

# The Life of Jesus Christ, Part 3

## Setting the Stage, Part 2

### The Prophesied Empires

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#### 10 Tribes

2 Kings 17:6, 23

Note: There were promises from the Lord that Judah would return after the exile, but not for Israel

Lots of theories: Celts/Anglo-Saxons -> British/American, Irish, Japanese, American Indians

- James 1:1
- Anna: tribe of Asher (Luke 2:36)
- Mention of tribes in Revelation

We really don't know exactly what happened. Best explanation: Not all Israelites were carried away, not all intermingled, some faithful Israelites lived in the southern kingdom; tribal identity was lost after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Note that the word "Jew" comes from "Judah."

#### Samaritans

2 Kings 17:24-26: Many connect the Samaritans with these, making a sort of half-breed (though disputed), look at them more in a later study

There are still Samaritans today (as of January 1, numbering 756); they have a website ([www.thesamaritanupdate.com](http://www.thesamaritanupdate.com)).

#### **Theme verse of this historical study:**

Galatians 4:4: "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law"

Prophecies of Daniel, framework through which we'll look at empires until the time of Christ

#### Daniel 2:

- 2:1: around 603-602 BC, just a couple of years after Daniel's exile
- 2:29-43: Gold: Babylon, silver: Medo-Persia, bronze: Greece, iron: Rome
- 2:44-45: Promise of the Messiah