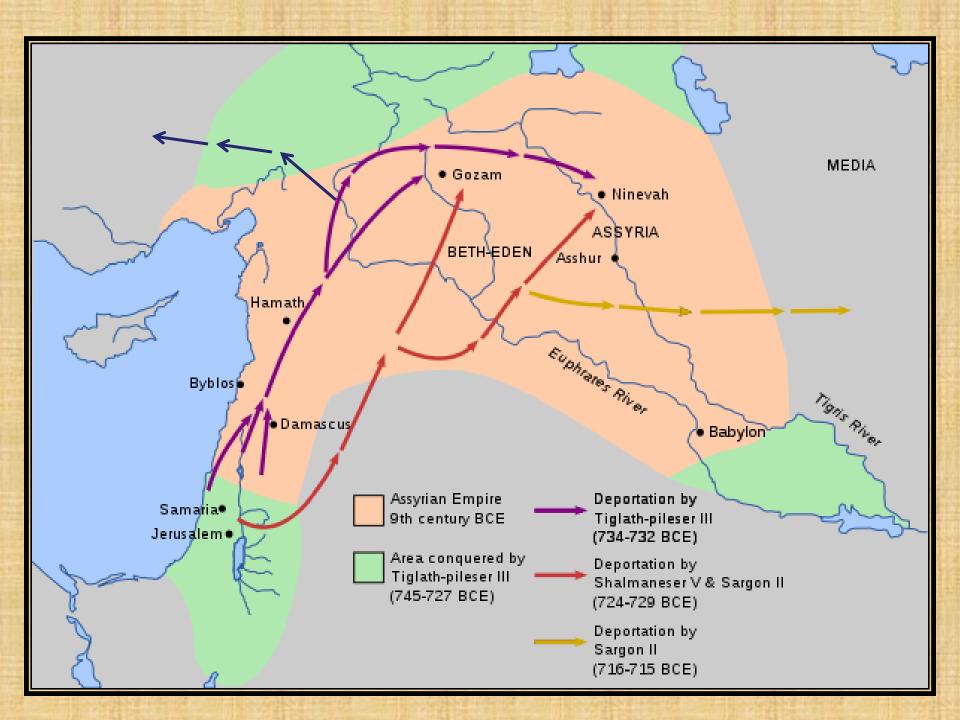
- In 722 BCE the Assyrians under Shalmaneser V conquered the (Northern) Kingdom of Israel

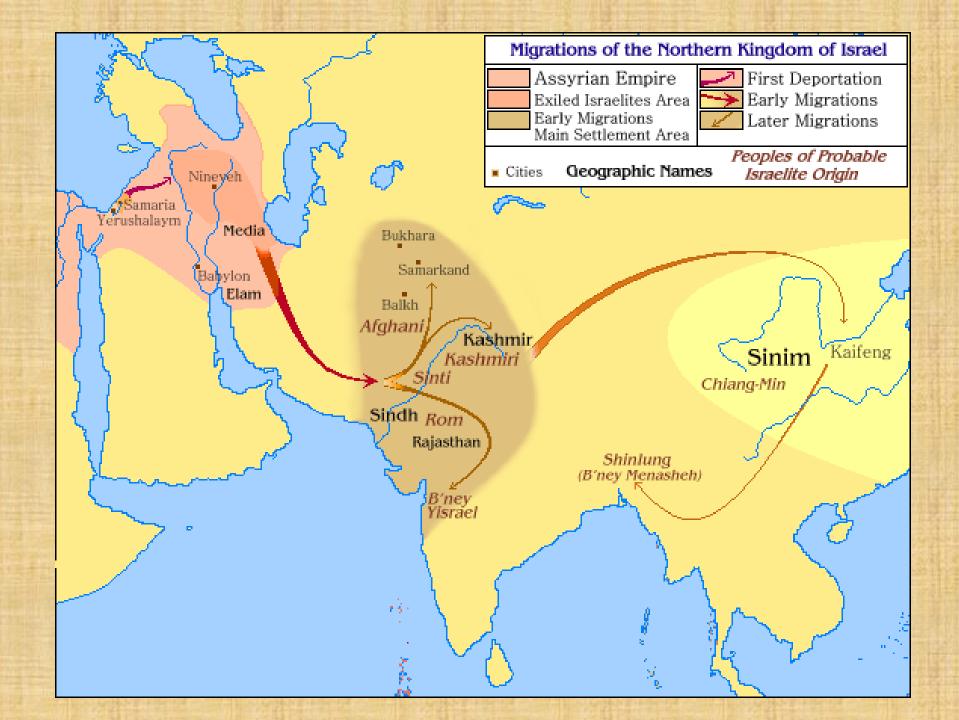
· The Babylonian Captivity/Dispersion

- From 605 B.C.E. to 537 B.C.E. (70 years) the Babylonians under Nebedchadnaazer conquered Judah destroying the Temple of Solomon in 586 B.C.E.

Predictions of Captivity and Dispersion

- Hosea 9:17 "My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations."
- Isaiah 66:19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them to the nations, to **Tarshish**, ...who have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.



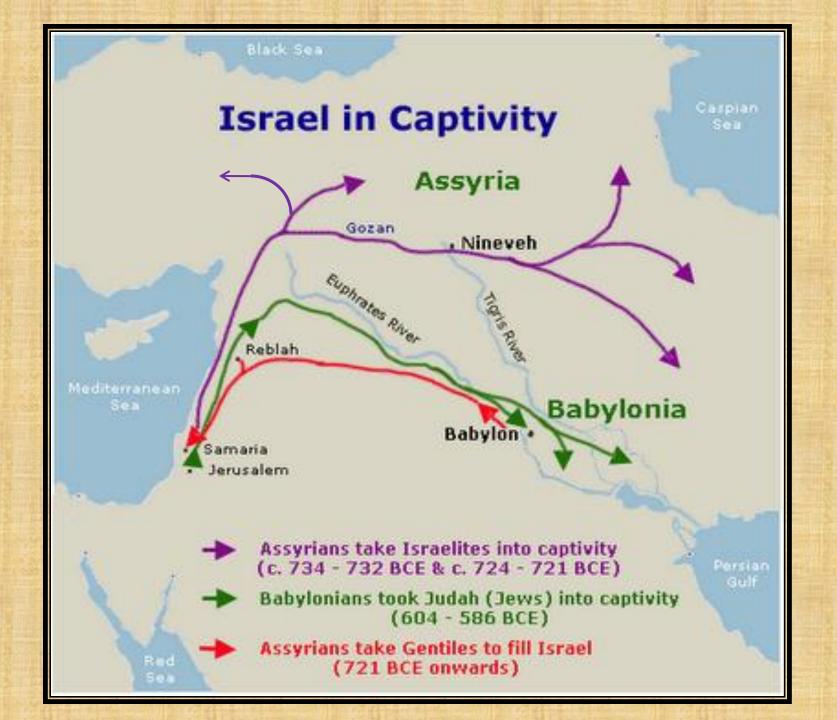


The "Lost" Tribes of Israel

- Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian, said at about 100AD:

 "The ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers."
- Isaiah 27:13 On that day a great shofar will sound. Those lost in the land of Ashur will come... and they will worship YHVH on the holy mountain in Yerushalayim.

וְהָיָהוּ בַּיּוֹם הַהֹּוּא יִתְּכַע בְּשׁוֹפָר נְּדוֹל וּבְאוּ הְאִבְדִים בְּאָרֵץ אַשׁׁוּר וְהַנִּדָּחִים בְּאָרֵץ מִצְרָיִם וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוְוּ לַיהוָה בְּהַר הַלֹּדֶשׁ בִּירוּשָׁלָם:





Obadiah

In the period of Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity that followed, there are references to the Jewish exiles which are in the West, in 'Sephard' ('Sephard' was the ancient Hebrew name for Spain).

Obadiah 1:20 "And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel, that are among the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and the captivity of Jerusalem, that is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the Negev."

אסט- Sefer = Scroll/Book-

Sepharad = Land of the Book/Torah Scroll

Roman Spain

The Romans first came to Spain in 206 B.C.E. when they invaded the Iberian Peninsula from the south. They fought the **Iberians**, and defeated them at Alcalá del Rio, which is near today's Seville. On this site Spain fell under Roman occupation for the next 700 years.

By the 1st cent. there was a sizable community of "Jews" in Hispania.



Paul and Spain

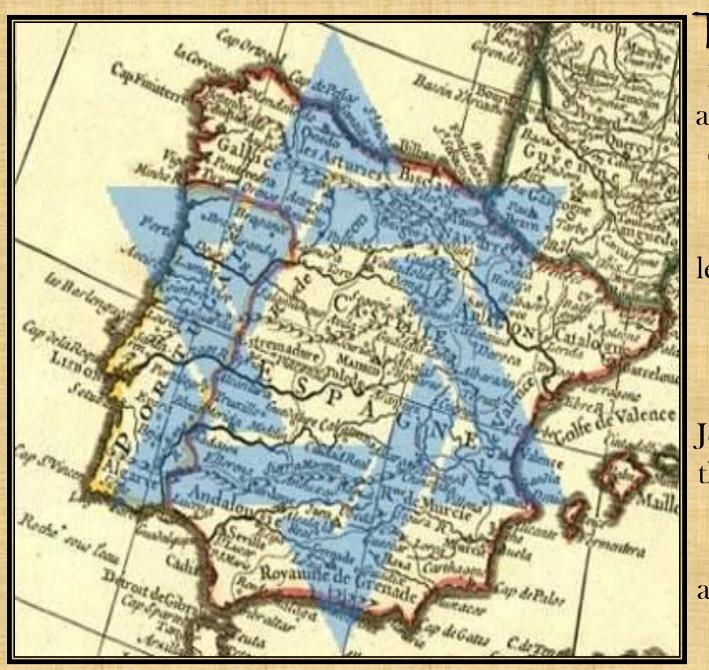
• There is the possibility that in the spring of A.D. 64 Paul traveled to Spain to do mission work, as he had hoped to do (cf. Romans 15:23,24). Some scholars have thought that if Paul did indeed go to Spain, he did so immediately upon his release from imprisonment in Rome in A.D. 61-62. There is no scriptural evidence to verify that Paul did journey to Spain. The Letter of Clement of Rome to the Corinthians however, which was written in A.D. 96, states Paul did travel to Spain. (see also the Muratonian Fragment, c. 200 A.D) If Paul did go to Spain around the spring of A.D. 64 and remained there to A.D. 65, he would have been there at the time of the burning of Rome, a fiery tragedy that Nero blamed on the Christians and used as an excuse to begin persecuting them. Paul is executed in Rome about 68 C.E.

The Hebrew Gospel

- The Gospel/Good-News is the Abrahamic Covenant for the World
- Yeshua was sent by the Father to bring back the Lost Sheep of Israel
- He Sent 12+ Hebrew men to all the Nations/Goyim
- Paul continued the Messianic Gospel of going to the Jew/Hebrew first, then the Gentile
- The Jewish/Hebrew community in Spain was to receive the same procedure

The Jewish Revolts

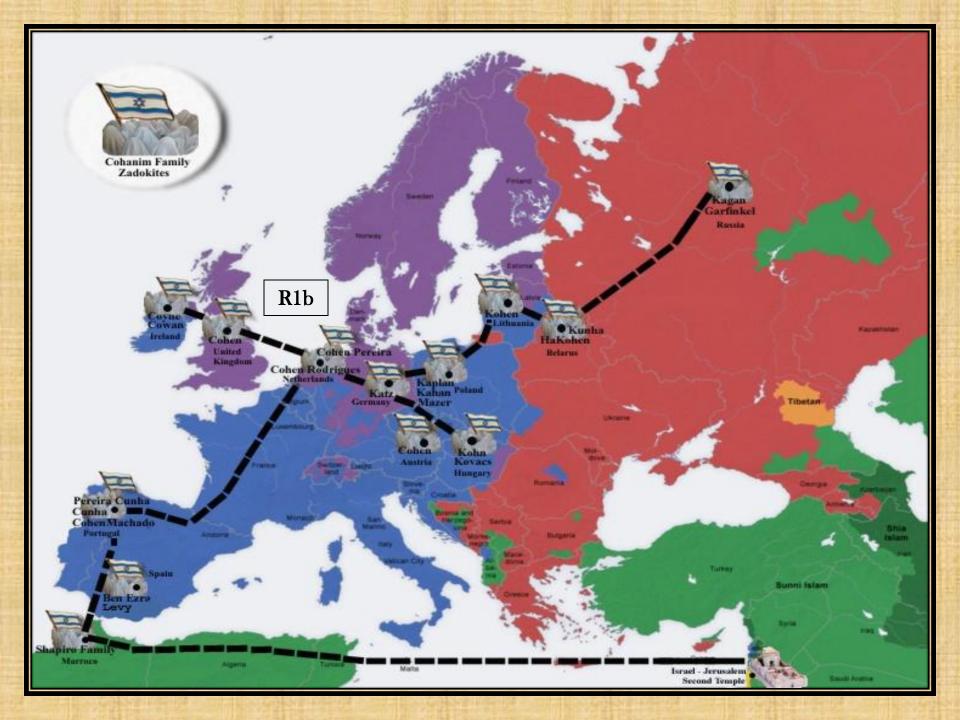
- The First Revolt- 70 C.E.
 - Titus
 - Destroys Temple
 - Survivors sent to Rome as Gladiators or Slaves and to the Sinai Copper mines.
- The Second Revolt- 135 C.E.
 - Hadrian (Spaniard)
 - Destroys/Rebuilds Jerusalem as Aelia Capitola
 - Expels Jews from Jerusalem
 - Renames Israel as Palestina
 - Survivors dispersed among the nations



The Diaspora

Both before and after these Roman destructions and dispersions, the Jewish nobility leave for Babylon, Egypt, and all points west.

The Targum of Jonathon refers to the Jewish leaders from Jerusalem who had sailed away to Sepharad.





Messianic Spanish Jews

- There are references to the existence of Congregations in Spain in the writings of Irenaeus and Tertullian, both of whom wrote between the years 180 and 200 A.D., but evidence for the Jewish believers comes only in the middle of the third century.
- It must be remembered that these were very "anti-semitic" days and Jewish believers "laid-low" or assimilated into the mainstream.



When the Jews of Spain and Portugal fled the Inquisition, many emigrated to distant places like the newly developing lands of Latin America. Even in their new surroundings the Jews were not immune to persecution; many publicly converted to Catholicism while continuing their Jewish practices underground. Almost five hundred years after the Inquisition, some South Americans have begun to examine their non-traditional Catholic practices and realize that they have been practicing the underground Judaism of their ancestors.

New Christians

- Conversion of Jews to Catholicism
- Many converted for various reasons
 - True faith
 - Financial

• Many continued in Judaism- Crypto/hidden

Although the Inquisition is often viewed as being directed against Jews, in fact it had no jurisdiction or authority over unconverted Jews, or Muslims. Only baptized Christians faced investigation; and of those called to appear before the Holy Office, most were released after their first hearing without further incident.

The Spanish Inquisition

The Spanish Inquisition was a tribunal established in 1478 by Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. It was intended to maintain Catholic orthodoxy in their kingdoms, and to replace the medieval inquisition which was under papal control. The Inquisition worked in large part to ensure the orthodoxy of recent converts, especially Jews, Muslims and others.

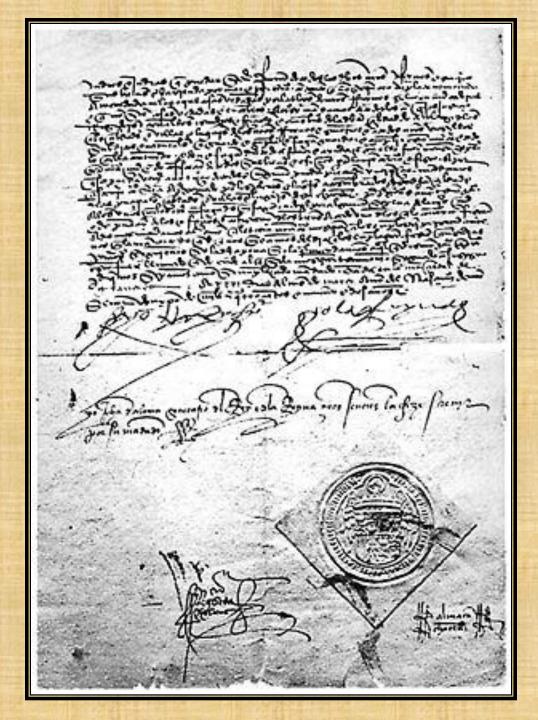


"In front of this place was the *quemadero* (burning place) of the Inquisition. 1596-1771"

Convent of San Diego- Mexico City

Crypto-Judaism

- Crypto-Judaism is the secret adherence to Judaism while publicly professing to be of another faith; practitioners are referred to as "crypto-Jews". The term crypto-Jew is also used to describe descendants who maintain some Jewish traditions of their ancestors, often secretly, and while publicly adhering to other faiths, most commonly Catholicism.
- Conversion of Spanish Jews- estimates range between 50,000 and 70,000 that chose to avoid expulsion by conversion to Christianity



The Alhambra Decree

(also known as the Edict of Expulsion) was an edict issued on 31 March 1492 by the joint Catholic Monarchs of Spain (Isabella I of Castile and Ferdinand II of Aragon) ordering the expulsion of Jews from the Kingdom of Spain and its territories and possessions by 31 July of that year.

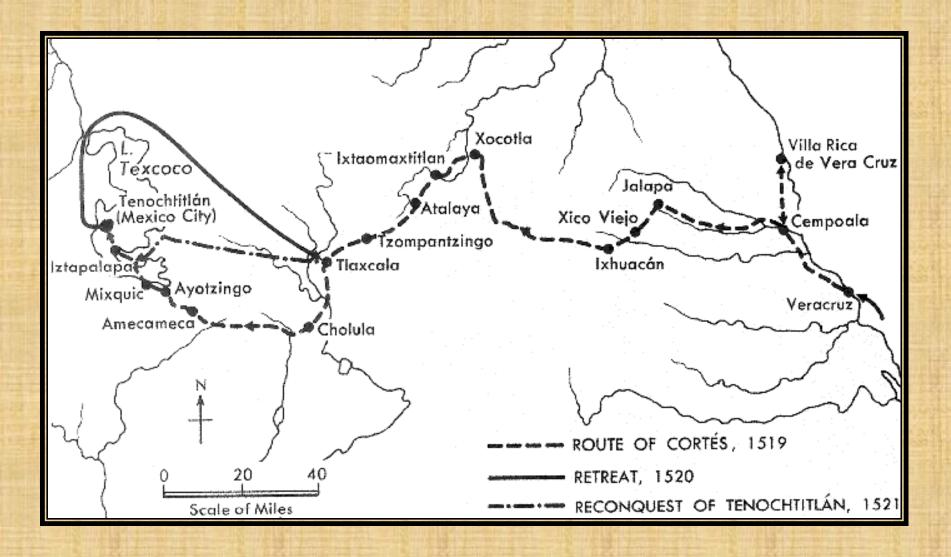
Cristoval Colon

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)



Was Cristoval a Jew/Hebrew?

Hernan Cortez Arrives in Mexico



The "Mexican" Inquisition

The "Mexican" Inquisition was an extension of the Spanish Inquisition into the New World. When the Inquisition was brought to the New World, it was employed for many of the same reasons and against the same social groups as suffered in Spain itself, minus the Indians to a large extent. Almost all of events associated with the official establishment of the Holy Office of the Inquisition occurred in Mexico City, where the Holy Office had its own "palace", which is now the Museum of Medicine on Republica de Brasil street. The official period of the Inquisition lasted from 1571 to 1820, with an unknown number of victims.

Crypto-Jews in Mexico

- Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva was a Portuguese adventurer, slave-trader and governor of the state of Nuevo León in the 16th century.
- Luis de Carvajal (Joseph Lumbroso) "The Young", was the nephew, namesake and heir designate of the first Governor of Nuevo Reino de León in the 16th century. He died burned at the stake in 1596 in Mexico City.
- Baltasar de Carvajal (David Lumbroso) nephew of Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva, fled to Salónica and became rabbi
- Miguel de Carvajal (Abraham Lumbroso), nephew of Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva, fled along with his brother Baltasar to Salónica and became rabbi, too.
- Mariana Rodríguez de Matos (Mariana Núnez de Carvajal y de la Cueva) died burned at the stake on March 25, 1601.
- Anica Rodríguez de Matos (Anica de León Carvajal y de la Cuev)was burned at the stake on April 25, 1649.
- Bernardo López de Mendizábal was Governor of New Mexico from 1659 to 1661.
- Diego de Montemayor, founder of Monterrey.
- Alberto del Canto, founder of Nuevo León.
- Isabel Rodríguez Carvajal, niece of Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva.
- Antonio De La Cadena-Maluenda, conquistador 1525 New Spain (Mexico City)

Luis Carvajal

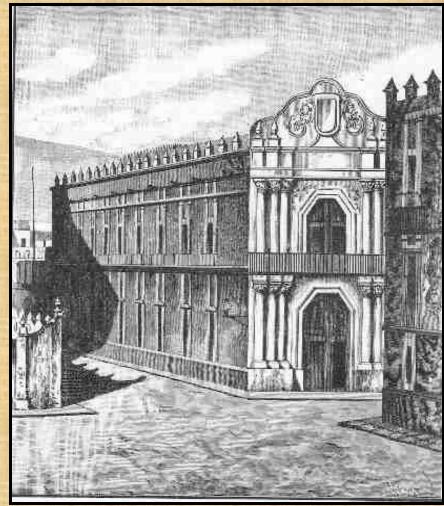


Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva

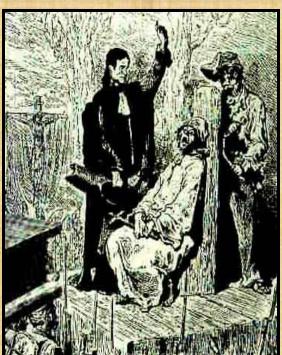
c. 1539 - 1595

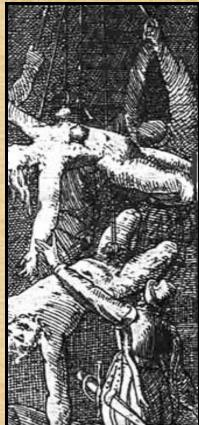
was a Spanish-Portuguese governor of Nuevo León. In 1596, at the height of the Inquisition's fervor against crypto-Jews, he was declared a heretic. He was condemned to a six-year exile from New Spain, but while waiting for the execution of his sentence, he died in prison.

Around the same time, Carvajal's nephew and namesake, Luis de Carvajal "El Mozo" (the younger), was accused of relapsing into Judaism. Buckling under torture, he handed over to his inquisitors 116 names of other "Judaizers," including his mother and two of his sisters. He was ultimately burned at the stake alongside them.











Chronology of the Southwest

- January of 1540- Vasquez de Coronado
- May 1590- Gaspar Castaño de Sosa
- January 1598- Juan de Oñate- La Entrada
- August 1680- Pueblo Revolt- Refugees to El Paso
- August 17, 1692- Diego de Vargas- La Reconquista
- September 16, 1821- End of Spanish Rule/Mexican Independence
- August 18, 1846, General Stephen Watts Kearny takes possession of New Mexico for the United States



Coronado's Expedition of Discovery

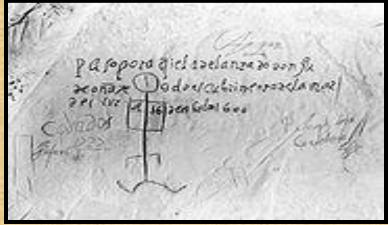
Early Entrance

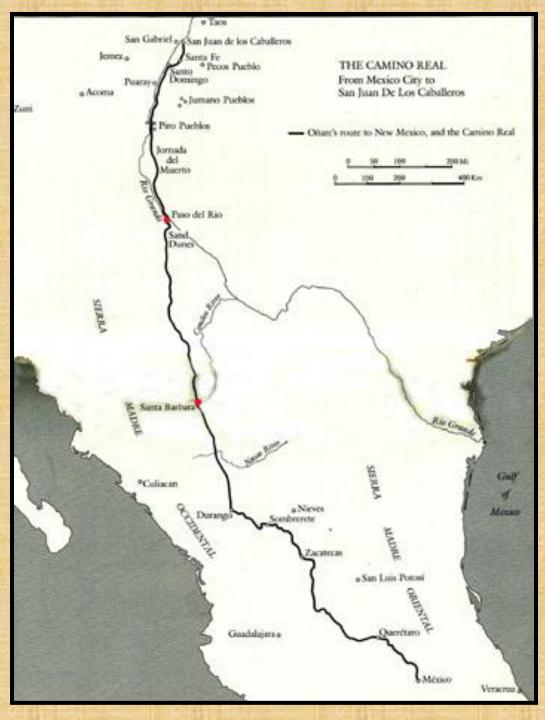
Gaspar Castaño de Sosa, who led an expedition into New Mexico, had been a close associate of Luis de Carvajal. De Sosa was also accused of judaizing. It is believed that some of the soldiers who joined expeditions to the north into New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona were crypto-Jews trying to put great distances between themselves and the Inquisition authorities.

Juan de Oñate

- In 1595 he was ordered by King Philip II to colonize the upper Rio Grande
- He began the expedition in 1598, fording the Rio Grande (Río del Norte) at the present-day Ciudad Juárez-El Paso crossing in late April. On April 30, 1598, he claimed all of New Mexico beyond the river for Spain
- That summer his party continued up the Rio Grande to present-day northern New Mexico, he founded the province of Santa Fé de Nuevo México and became the province's first governor.







El Camino Real

Is a 1,600 mile (2560 kilometer) long trade route between, New Spain and Santa Fe, New Mexico from 1598 to 1882.



B'nai Anusim

- Many Jews who came with Oñate became crypto-Jews, insincere converts, appearing to be devout Catholics but secretly maintaining Jewish rituals in their homes and passing down their true faith to their children. Today's hidden Jews of New Mexico have carried this legacy for centuries.
- Do their modern-day descendants of the Crypto-Jews really continue to pass down Jewish rituals in secret after 400 years?
- Are you a descendent of the Crypto-Jews?

 In 1492 the Spanish inquisition forced more then 200,000 Jews to chose between conversion to Catholicism or expulsion with nothing but their cloths on their backs.

Crypto Jews of New Mexico

- Were the earliest settlers of New Mexico really Jewish exiles forced to become Catholics by the Spanish Inquisition?
- Do their modern-day descendents really continue to pass down Jewish rituals in secret after 400 years?

Our Condition

- Paganism- "Ways of the Nations"
- Crypto-Judaism- "Undercover Jews"
 - Maintain a Secret Jewish Lifestyle
- Assimilation into Christendom- "New Christians"
 - As Conversos- Willingly-
 - As Anusim-Forced

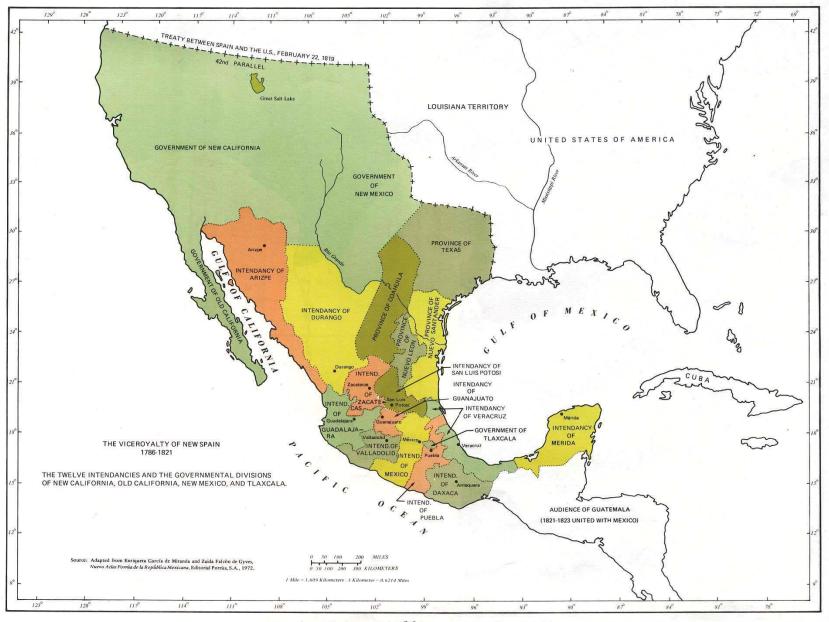
Presently the total number of dispersed Sephardim is unknown, but according to data provided by the Israeli press it is considered that in Latin America alone there exist no less then 35 million Hispanic descendants of Spanish-Jews

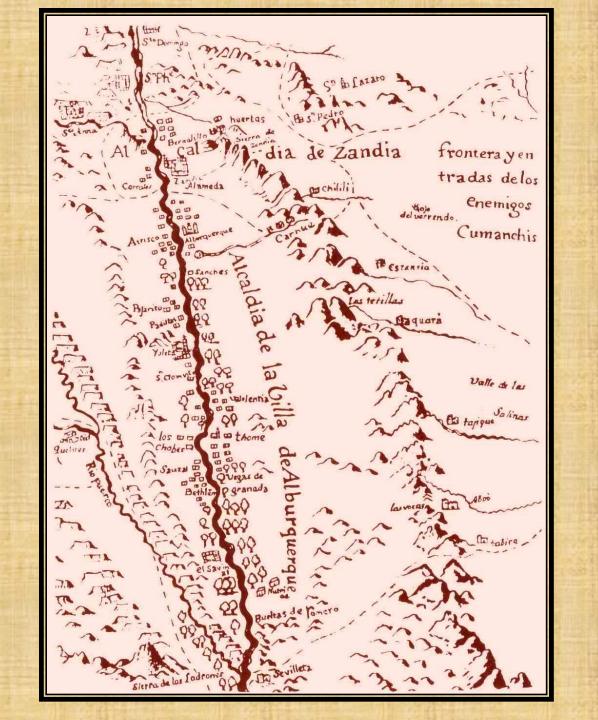
How Do I Find Out My Origins?

- DNA Test
- Do your Genealogy
- Research your Family History
 - Ask questions of relatives
 - Visit cities, homesteads, cemeteries etc.
- What if...???

Objectives

- Explore the significance of hidden Hebraic heritage in your family
- Understand possible DNA markers and evidence of Crypto-Jewish identity
- Develop an outline for examination of Sephardic history, culture and spirituality
- Begin to learn the basic tenets of messianic faith and where to go next for further research
- Discuss opportunities for connecting and relating to the Messianic community
- Explore the impact on families as they return to Biblical Hebtraic faith





Conclusion

- It has been approximately fifteen-hundred years since the emergence of Hebrews/Jews in the Iberian Peninsula, and five-hundred years since Crypto-Judaism moved to the Americas. Today we find a large Crypto Jewish and Anusim presence throughout the American Southwest. No one knows for sure how many there really are, Dr. Dell Sanchez estimates as mush as 80% of Hispanics have Jewish Roots.
- While not all people of Jewish lineage are prepared at this time to accept the challenge to return to living a fully Jewish life, there are hundreds, if not thousands who are hungry to learn and to reconnect with Elohim as Jews.

Now What is Our Destiny?

How Shall We Then Live?

- Repentance from our Pagan Roots and Lifestyles
- Restoration/Return to a Biblical Torah Lifestyle
 - Restoration/Return to the Biblical Sabbath
 - Restoration/Return to the Biblical Feasts of YHWH
 - Restoration/Return to a Biblical Kosher Way of Life
 - Restoration/Return to a Biblical/Olive Tree Model of the Kehillah
 - Restoration of Biblical Male/Female Lifestyles and Relationships in the Kehillah
- Return to a Pre-Constantinian, (Augustinian, Reformed, Dispensational and/or whatever else) Biblical Theology
- Repentance from Adding and Subtracting from the Torah

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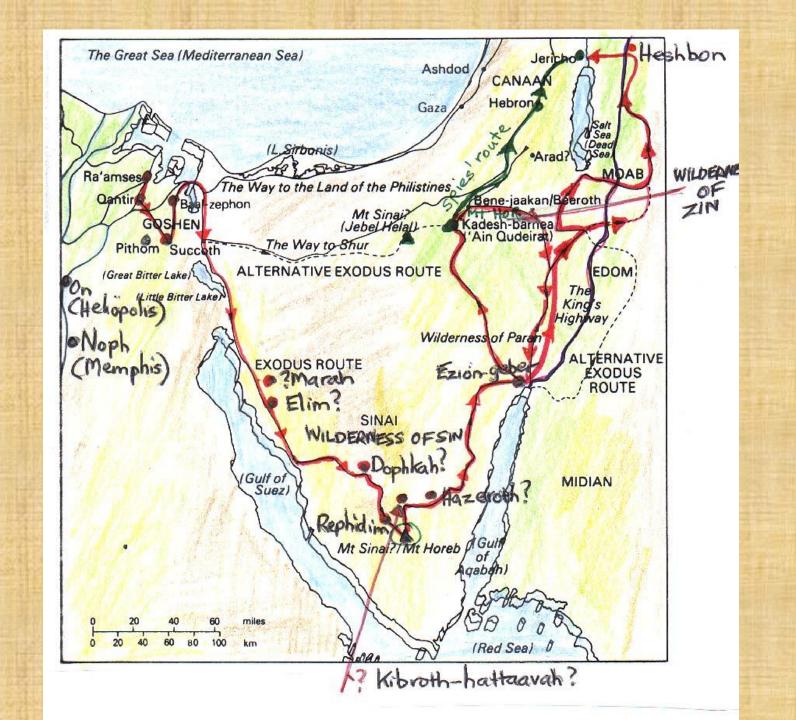
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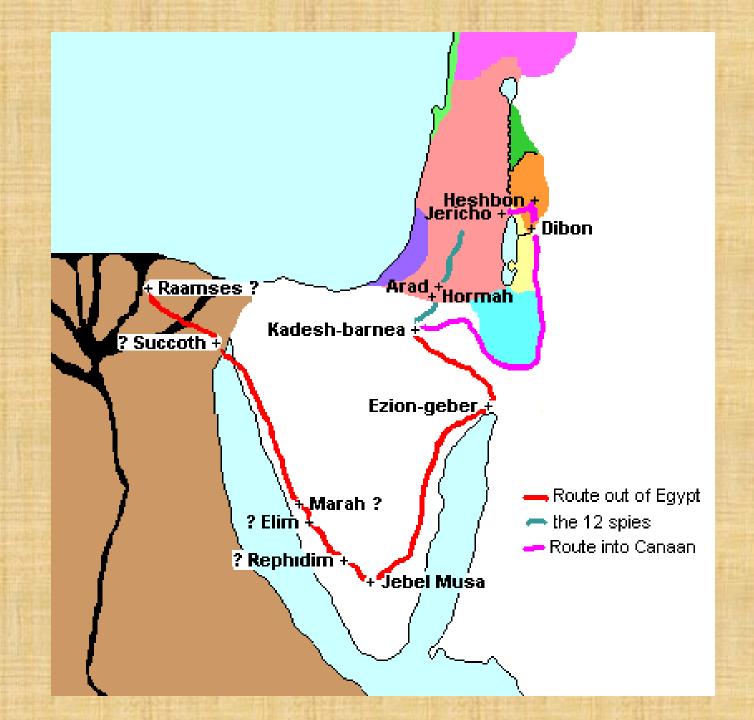
















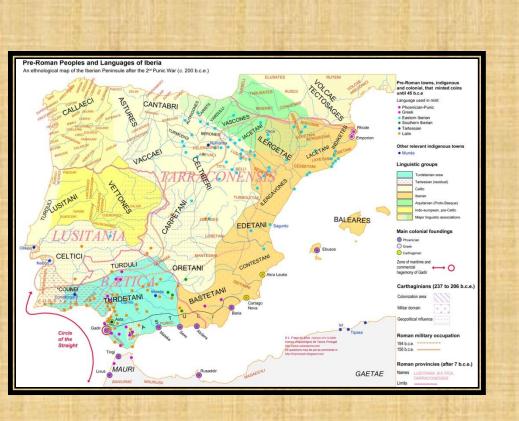
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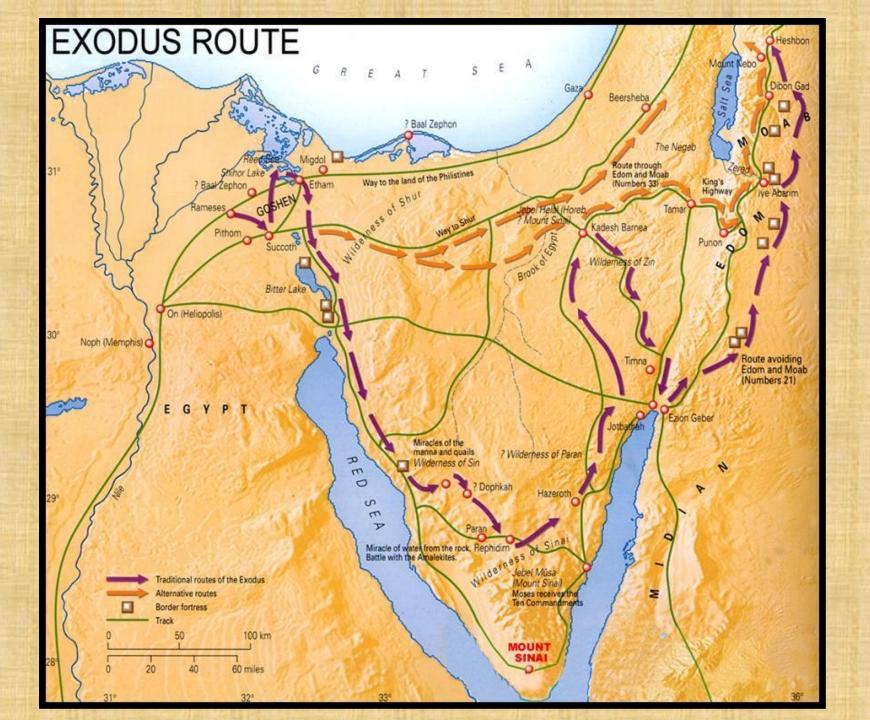
Saturday January 9th at The House Church Building 195 S. Monaco Parkway

Afternoon session will be from 12pm till 3pm

Late afternoon session will be from 4pm till 6pm

Guest Speaker will be:
Dr. Dennis Ismael Otero
Olive Tree Sephardic Center
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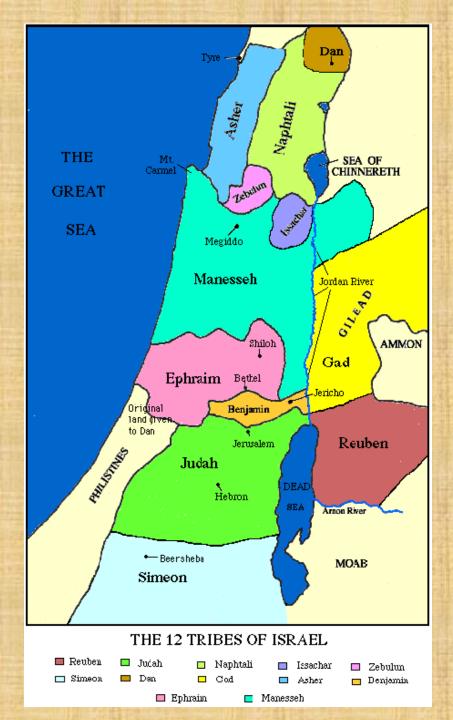






Canaan

The Promised Land The Land Milk and Honey



Yehoshua divides Canaan among the Twelve Tribes