



## **Ephraim's Punishment**

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**First I would like to give you a brief overview of how we became the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'el and why we were banished from the Land of Yisra'el.**

**For a while after coming out of Egypt, the Yisra'elites obeyed and followed YHWH's Torah, but not very long. Soon they were adopting the customs and ways of the other nations around them.**

**After Solomon's death, the Northern ten tribes known as Ephraim rejected her king and split off from Yahudah thus, splitting the thirteen tribes into two nations.**

**Finally, after nine dynasties beginning with Jeroboam and the reigns of 19 kings, Ephraim was uprooted from her homeland of Samaria, and taken captive to Assyria. The House of Yisra'el, Ephraim fell before Yahudah.**

**Having refused the Sign of the Sabbath and obedience to the Torah, Ephraim was cast out of her land and became lost in the nations.**

**The prophets Hosea and Amos confirm that Ephraim was swallowed up or lost in the nations. They are being punished for their sins of rebellion and idolatry.**

**(Hoshea 8:8)**

**8“Yisra'el has been swallowed up. They have now become among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure.**

(Amos 9:9).

9“For look, I am commanding, and I shall sift the house of Yisra’el among all the gentiles, as one sifts with a sieve, yet not a grain falls to the ground.

To understand the timing of Ephraim’s punishment we need to see what the prophet Ezekiel has to say about Ephraim’s punishment.

Yehezqel lived approximately 135 to 150 years after the Northern Kingdom of Yisra’el (Ephraim’s) punishment had already begun and they were “no more a people.” **HOSHEA 1:9**

9 then He said, “Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are not My people, and I am not for you.

So, Ezekiel is speaking to us, Yisra’el of the future!

From Ezekiel we gain an understanding of Ephraim’s punishment. He reveals that there are **two parts** and the **duration** of each punishment for their iniquity.

For YHWH said to Ezekiel,  
(Yehezqel 4:4-6).

4“And lie on your left side, and you shall put the crookedness of the house of Yisra’el on it. As many days as you lie on it, you shall bear their crookedness.

5 “For I Myself have laid on you the **years** of their crookedness (390 years), according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety days**. And you shall bear the crookedness of the house of Yisra’el.  
(390 days = 390 years)

390 years is establishing the number of years of Ephraim’s crookedness. It is not the time period of Ephraim’s punishment. YHWH used this 390 years as the gauge by which He determined Ephraim’s punishment.

We know YHWH is speaking to us, Ephraim, because in verse 6, He also talks about Yahudah’s punishment.

6“**And when you have completed them, you shall lie again on your right side and shall bear the crookedness of the house of Yehudah forty days, a day for a year. I have laid on you a day for a year.**

### **A Double Punishment Coming**

The people of the Northern ten tribes would not repent of their paganism. And, YHWH was adamant that He is a jealous Elohim and that Yisra’el was to have “no other Elohims” before Him, so they received a double punishment.

Note that this scripture says that the double punishment is the beginning of Ephraim’s punishment.

**Yirmeyahu, 16:17-18**

17“**For My eyes are on all their ways; they have not been hidden from My face, nor has their crookedness been hidden from My eyes.**

18“**And FIRST I shall repay DOUBLE for their crookedness and their sin, because they have defiled My land with the dead bodies of their disgusting matters, and have filled My inheritance with their abominations.”**

So now using the base of 390 years of crookedness and doubling it, we see that Ephraim begins with **780 years** of punishment.

The point we can establish as the beginning of the Ephraim’s punishment is 734 BCE. This is based on the time period when the half tribe of Manasseh, Gad and Rueben were banished from the land and were carried off to the Assyrian Empire.

Calculating 780 years of punishment from 734 BCE brings us to the year 46 CE.

It took a 12 year time frame to accomplish the complete fall and exile of Ephraim from the Land of Yisra’el. If we calculate from the final fall of Samaria in the year 722 BCE, we will come up with the year 58 CE.

So, what was happening around the time frame of 46 to 58 CE?

That is the time when Paul came on the scene. He was sent to the gentiles (nations) to begin to look for the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'el!

He was given the same mandate as Yahshua – “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'el.” Matthew 15:24

The 780 year punishment **is over** in the time period after Yahshua, through whom YHWH established a way of redemption for those who would repent. Therefore, this **780 year** time period stands for individual or personal **repentance/redemption!!**

So did the redemptive work of Yahshua **end** Ephraim's punishment? Interestingly, it did not!

Now let's go back to Hosea, who was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom (the ten lost tribes). We see that Ephraim did not repent.

(Hosea 13:14).

“From the power of the grave I ransom them, from death I redeem them. Where is your plague, O Death? Where is your destruction, O Grave? **Repentance** is hidden from My eyes. (Ephraim did not repent.)

Because there was no repentance from the corporate house of Ephraim (the northern ten tribes as a nation), she just qualified herself for **more** punishment.

### **Seven Times Rule**

YHWH now evoked the **seven** times rule of **Leviticus**, which is the second part of Ephraim's punishment.

(Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28).

18'And after all this, **if you do not obey Me**, then I shall **punish you seven times** more for your sins.

21'And if you walk contrary to Me, and refuse to obey Me, I shall bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins,...

24 then I also shall walk contrary to you, and I Myself shall smite you seven times for your sins...

28 then I shall walk contrary to you in wrath. And I Myself shall punish you seven times for your sins.”

So now, Ephraim received a second sentence of 7 times the base of 390 years which equals 2,730 years, as well as, her first sentence of 780 years. However, Ephraim was given a big break in that the two punishments would run concurrently.

Like a child who was grounded for seven weeks and also barred from watching TV for the first two weeks, so Ephraim was destined to be the recipient of two simultaneous punishments.

The 7 times 390 years of punishment was to take effect on a corporate or national level. YHWH will begin to accept our repentance on a **national level** when the **2,730 years** of punishment are over!!

When YHWH declares a punishment, we can be sure it will come to pass to its fullest measure, even to the day. What we sow, we will reap. According to His rules we get the punishment, even if we repent.

### **What was Ephraim's Punishment?**

YHWH said to Ephraim that He would put her away and give her a bill of divorce.

**YIRMEYAHU 3:8a**

“And I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Yisra’el had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;

And we would be scattered among every nation.

**YEHEZQEL 36:19**“And I scattered them among the gentiles, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. I have judged them according to their ways and their deeds.

And while we were in the nations, we would lose our identity. We would become, “Lo Ammi,” meaning “Not a People.”

**Hoshea 1:9b** “... for you are not My people, and I am not for you.”

So Ephraim was exiled from the Land of Yisra'el and received a sentence of 2730 years of banishment from the Land.

The saddest part of this punishment is that we would not be recognizable as YHWH's people. We would lose our identity as the people of Yisra'el.

**Hoshea 8:8**“Yisra'el has been swallowed up. They have now become among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure.

### **When Did Ephraim's Punishment Start?**

Piece by piece various portions of the Northern Tribes became vassals of Assyria until they were entirely absorbed into the Assyrian Empire.

When the Assyrians completed their campaign against Bet-Omri the last King of Yisra'el, Ephraim was mortally wounded, decimated by deportation, and beaten back into a tiny corner of the Northern Kingdom.

With the exception of Samaria, all its cities had been annexed and the country had been divided into provinces over which Assyrian governors and officials exercised strict control.

All that was left of Ephraim was a dwarf state, a tiny pinpoint on the map -- the mountain of Ephraim with the royal city of Samaria, that's it!

Finally, the royal city of Samaria fell in 722 BCE. It took a 12 year period (734 to 722 BCE) for the entire Northern Kingdom to fall.

These dates can be substantiated by the Cuneiform Text of Tiglath-Pileser 111, which chronicle his Gaza-Damascus Campaign in 734-722 BCE.

So, **Ephraim's punishment began** in 734 or 722 BCE when the Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria.

Actually, it didn't take a war for most of Ephraim to become Assyrian. This sad fact is confirmed by YHWH's statement: "I handed her over to her lovers, the Assyrians, for whom she had lusted." (Yehezqel 23:9).

### When Will Ephraim's Punishment End?

When will Ephraim come to the end of her season of punishment?

- If we calculate 2730 years from 734 BCE, we arrive at the year 1996!
- If we use the year 722 BCE as the base, we come up with this year 2008!

### Why Do We Care When Ephraim's Punishment Is Over?

Because we are Ephraim! And, our national punishment is now coming to the end! Also, we need to see that Ephraim's restoration as the people of Yisra'el can only take place when we come out from under our punishment and turn back to YHWH and truly pursue the Torah.

**Hoshea 6**

1 'Come, and let us **turn back to YHWH. For He has torn but He does heal us, He has stricken but He binds us up.**

2 'After two days (**2,000 years**) He shall revive us, on (in) the **third day** He shall raise us up, so that we live before Him.

3' So let us know, **let us pursue to know YHWH.** His going forth is as certain as the morning. And He comes to us like the rain, like the latter rain watering the earth.'

YHWH has blinded both Yisra'el and Yahudah in part in order to fulfill His purposes. For about 1800 years, Christians as a whole have not seen themselves as physical co-heirs with their brother Yahudah. They haven't yet seen in the Brit Hadashah or the Torah their true identity, even through it is right in front of their eyes.

**They have no idea that they could be actual heirs to the promises made to the Patriarchs. In stead, many have been taught that they have replaced Yisra'el, whom they think are the Jews today. Or they have been taught that they are spiritual Yisra'el.**

**They do not see themselves as part of the (physical) body of the commonwealth of Yisra'el that Paul speaks about in Ephesians.**

**EPHESIANS 2:12**

**12 that at that time you were without Messiah, excluded from the citizenship (commonwealth) of Yisra'el and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no expectation and without Elohim in the world.**

**And, Christians especially do not see themselves as a people who need to be reunited with their brother Yahudah.**

**But before a full restoration of the Kingdom of Yisra'el can come to pass, the price has to be paid. For YHWH must hold fast to His own Word. So, Yahshua cannot return until the punishment that YHWH mandated for those of Ephraim is completed.**

**Praise YHWH we are now in the time of the completion of that punishment for all the house of Yisra'el!**

**We cannot absolutely be sure as to the exact beginning or end of YHWH's decreed time of punishment. However, based on Scripture in Ezekiel and Leviticus, I believe starting in about 1996 and through this year 2008, Ephraim's punishment is coming to an end.**

**The ending of Ephraim's punishment will begin a new and accelerated phase of two house truth and national reconciliation with our brother Yahudah!**

**Since 1996 believers (Christians) have begun to see that there are two houses of Yisra'el -- Ephraim and Yahudah. As they begin to search the Scripture, their eyes begin to see the truth and are set free from Christian mentality. And, these believers are now beginning to come out of the Church system.**

## YIRMEYAHU 16:19

O YHWH, my strength and my stronghold and my refuge, in the day of distress (Ya'aqob's troubles) the gentiles (nations/ Ephraim) shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers (Christianity/ teachers) have inherited only falsehood, futility, and there is no value in them." So, it is in this day that Christians are beginning to see the truth that they are Ephraimites and are full-fledged members of the commonwealth of Yisra'el, just like it says in the Brit.

YHWH is now in the process of restoring Yehudah and Ephraim, the two sticks as His one united Nation! **Yehezqel 37:21-22.**

21 "And speak to them, 'Thus said the Master YHWH, "See, I am taking the children of Yisra'el (us) from among the gentiles, (nations) wherever they have gone, and shall gather them from all around, and I shall bring them into their land.

22 "And I shall **make them one nation** in the land, on the mountains of Yisra'el. And one sovereign shall be sovereign over them all, and let them no longer be two nations, and let them no longer be divided into two reigns.

## The Parable of the Fig Tree: The Gathering of the Harvest and Restoration of the Kingdom

The generation that sees the **branch sprout** will see the harvest of the house of Yisra'el, the restoration of the Kingdom, and the return to the Land.

(Mattithyahu 24:32-34 HRV).

32 "Learn you the parable from the fig tree, when its branch is tender and the leaves sprout you know that summer fruit is near". (harvest time is near)

33 "So likewise you, when you will see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door."

34 "Truly I say to you, this **generation** will not pass away, until the whole is accomplished."

Notice, **Vs32** says, “Learn you the parable from the fig tree, when its **branch** is tender and the leaves sprout you know that **summer fruit** is near”.

This scripture says **branch**, not branches, indicating one stick. Also, there is a play on the words “summer fruit”.

When we go **Amos 8:1-2** we see that the “summer fruit” is the house of Yisra’el.

**Amos 8:1-2a** says

**1 This is what the Master YHWH showed me, and see, a basket of summer fruit.**

**2 And He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” And YHWH said to me, “The end has come upon my people Yisra’el,...”**

Amos was a minor prophet to only the House of Yisra’el. He prophesied their demise and restoration.

In this parable in Matthew, Yahshua was using the words “**summer fruit**” to indicate that the punishment has ended and it is harvest time for the House of Yisra’el (Ephraim); hence, the great exodus is about to come forth.

This harvest indicates that the banishment from the Land is over, and restoration of the kingdom is very near.

I personally believe the fig tree is Yahshua from the tribe of Yahudah. The branch that sprouts from Him is Ephraim waking up to his identity as Yisra’el in 1996 and on. This waking up has caused Ephraim to come out of the religious bondage he was in and return to the Torah.

Why are they returning to Torah? Because their punishment is coming to an end and now they are awakening to the truth that the Torah has not been done away with.

The great harvest of the house of all Yisra'el will not be completed until all the redeemed of Yisra'el know their heritage and are joined with their brother Yehudah.

### Who Will Tell Ephraim of His Heritage?

Ephraim must be informed of his heritage.

Yirmeyahu 31:18-19,

18“I have clearly heard Ephrayim lamenting, ‘You have chastised me, and I was chastised, like an untrained calf. Turn me back, and I shall turn back, for You are YHWH my Elohim.

19‘For after my turning back, I repented. **And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh. I was ashamed, even humiliated, for I bore the reproach of my youth.**’

Yahudah will understand who their Messiah is and then the two houses will become one stick in YHWH's hand.

YEZEZQEL 37:19-22 say to them, ‘Thus said the Master YHWH, “See, I am taking the stick of Yoseph, which is in the hand of Ephrayim, and the tribes of Yisra'el, his companions. And I shall give them unto him, with the stick, and they shall be one in My hand.” ’

20“And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

21“And speak to them, ‘Thus said the Master YHWH, “See, I am taking the children of Yisra'el from among the gentiles, wherever they have gone, and shall gather them from all around, and I shall bring them into their land.

22“And I shall make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisra'el. And one sovereign shall be sovereign over them all, and let them no longer be two nations, and let them no longer be divided into two reigns.

After their wilderness experience, coming out of Ya'aqob's trouble, then the whole house of Yisra'el will be one nation heading for their Land!

## HOSHEA 2:14-15

14“Therefore, see, I am alluring her, and shall lead her into the wilderness, and shall speak to her heart,  
15 and give to her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Akor as a door of expectation. And there she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

We are the generation to whom the truth (**Torah**) and the restoration of the two houses are now being revealed.

MATTITHYAHU 24:14“And this Good News of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world for a witness to all the Goyim, (nations), and then will the end come. (HRV)

This is not a salvation message. It’s the good news of the restoration of the Kingdom of Yisra’el that at this present date, has yet to be “proclaimed.”

The task of getting the message out about the restoration of the two houses falls on us!

## Ezekiel the Suffering Servant

As I was putting this teaching together I came onto something I haven’t seen before in Ezekiel. I believe it is very important for us today. I will be showing you how special this Prophet Ezekiel was and how much he really loved Yisra’el.

## Yehezqel 4:1-5, 8

1 “And you, son of man, take a **clay tablet**, and you shall lay it before you, and shall inscribe on it a city, Yerushalayim,  
2 and shall lay siege against it, and build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it, and set camps against it, and place battering rams against it all around.  
3 “Then take an **iron plate**, and set it as an **iron wall** between you and the city. And you shall set your face against it, and it shall be

besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. **It is a sign to the house of Yisra'el.** (Ephraim)

4“**And lie on your left side, and you shall put the crookedness of the house of Yisra'el on it. As many days as you lie on it, you shall bear their crookedness.**

5“**For I Myself have laid on you the years of their crookedness, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days. And you shall bear the crookedness of the house of Yisra'el.**

8“**And see, I shall put cords on you so that you do not turn from one side to another until you have completed the days of your siege.**

Remember Yisra'el had already gone into their captivity and been dispersed throughout the world, by the time Ezekiel came on the scene in the 6th century BCE.

Anything he says, is pointing to Yisra'el in the future. So his message is for the children from Ezekiel's time forward and on to us today.

This scripture is a prophecy for the future. The fulfillment of the prophecy is coming to pass in our time.

Let's start with Ezekiel 4:1 & 2. This is plainly a punishment for Yerushalayim. YHWH instructed Yehezqel to make a portrait (one translation says a map) of Yerushalayim.

**Yehezqel 4:**

1 “**And you, son of man, take a clay tablet, (Why? To make a map of Yerushalayim) and you shall lay it before you, and shall inscribe on it a city, Yerushalayim,**

**2 and shall lay siege against it, and build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it, and set camps against it, and place battering rams against it all around.**

These verses are about the fall of Yerushalayim.

A very interesting fact is that it took 390 days for the fall of Yerushalayim.

In verse 3, however, YHWH is giving a sign to the house of Yisra'el in the future.

**3 “Then take an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. And you shall set your face against it, (iron wall) and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it (the iron wall). It is a sign to the house of Yisra'el. (Ephraim)**

What Ezekiel is going through in the natural is a sign or picture of a time period somewhere in the future which consists of protection and freedom for Ephraim!

YHWH is going to put up an “**iron wall**” against any nation or power that will try to conquer Ephraim. He will not allow Ephraim to lose any major wars (sieges).

YHWH will pour out His Spirit of protection on Ephraim so that he can expand like never before. By doing this YHWH can begin to fulfill His promise to the patriarch Fathers Abraham, Yitshaq and Ya'aqob.

Remember what YHWH promised in

**BERESHITH 17: 5-6**

**And no longer is your name called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, because I shall make you a father of many nations.**

**6“And I shall make you bear fruit exceedingly, and make nations of you, and sovereigns shall come from you.**

**BERESHITH 48:19 “... He also becomes a people, and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother (Ephraim) is greater than he (Menashsheh), and his seed (Ephraim) is to become the completeness of the nations.”**

**20 And he blessed them on that day, saying, “In you Yisra'el shall bless, saying, ‘Elohim make you as Ephrayim and as Menashsheh!’ ” Thus he put Ephrayim before Menashsheh.”**

So, we need to look for a time period in history of security and freedom when Ephraim could grow and branch out and accumulate great wealth.

But before we find that time period, let's continue on in verses **4-5**.

Now notice carefully that Yehezqel is to bear the iniquity, not symbolically, but he is actually going to bear the iniquity of the house of Yisra'el in his own body.

**Yehezqel 4:**

4 “And lie on your left side, and you shall put the crookedness of the house of Yisra'el on it. As many days as you lie on it, **you shall bear their crookedness.**

5 “For I Myself have **laid on you** the years of their crookedness, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days. **And you shall bear the crookedness of the house of Yisra'el.**

Ezekiel himself is paying the price of 390 days of punishment for the 390 years of iniquity of the house of Yisra'el.

Notice that this is different than in the Book of Numbers where Yisra'el was to pay for their own iniquity:

**BEMIDBAR 14:37**

**37 even those men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before YHWH.**

In **Ezekiel 4:4** the word **bear** is Strong's #5375. It is the same Strong's number as in **Isaiah 53:12** “**and he bare the sin of many.**” This scripture is speaking of Yahshua.

The Gesenius Lexicon renders the word, “as to bear any one's sin. i.e. to receive the punishment of sin upon one's self.”

Is Ezekiel a picture of the “suffering servant, Yahshua”?

I would say yes, for Ezekiel was to personally “**bear the crookedness (iniquity) of the house of Yisra'el.**”

Ezekiel personally bore a 390 year portion out of the 2730 years of punishment for the House of Yisra'el.

When Ezekiel suffered on his side for 390 days, he was suffering for a certain 390 year future time period for the House of Yisra'el. Ezekiel paid for the sins of the house of Yisra'el for this time period.

The door could now be open for a 390 year time span of peace, protection, and prosperity for the children of the house of Yisra'el.

This time period of protection gave Ephraim the opportunity to fulfill his blessing of multiplicity to make many and great nations and to become the completeness of the nations.

During this time of protection any punishment given to Ephraim would be administered by the stripes of men, such as a war or being overthrown from within.

## 2 Shemu'el 7:14

14 "I am to be his Father, and he is My son. If he does perversely, I shall reprove him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

However, Ephraim would not suffer loss as a nation at the hands of men. YHWH would put up an iron wall of protection, meaning that Ephraim would not be beaten in war. He would not be overthrown by other nations. Nor, would a citizen from within that nation be able to overthrow the government.

The following scripture is showing us that the iron wall is set up between Ezekiel and the city. YHWH is saying He put up an iron wall and no one will be able to defeat it from without. And, by Ezekiel laying siege to the other side of the iron wall, this shows us that Ephraim will also not be overthrown from within.

**"And you shall set your face against it, (iron wall) and it shall be besieged (from outside), and you shall lay siege against it."** (from within)

So, Ephraim, as a nation, would not be overthrown from within by its own people.

Ephraim may lose a few battles, but he would win the wars and maintain his freedom for 390 years to grow as a people. However, Ephraim would not be free from his banishment from the land of Yisra'el.

At some time in the last 2730 years YHWH would grant the unconditional blessings He promised to Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob that He would confer these blessings upon the whole house of Yisra'el.

Remember that these blessings were promised to our fathers and would be unconditionally granted to their descendants regardless of their beliefs or religion at the time of delivery of the blessing.

The question is, when did Ephraim ever enjoy a period of freedom from being ruled by another nation?

Remember that, in most cases, people do not understand when the timeframe of a prophecy is happening or their visitation of the fulfillment of that prophecy until it has come and gone.

The same is true today. We can only look back into history to see when this time period of freedom from national punishment by other nations could have begun.

From the days of Ezekiel onward, when did Ephraim receive the birthright promises while winning their wars and remaining free as a nation for a period of 390 years?

**Let's start with the year 1607 CE.**

The first permanent English settlement in America was on May 14, 1607 at Jamestown. From that time forward, the unconditional Birthright to Abraham began to be bestowed on Ephraim.

England was destined to become a **commonwealth of nations** and America the world's **greatest single nation**.

If you count forward 390 years from the Jamestown date of 1607, we come to **1997!!** I believe **1997 signaled** the **end** of the 390 years of protection for Ephraim that Ezekiel personally bore in his flesh for 390 days!

Now, that **does not** mean that the commonwealth of Ephraim's freedom ended in 1997. But, it does mean that YHWH had completed a portion of His promise to Abraham.

And by the year 1997, He had **completely removed** the protective hedge, the iron wall that was around Ephraim for 390 years!

Ezekiel is a watchman for the house of Yisra'el. Through his prophecy, is he warning us that the 390 years of the iron wall from YHWH, has come down?

**Yehezqel 3:17. "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Yisra'el. And you shall hear a word from My mouth, and shall warn them from Me.**

So beginning in 1997, we (Ephraim) are totally on our own in a hostile world that truly does not like us at all; in fact, hate might be a better word.

To understand that the protection is gone, all we need to do is look about us today and see what has been happening in the last few years.

The first time we have ever been attacked by an outside force on the main land of America was 911.

We now are being attacked from without and within and **it's only going to get worse** as the punishment comes to an end this year in 2008 or there about.

We all know that it is the stated plan of radical Islam to destroy Jews (Yisra'elites) and Americans (Manasseh) and her allies Great Britain (Ephraim).

The following statement from Usama bin Laden and his associates purports to be a religious ruling (fatwa), requiring the killing of Americans, both civilian and military.

This document is part of the evidence that links the bin Laden network to the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. The original complete Arabic text of this statement may be found at:

**World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders: Initial "Fatwa" Statement:**

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/mideast/fatw2.htm>

**Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders**

**World Islamic Front Statement**

**23 February 1998 (Notice the year 1998)**

Praise be to Allah, who revealed the Book, controls the clouds, defeats factionalism, and says in His Book: "**But when the forbidden months are past**, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)"; and peace be upon our Prophet, Muhammad Bin-'Abdallah, who said:

I have been sent with the sword between my hands to ensure that no one but Allah is worshipped, Allah who put my livelihood under the shadow of my spear and who inflicts humiliation and scorn on those who disobey my orders...

All these crimes and sins committed by the Americans are a clear declaration of war on Allah, his messenger, and Muslims...

On that basis, and in compliance with Allah's order, we issue the following fatwa to all Muslims:

The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies -- civilians and military - - is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it..."

Let me repeat a quote from the above that came right out of the Koran (The Book):

**"But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)"**

Is it possible that Satan knew that Ephraim was receiving 390 years of favor from YHWH or **"forbidden months"** to Satan. Was Satan aware that YHWH would not allow Ephraim to be touched within his boundaries by an outside source because this time frame had been paid for by Ezekiel?

Satan and whoever are his emissaries had to wait for the 390 years to be up. This would complete "the forbidden months." The iron wall would be removed and the House of Yisra'el is now on their own.

Let's review the dates that have now come to our attention and what transpired in those years:

**1996** Ephraim's 2,730 years of punishment is coming to an end. The house of Yisra'el begins to awaken to their identity and the truth of Torah.

**1997** The 390 years of iron wall protection around Ephraim has come down both from within and without. And, now we are on our own.

**1998** "The forbidden months are past" and the World Islamic Front for Jihad against Jews and Crusaders is declared. We are now being attacked from within and without.

What research I could find on the forbidden months varies from one opinion to the next. But one of the major opinions that keeps coming up is what is written in the Koran:

When you see that your enemy is stronger, you are to hold back and come at the infidels once you are more powerful than they, even if it takes a thousand years or more to wait for your opportunity. By waiting patiently you will be glorious in victory before Allah.

Their power is terrorism throughout the world.

As we look at the world today and all that is happening in many countries, you must ask yourself—is Ya'aqob's troubles right around the corner?

### **Closing – 390 Years of Protection**

I would like to close by painting a picture of history for you of what YHWH did to fulfill his promise through Ephraim and Manasseh over the past 390 years.

Remember that Ephraim was to be the Birthright nation and to become many nations (a commonwealth of nations). Manasseh was also to be a mighty nation and to be a part of the commonwealth of Ephraim.

Notice the original promise in: **Bereshith 35:11**  
"A nation, and a company of nations shall be of you".

Remember, in passing on the Birthright the dying Ya'aqob (Yisra'el) said of Ephraim and Manasseh, sons of Yoseph, have a new name in"  
**Bereshith 48:16...let my name (Yisra'el) be called upon them"**  
"...and let them increase into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Then, speaking of Manasseh and his descendants alone, Ya'aqob said prophetically: "**Bereshith 48:19."... He (Manasseh) also becomes a people, (nation) and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother (Ephraim) is greater than he, and his seed is to become the completeness (or fullness) of the nations."**

As long as we are out of the land of Yisra'el, we know that we are still under the punishment of banishment from the land of Yisra'el. That has never changed.

Yet, YHWH would keep His promises to Abraham. The promises must be fulfilled and only YHWH would decide when the fulfillment would occur.

**YHWH knew when He would give them the 390 years of freedom before the end of the age and the time of Ya'aqob's trouble.**

**Little did the world, including the intended recipients of the promises, know that in 1607 CE that YHWH was about to begin the promised blessings to a free people.**

**So what began to transpire in the time frame of around 1607 in our history?**

**Ephraim and Manasseh begin to separate into the mighty kingdoms called The British Empire (Ephraim) and America (Manasseh).**

**It all began back in 1603, when King James VI of Scotland became James the First of England, succeeding to the English throne, thus began the United Kingdom.**

**The following year he negotiated the Treaty of London ending hostilities with Spain. King James claimed to have an Imperial Crown of Great Britain even though Scotland and England were still separate countries with their own parliaments.**

**During the next three centuries, England and then Great Britain extended its influence overseas.**

**The King James Scriptures was put forth between 1611-1617 giving opportunity for Christians to read the scriptures in English. This caused wide spread evangelism throughout the world. All this coming from Ephraim!**

**England's first permanent overseas settlement was founded in 1607 in Jamestown. Jamestown began the acceleration of the promise to Abraham for Manasseh.**

**In 1620, Plymouth was founded as a haven for religious separatists later known as the Pilgrims. Fleeing from religious persecution would become the motive of many English would-be colonists to risk the very difficult trans-Atlantic voyages.**

**Britain's (Ephraim) and American (Manasseh ) empires were now slowly expanding by war and colonization with England gaining control of New Amsterdam (later York) via negotiations following the Second Anglo-Dutch War.**

**The growing American colonies pressed ever westward as colonists sought new agricultural lands. This search dispersed settlers (Yisra'el) across vast land masses in North America.**

**It took about 200 years before the blessing or grace time period of 390 years to take hold and really begin to grow.**

**By 1800, the United Kingdom (Britain/Ephraim) and the United States (mainly Manasseh) were at that time small and insignificant among the nations of the earth.**

**The United Kingdom (Britain/Ephraim) had only the British Isles, a very small part of India and of Canada, and a few little islands.**

**The United States (Manasseh) consisted only of the original 13 colonies (13 tribes) and three added states. Thus, neither nation possessed any great wealth or power.**

**However, these two little nations began to sprout and to grow into vast national riches and power such as no people ever possessed in history.**

**Soon Ephraim/Britain's empire spread around the world, until the sun never set upon her possessions.**

**Canada, Australia, and South Africa were given dominion status, made free and independent nations, ruling themselves independent of England.**

**Furthermore, the British Commonwealth of Nations is the only company of nations in all of the history of earth.**

**America expanded rapidly in national resources and wealth after the 1800's gaining a vast track of land in the Louisiana Purchase.**

America (Manasseh) reached world dominance among the nations later than the British Commonwealth. However, she became a giant world power by the end of World War I.

**Could we so exactly fulfill the specifications of the Birthright, and not be the Birthright people?**

Together Ephraim and Manasseh grew into a multitude of nations according to Ya'aqob's prophetic blessing of [Bereshith 48](#).

Only the people of the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'el have fulfilled this prophecy.

It is interesting to note that Ephraim (Britain) and America (Manasseh) have continued to this day to be staunch allies, just like brothers, as two witnesses in the earth that YHWH keeps His promises to Abraham.

Ezekiel was indeed a suffering servant. Because of his obedience to YHWH in lying on his side for 390 days, YHWH was able to fulfill his promises.

YHWH brought forth the time period of 390 years of an iron wall protection in order that Ephraim could have prosperity, freedom and growth for His name sake to fulfill His promises to our forefathers.

It was nothing we did to deserve these blessings. It was all about YHWH's promise and His Name.

Ephraim's punishment is ending and he is awakening to his heritage as Yisra'el.

**It is time to be a watchman on the wall and proclaim the Good News – the restoration of the Kingdom of Yisra'el.**