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The Divine Institutions

Five social absolutes ordained by God for all mankind for the perpetuation, stability, protection, and freedom of the human race:

The Divine Institutions

The term "Divine institution" has been used by Christians to speak of those absolute social structures established by God and embedded within the social structure of the human race. Thus these are for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike. These are unbreakable realities.

Modern paganism views them as by-products of man's psycho-social evolution, "cultural conventions."

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

Designed to promote productivity and advance civilization

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

POST-FALL

Designed to restrain evil

Gen. 1:27, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, "God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Deut. 6:6, "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

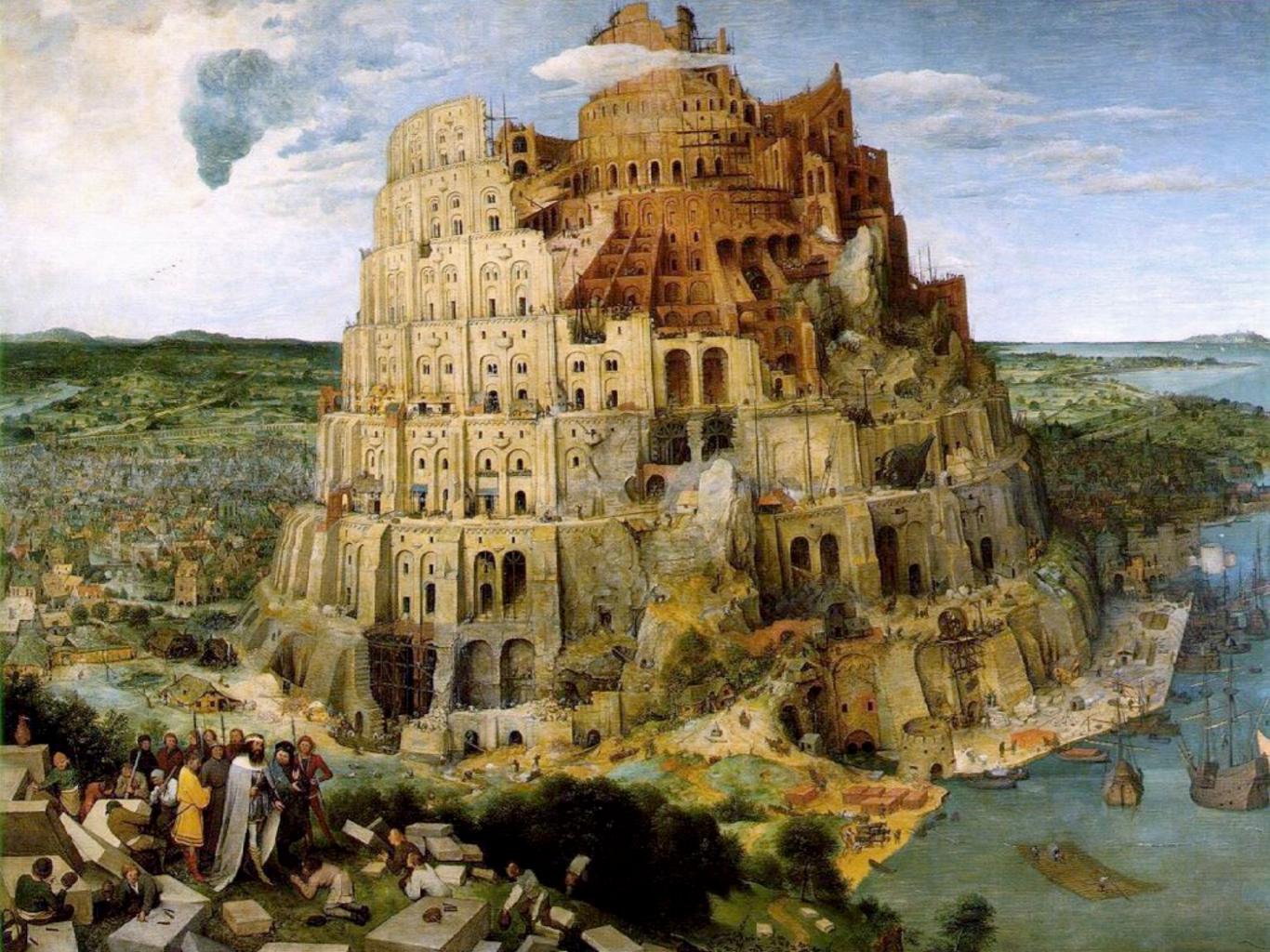
Deut. 6:7, "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

"The slippery slope has been greased. If two men can marry, why not more than two? Are laws against polygamy also a violation of our constitutional rights? Was the Texas cult legal? There you had a lot of people in a committed relationship raising a lot of children. Heterosexual marriage is not some Right-wing plot to deny homosexuals their rights. It's an institution sanctioned by all successful nations and cultures because of a compelling interest in a stable, growing society with heterosexual marriage providing a sturdy framework for both procreation and the orderly upbringing of children—the future of any society. Opponents of the decision will try to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November. That may be the only way to ensure that activist judges don't further unravel the fabric of society and that government of the people has not become government by just four people."

~Investor's Business Daily

Gen. 9:5, "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

Gen. 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man."





EY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWS HARES. AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS: NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE Acts 17:26, "and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,"

Is Israel a Sixth Divine Institution?

Gen 12:3, "'Those who bless you, I will bless, Those who curse you, I will curse.'"

- 1. This applies to all nations from the call of Abram until the the Great White Throne judgment.
- 2. This applies to all individuals, whether saved or not.
- 3. This is a universal, eternal promise given by God to Abram guaranteeing blessing or judgment based solely on how one treats the Jewish people.

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1-13

"land" "seed" "blessing"

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT **Deuteronomy 29** "land"

DAVIDIC COVENANT

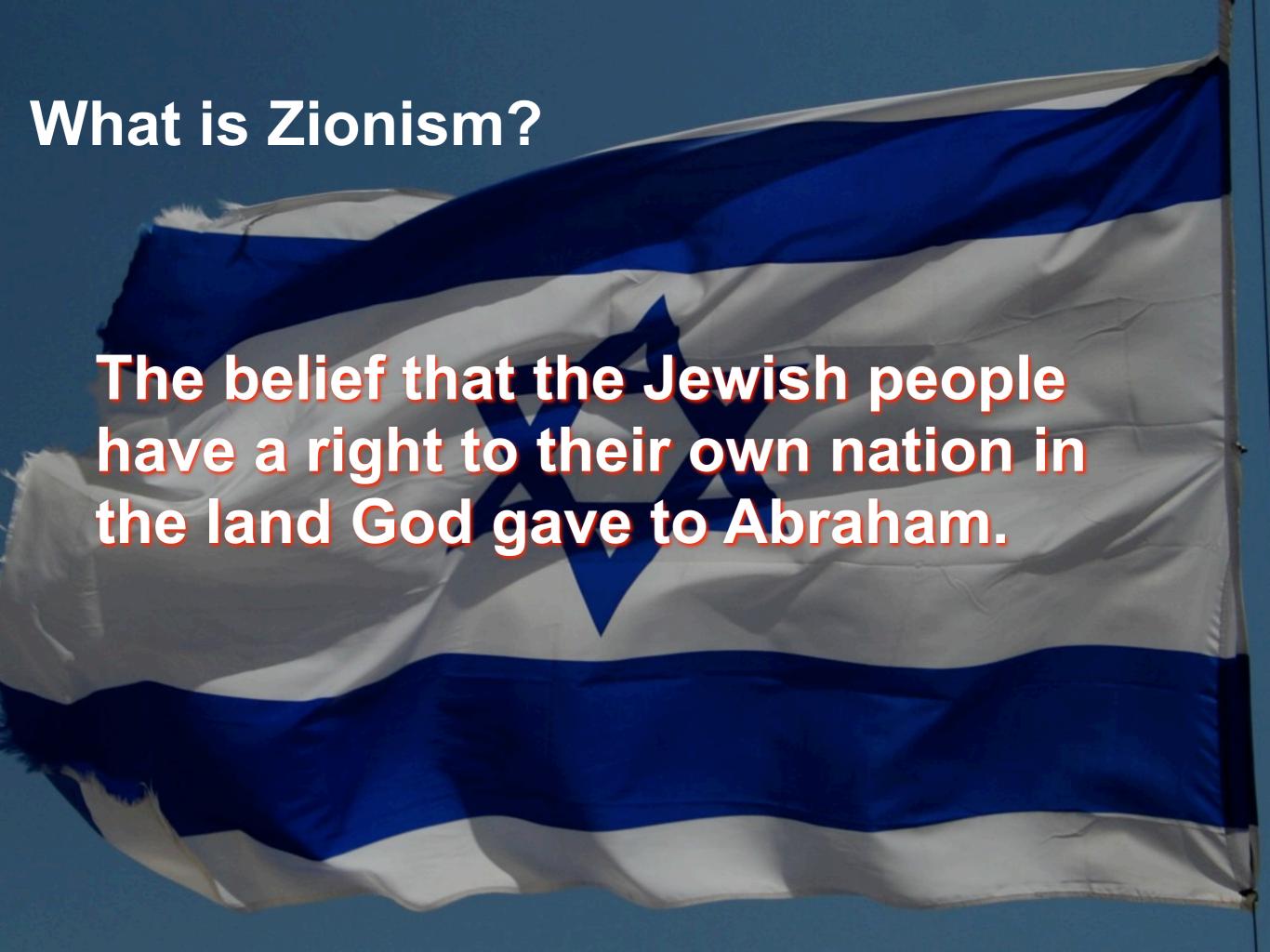
2 Samuel 7

"seed"

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

"blessing"



So what is Zionism? And is anti-Zionism anti-Semitic?

From M.L. King Jr., "Letter to an Anti-Zionist Friend," *Saturday Review* XLVII (Aug. 1967), 76.

Reprinted in M.L. King Jr., This I Believe: Selections from the Writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



So what is Zionism? And is anti-Zionism anti-Semitic?

Zionism is nothing less than the dream and ideal of the Jewish people returning to live in their own land. The Jewish people, the Scriptures tell us, once enjoyed a flourishing Commonwealth in the Holy Land. From this they were expelled by the Roman tyrant, the same Romans who cruelly murdered Our Lord. Driven from their homeland, their nation in ashes, forced to wander the globe, the Jewish people time and again suffered the lash of whichever tyrant happened to rule over them ...

"... You declare, my friend, that you do not hate the Jews, you are merely 'anti-Zionist.' And I say, let the truth ring forth from the high mountain tops, let it echo through the valleys of God's green earth: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews-this is God's own truth.

Anti-Semitism, the hatred of the Jewish people, has been and remains a blot on the soul of mankind. In this we are in full agreement. So know also this: <u>anti-Zionist is inherently anti-Semitic</u>, and ever will be so.

"The Negro people, my friend, know what it is to suffer the torment of tyranny under rulers not of our choosing. Our brothers in Africa have begged, pleaded, requested—DEMANDED the recognition and realization of our inborn right to live in peace under our own sovereignty in our own country.

"How easy it should be, for anyone who holds dear this inalienable right of all mankind, to understand and support the right of the Jewish People to live in their ancient Land of Israel. All men of good will exult in the fulfillment of God's promise, that His People should return in joy to rebuild their plundered land.

"This is Zionism, nothing more, nothing less."

"And what is anti-Zionist? It is the denial to the Jewish people of a fundamental right that we justly claim for the people of Africa and freely accord all other nations of the Globe. It is discrimination against Jews, my friend, because they are Jews. In short, it is anti-Semitism.

"The anti-Semite rejoices at any opportunity to vent his malice. The times have made it unpopular, in the West, to proclaim openly a hatred of the Jews. This being the case, the anti-Semite must constantly seek new forms and forums for his poison. How he must revel in the new masquerade! He does not hate the Jews, he is just 'anti-Zionist'!"

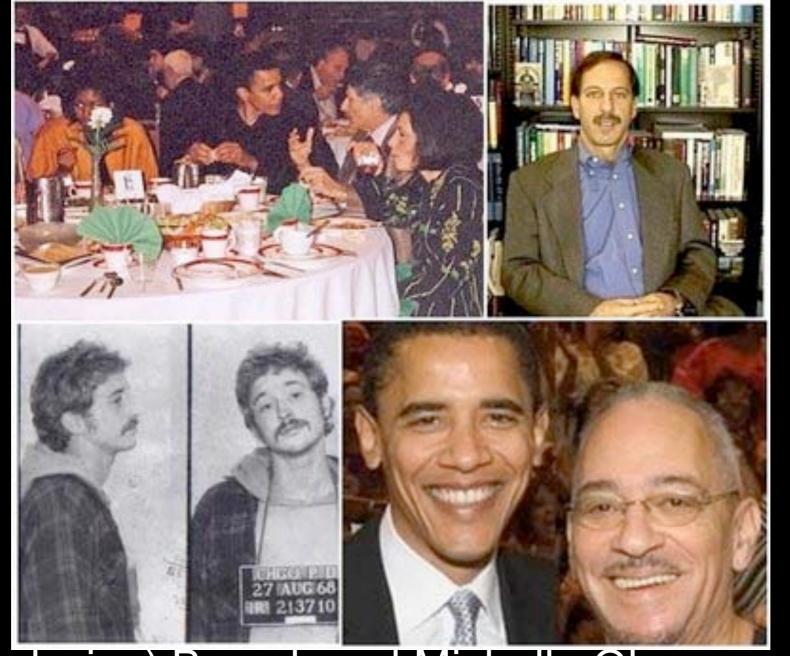
"My friend, I do not accuse you of deliberate anti-Semitism. I know you feel, as I do, a deep love of truth and justice and a revulsion for racism, prejudice, and discrimination. But I know you have been misled—as others have been—into thinking you can be "anti-Zionist" and yet remain true to these heartfelt principles that you and I share.

"Let my words echo in the depths of your soul: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews-make no mistake about it."

"Zionists who have controlled American policy for decades [will] lose a great deal of their clout when Barack Obama enters the White House."

~Jesse Jackson





(Top left clockwise) Barack and Michelle Obama and radical Leftist anti-Israel Professor Edward Said at a May 1998 Arab community event in Chicago at which Edward Said gave the keynote speech. (Bill Baar's West Side), Former PLO operative and close friend of the Obama's Rashid Khalidi, Barack Obama and his racist minister Jeremiah Wright, and close terrorist friend William Ayers.

▼ Rev. Willie T. Barrow (rear, 2nd, r), chairman emerita, Rainbow / PUSH Coalition, enjoys the Women's Luncheon with (standing, l-r) Michelle Obama, wife of U.S. Senate candidate Barack Obama of Illinois and executive director of community affairs, University of Chicago Hospital; Shoshana Johnson, the nation's first Black female POW and former Iraqi captive; and Mrs. Jamell Meeks, wife of the Rev. James Meeks, vice president, Rainbow / PUSH; and (sitting, l-r) Rev. Dr. Barbara King, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan, wife of Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan; and Judge Arnette Hubbard.



Question:

Is the rise of the modern Jewish State of Israel just a chance happening in history, or is there evidence that this is part of the outworking of God's plan?

Isn't this just an example of Christians working to manipulate history so Jesus will return?

Isn't this just an example of self-fulfilling prophecy?

To understand how the miracle of modern Israel was accomplished, we must go back over 300 years to see how God worked behind the scenes to accomplish this miracle, that a nation was born in a day.

"The author is aware of the historical interest in certain non-Jewish quarters, especially in nineteenth-century England, toward the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land. An examination—admittedly not systematic enough—regarding the relationship between these ideas and the emergence of Zionism suggests only a very marginal and indirect influence."

~Evyatar Friesel, "Zionism and Jewish Nationalism"

"Much of Zionism has its roots in Christian rather than Jewish doctrine."

~Richard Popkin, historian of ideas

This study is designed to show that the rise of Zionism, the impact of Zionism, and the reestablishment of the Jewish State could not possibly be an accident of history.

For centuries, since the Bar Kochba revolt of AD 135, there have been numerous attempts by one group or another to accomplish this dream. But in God's perfect timing, He used a host of people in different nations—Christians, Jews, and pagan politicians—and brought about a new Jewish State in 1948.

"The growing importance of the English Bible was a concomitant of the spreading Reformation, and it is true to say that the Reformation would never have taken hold had the Bible not replaced the Pope as the ultimate spiritual authority. With the Bible as its tool, the Reformation returned to the geographic origins of Christianity in Palestine. It thereby gradually diminished the authority of Rome."

~Israeli author, Michael Pragai

Early England was pro-Jewish (1066–1144)

- William the Conqueror encouraged Jewish merchants and artisans in N. France to move to England. Jews came from there and Germany, Italy and Spain to escape the anti-Semitism there.
- Jewish communities were established in London, York, Bristol, Canterbury and other key cities. They lived in segregated areas.
- Jews were the bankers and money lenders since usury was prohibited by the Roman Catholic church. However, the king taxed Jewish bankers heavily.

England Became Anti-Semitic (1290–1650s)

- Some persecution existed. The first blood libel charge was brought against Jews in Norwich, in 1144, which inspired several anti-Jewish riots.
- The Third Crusade brought increased anti-Semitism in England.
- Following the death of Henry II, who protected the Jews, a riot in York led to the massacre of the Jews there. Richard I found out about this a day later and ordered the Jews protected. Then when he left for the Crusades, the riots broke out again.
- Anti-Semitism increased in England until finally on the 9th of Av (anniversary of the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70) in 1290, Edward I, expelled the Jews; 16,000 left.

The English Protestants

"Starting with the Puritan ascendancy, the movement among the English for the return of the Jews to Palestine began."

~Barbara Tuchman, The Bible and the Sword

- Reformation: Emphasis on the Bible, sola Scriptura.
- Resurrection of the study of the Hebrew language by Protestant Christians.
- Translation of the Bible into English.
- Identification with Old Testament heroes, struggles, and stories.
- Hermeneutics: a return to a literal hermeneutic meant a literal Kingdom, a literal future for a restored Jewish nation.
- English Puritans: saw the Biblical prophecy of a return of the Jews to their homeland.

"The Reformation in England first turned Jewish eyes towards the land from which they had been so long excluded."

~Lucien Wolfe, Manasseh ben Israel, xv



Francis Kett, d. 1589

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A Pastor and a Medical Doctor

The Glorious and Beautiful Garland of Man's Glorification Containing the Godly Misterie of Heavenly Jerusalem.

"The Lord, mindful of his promise to Jacob, said: I will root Jacob againe and Israel shall be greene and beare flowers, and fill the whole world with her fruit, then shall the desert and wilderness rejoice, and the wasted groundes flourish like a lilies."



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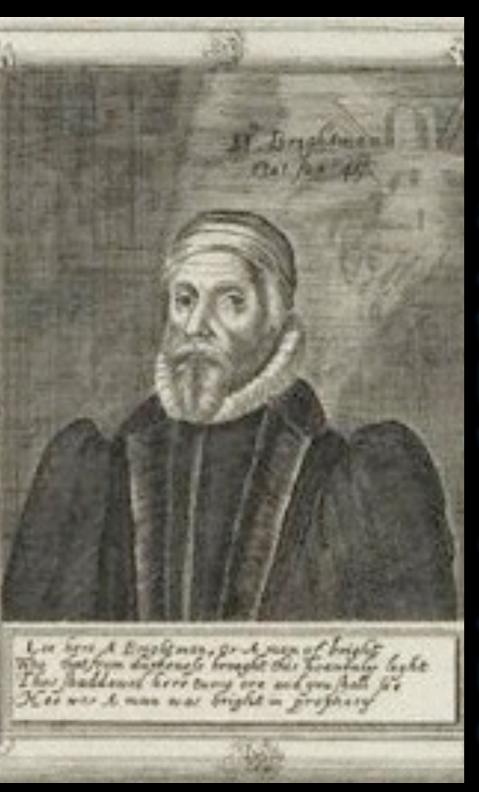
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"the Gentiles shall inquire after the roote of Jesse, and the Lord shall gather together the dispersed of Israel, and the outcastes of Juda, and then shall men reioyce before God as men make merry in haruest."

The English Protestants



Revelation of the Revelation (1609)

"how the Jews will return from the areas north and east of Palestine to Jerusalem and how the Holy Land and the Jewish Christian church will become the centre of a Christian world . . . " and

"What, shall they [the Jews] return to Jerusalem again? There is nothing more certain; the prophets do everywhere confirm it."

Thomas Brightman

The English Protestants

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REVEL. 1.3.

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1627 in Latin and in 1642 in English

The English Protestants



Joseph Mede

"We need not be afraid to aver and maintain, that one day they shall come to Jerusalem again; be Kings & chief Monarchs of the Earth; sway & govern all, for the glory of Christ; that shall shine amongst them." (Letter dated Apr. 7, 1621)

Israel Redux:

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The First contains an Essay upon some probable grounds, that the present Tartars near the Caspian Sea, are the Posterity of the ten Tribes of Israel.

By Giles Fletcher LL. D.

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By S. L.

Ifa. 11. 11.

The Lord shall set his hand again, the second time, to recover the remnant of his People &c, v. 12. and shall assemble the out-casts of Israel, and gather to ether the dispersed of Judah from the four Corners of the Earth.

Jer. 33. 7.

I will cause the Captivity of Judah, and the Captivity of Israel to return, and I will build them as at the first.

LONDON,

Printed by S. Streater, for John Hancock at the three Bibles in Popes-head Alley in Cornbill, 1677.

Giles Fletcher (1549–1611), a fellow at King's College, Cambridge and Queen Elizabeth's ambassador to Russia wrote a work advocating Restorationism. Fletcher's book, Israel Redux: or the Restauration of Israel; or the Restauration of Israel exhibited in two short treatises (shortened title) was published posthumously by the Puritan divine Samuel Lee in 1677. Fletcher cites a letter in his book from 1606 as he argues for the return of the Jews to their land. Fletcher repeatedly taught the "certainty of their return in God's due time."



A key proponent for Israel's future restoration, Finch wrote a seminal work on the subject in 1621, called The World's Resurrection or The Calling of the Jewes. A Present to Judah & the Children of Israel that loyned with Him, & to loseph (that valiant tribe of Ephraim) & all the House of Israel that loyned with Him. Finch, at the time of the publication of his book was a member of Parliament & the most highly respected legal scholar in England at the time.

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"But it was the increasing Hebraism of English thought, as represented by the Puritan movement, which chiefly attracted the Jews... When the Commonwealth, with its pronounced Judaical tendencies emerged from this movement, the Jews could not fail to be impressed."

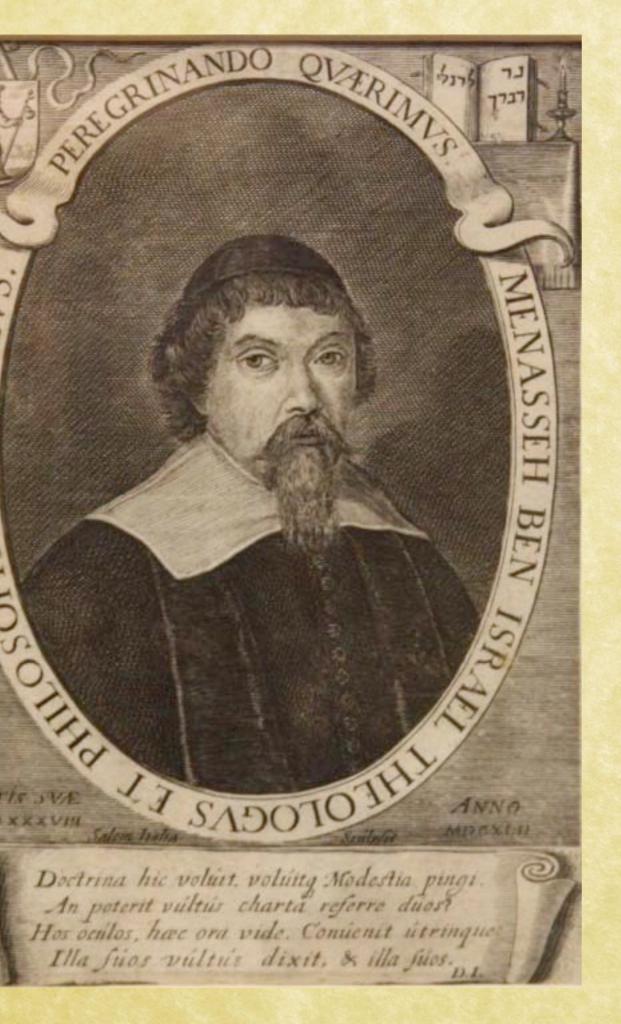
~Wolf, Manasseh ben Israel, xv

Background to the Jewish Situation in England

- 1. 1492-Spain expels Jews.
- 2. Conflicts over religious liberty.
- 3. Increasing publication of restorationist ideas along with calls to readmit Jews to England.
- 4. Jan. 5, 1659–Johanna and Ebenezer Cartwright petition Parliament to readmit the Jews.
- 5. Jan. 6, authorization of a High Court of Justice to try Charles I on treason. Petition shelved.

"... by discourse with them, and serious perusal of the Prophets, both they and we find, that the time herall draweth night; whereby they together with us, shall come to know the Emanuell, the Lord of life, light, and glory; even as we are now known of him, and that this Nation of England, with the inhabitants of the Nerther-lands, shall be the first and readiest to transport Izrells Sons & Daughters in their Ships to the Land promised to their fore-Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for an everlasting inheritance." [emphasis added]

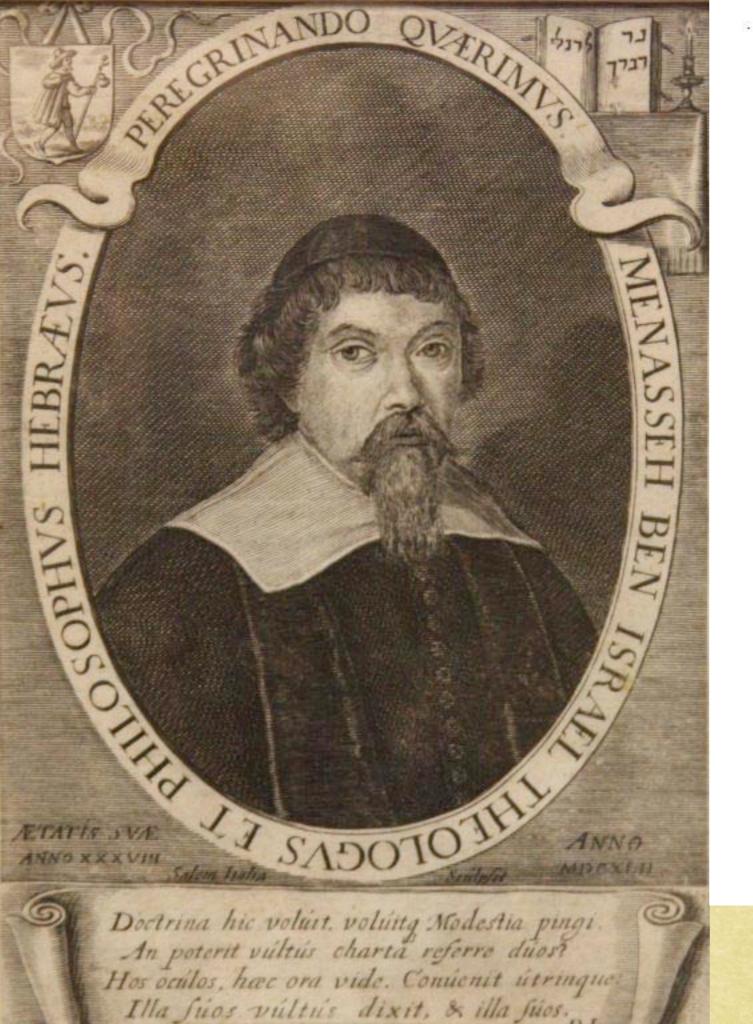
~Cartwright Petition



- 1. Ten lost tribes were in America.
- 2. Messiah would not come until the Jews were regathered.
- 3. Regathering would only come after a complete scattering.
- 4. England needed to readmit the Jews so the scattering would be complete.

"the many promises made by God by the mouthes of his Prophets, for the reduction [return] of them into their own country, still owning them for his own people, a country, I say, still lawfully theirs, by the donation of God himself, and a propriety, that no Prince under Heaven can plead the like, the promises also setting forth the restauration of the pure worship of God, the restitution of all things to their primitive Estate."

~An Apology for the Honorable Nation of the Jews



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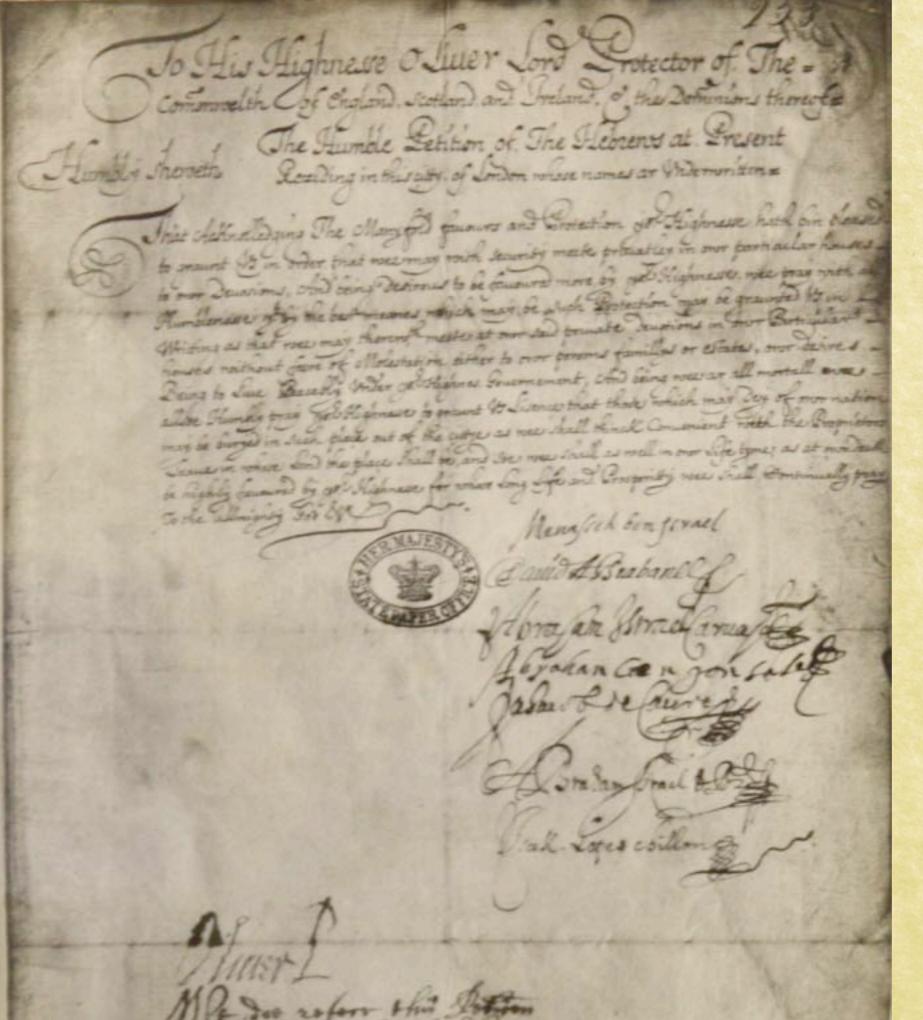
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Menassah ben Israel (1604–1657)



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Petition to Cromwell to Readmit the Jews to England

1655