

mysterious matrilineage

I spent years researching my male ancestors, my patrilineage, along with centuries of European history in the places they lived, the occupations they chose, and the languages they spoke. I started by knowing the early family tree from Adam to Noah, and found one from me back more than seven centuries before the trail I was following went cold. Because of the prevailing situation in Europe under which my family name was changed so long ago, I wondered about being a descendant from one of the twelve sons of Yakov, or Israel. Without consulting anyone, I have always known that being of Israel is a matter of either male lineage from Yakov or conversion to a Torah-observant heart with outward proofs in one's way of life. Without consulting anyone, I sought all the commandments, reading from the Torah and Testimonies. While putting my own life right to accord with Torah as best I could, I welcomed clarifications found among the books of the Prophets, and in the words of YESU (JESUS), my MASTER.¹ It was only later that I seriously examined the commentaries and practices of other men, ancient and modern. Nothing in the Words of our FATHER, or YESU, or the HOLY SPIRIT prepared me for uncovering what the *Rabbanites* of Orthodox Judaism, and the laws of the modern State of Israel, have to say. For them, only a child born of a woman somehow declared 'Jewish' can be considered of Israel. The lineage of fathers was even declared irrelevant by some! How shocking! How irrational! How could this be? Well, here it is...

You shall not intermarry with them:² do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons. For they will turn your children away from ME to worship other gods, and YHVH's anger will blaze forth against you and HE will promptly wipe you out.³

...this is 'it'? Deuteronomy 7:3-4 is 'it'? Are you kidding? *The Torah – A Modern Commentary*⁴ considers this the primary citation for matrilineage, and a footnote tells us the faulty reasoning that is at work here.

The proof text (a combination of verses 3 and 4) is interpreted this way: The Hebrew of verse 4 begins with the masculine construction, saying literally "when he (the gentile husband) turns your son away from Me ..." Thus, though the child has a gentile father (and a Jewish mother), he is still called "your son" (i.e., an acknowledged Jew). For lack of the reverse expression, the child of a gentile mother is regarded as a gentile.⁵

A mis-interpretation is called the "proof text". The commandment did not establish a matrilineal society but prohibited inter-marriage with the nations inhabiting the Land of Israel at the time Israel crossed over to inherit it, and only with those seven nations. The *Rabbanites* have painfully forged into existence a tradition making male-lineage irrelevant and excusing themselves citing a "lack of the reverse expression". Others have laboured to broaden the stricture of inter-marriage from the seven nations of the day to all gentile nations.⁶ The *Rabbanites*, those Pharisees of old, **"are experts at setting aside the commandment of GOD in order to keep their tradition."**⁷ But it was not always and everywhere so. *"Karaites Judaism includes only the Tanakh in its canon, excluding the Talmud. Karaite Judaism interprets the Torah to indicate that Jewishness*

¹ the use of ALL CAPS is meant for DIVINE PERSON or at least nearly Divine, and I have long accepted YESU as DIVINE or close enough to warrant ALL CAPS along with YHVH.

² see Deut 7:1, identifying "them" as the seven nations of the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. In Joshua 13:1-7, the Canaanite sub-groups are clearly named.

³ see Deuteronomy chapter 7:3-4

⁴ edited by W.Gunter Plaut, (c) 1981, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

⁵ ibid, page 1384, with further references made to notes 14,15,18 on page 1762

⁶ for example, in *The Occident and American Jewish Advocate*, Nov.1844, Isaac Leeser railed against all gentiles for marriage to Jews, the opinion of those 'scholars in agreement' carried forward to our own day.

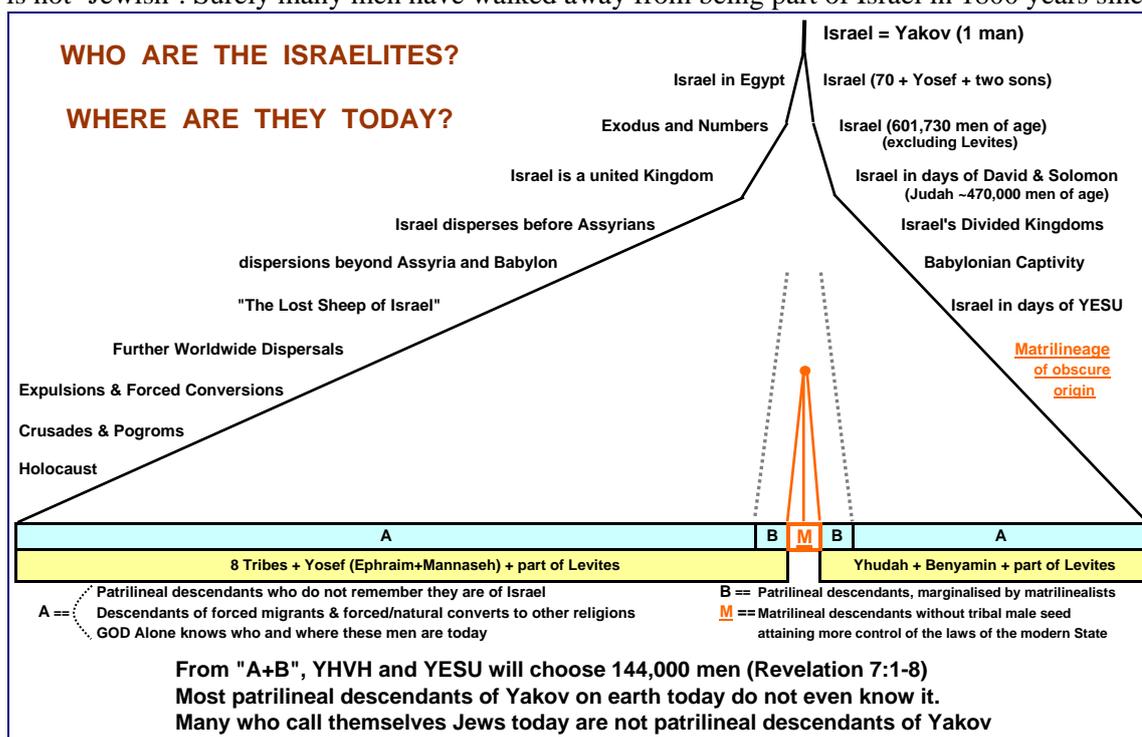
⁷ see Mark 7:9

passes exclusively through the father's line, maintaining the system of patrilineality that many scholars believe was the practice of ancient Israel.”⁸ Consider also:

And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the Name of YHVH, GOD of Israel, and YHVH said to David my father, Because it has been in your heart to build a house for MY Name, you have done well that it has been in your heart; Only, you will not build the house, but your son who is coming out from your loins, he will build the house for MY Name.⁹

Does the “proof text” claim of the *Rabbanites* ignore a perfectly sound reference for patrilineal descendants, even for a king who would build the Temple? We have the situation in Ezra 2:61-63 where men were barred from the priesthood because patrilineal forebears could not be properly established, though a mother’s line clearly was. While inheritance of land is normally from father to sons,¹⁰ the patrilineal descent among Israel is assured where land is inherited by daughters (the case of the daughters of Zelophahad). Such land inheritance by daughters required they marry only within the tribe of their father so the land inherited would remain with the tribe.¹¹ The underlying basis for the statute is simply that belonging to a tribe of Israel has always been passed along by the father of a child, not the mother. It seems noteworthy here that the statute in Numbers 36 is omitted from the ‘613 mitzvot’ enumerated by *Rabbanites*.¹²

Will you not then wonder *Where is Israel today?* Where are all the patrilineal descendants of the twelve sons of Yakov? Does only YHVH really know anymore? The *Rabbanites* have declared that a patrilineal descendant without a mother from a ‘Jewish’ mother is not ‘Jewish’. Surely many men have walked away from being part of Israel in 1800 years since



the Mishnah written in Bavlton asserted this one divisive *halakha*. The *Rabbanites* claim to know something they clearly do not know. It is to be expected that young men yearning to serve YHVH will follow the ways of their families, and so the modern *Rabbanite* culture perpetuates itself. What I find more worrying is the trend whereby some acculturated *Rabbanites* have come to believe in YESU and now, instead of humbling themselves to follow HIM, scramble to

⁸ the *Karaite* stance on patrilineage is of ancient origin and widely known. The statement is quoted from a wikipedia article entitled Matrilineality in Judaism (as of March 2012).

⁹ see 1King 8:17-19; my version here is based upon Young's Literal Translation, underlined for clarity

¹⁰ see Deut 21:15-17

¹¹ see Numbers 27:1-11 and again Numbers 36:1-13

¹² I have looked at many such listings; all of those ignored Num Ch36 completely; ?deliberate omission?

leadership positions among Messianic Jews without abandoning their *Rabbanite* traditions to truly embrace the Word of YHVH and do away with their many superfluous *halakha*.

A useful distinction between the ancient *Karaites* and modern *Rabbanites* is made in an 1870 English book *The History of the Karaite Jews*. The *Karaites* stay close to the text given by Moses and the Prophets. The English words found best for *Karaites* were *Readers* or *Sons of the Reading*. Until at least 320 BCE, the nation of Israel did not have any tradition of extending the authority of the Tanakh by the orations of mere men.¹³ By the time YESU our MASTER was born, however, the Sanhedrin had arisen in the place of the Great Synagogue teachers of Jerusalem and competing learned orators had established their sects, among them the famed Hillel and Gamaliel¹⁴. The term *Rabbanites* is expressed in English as *Increasers* or *Extenders* of the Tanakh, the Mishnah (c.220 CE) and later Talmudic components being evidence of such.

What are we to do?

Men who find themselves called by GOD to return to HIM may do better to form no associations at all ; to raise their children according to the guidance of TEACHER, the HOLY SPIRIT ; and while in fellowship with other believers, not to over-rate acceptance by any church or synagogue or even the modern State called Israel.

There are good people living in the modern State called Israel, many of them known to be patrilineal descendants of Israel, but the law of the State concerning who is accepted as Jewish follows the *halakha* of the *Rabbanites*. In years not so far away, the hatreds of evil men will again be focused on destruction of true believers of YHVH, whether true Christians or true Israelites. Will you make yourself conveniently available to the mass-murderers working for evil in those days?¹⁵ You can place your hopes in personal fellowship with the HOLY SPIRIT. YESU was taught by the same TEACHER. Even if you did not know the Tanakh by the age of twelve,¹⁶ you might get your own children ready at younger ages. Do you need acceptance by organized religions to do this? Are they not the ones who demand outward obeisance to their traditions rather than the keeping of HIS ways? Who set aside the commandments for the sake of fostering their cultures?¹⁷ Who seek a goodly portion of your earnings without clear proofs of being the legal recipients of tithes and thus imposters before GOD?¹⁸ Some contact with men of any good-natured culture can help, but it took only one evil man in Israel to cause the defeat of Israel's army, and he was discovered only after the fact, after hundreds of valiant men had died, leaving widows and orphans.¹⁹ Give prayerful consideration before formally joining a religious association; exercise due caution for the sake of your own household, for your own children.

There are *Rabbanites* who continue to attack the reputation of *Karaites* as the ancient form of adherence to Torah.²⁰ Today's detractors may be unaware that no lesser than Maimonides and Samuel HaNagid stand among those who tried to restore peace between the *Karaites* and *Talmudists*.²¹ Which group is right? Deuteronomy 4:2 prohibits adding to or removing from YHVH's commandments. It is clear that the *Karaites* more closely adhere to this while the *Rabbanites* turned the nation to matrilineal descent among other errors. We will do better generally to emulate the *Karaites* in honoring GOD's Word above all words that men might propose, especially those who have extended YHVH's Word beyond recognition in our day.

¹³ William Harris Rule, *The History of the Karaite Jews*, 1870, p.8

¹⁴ see also Acts 22:3

¹⁵ see Revelation 12:17

¹⁶ see Luke 2:41-52

¹⁷ see Matthew 23:1-7

¹⁸ see Numbers 18:20-32. Are those seeking 'tithes' of Jew or Christian the patrilineal descendants of the Levi? See also Ezekiel 40:45-46. Are those claiming the priesthood, those to be sought for rulings on the commandments, really the patrilineal descendants of Zadok? those can accept the tithes of other Levites?

¹⁹ read Joshua chapter 7

²⁰ the Wikipedia article '[Who is a Jew?](#)' is dominated by *Rabbanite* views. The *Karaites* are called a sect arising at some obscure point in history, seemingly a post-Mishnah response in opposition to *Rabbanite* tradition.

²¹ Zvi Cahn, *The Rise of the Karaite Sect*, 1937, p.116

“The Lost Sheep of Israel”

Our MASTER, YESU the Righteous, was sent to call the sinners to repentance. He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel.²² The Jews and *Samaritans* of the day still had the Torah, and they were able to understand and keep the commandments if they so chose. The *Gentiles*, who are simply not descendants of Yakov, benefit by YESU being king over all the nations, leading them back to YHVH.²³ But who are these “lost sheep” of Israel? Are they only those driven away long ago or even in our modern times? There are well known dispersions before the Assyrians and Babylonians but have you heard about the ancient burial mound of a family from Yhudah found in Tennessee? About those who migrated to China and settled as Chinese a millennia ago?

Kaifeng, China - The ancestors of the Jews of Kaifeng China settled there during the Song Dynasty about one millennia ago.²⁴ It is said that they departed the Middle East to avoid the approaching crusaders of Europe, and surely were not the only families to do so. The synagogue at Kaifeng, having survived for centuries with rebuilding after floods of the Yellow River, survived even the Cultural Revolution only to be recently demolished. These people still maintain a Jewish identity but only after Christianity arrived at the court of Beijing did they come to the attention of the outside world.

Los Lunas (New Mexico) and Bat Creek (Tennessee) – The Ten Commandments were written long ago in paleo-Hebrew on a rock near Los Lunas, New Mexico.²⁵ An ancient Jewish burial mound was discovered in Bat Creek Tennessee.²⁶ The inscription in ancient Hebrew unearthed there provides another of many links to the Tribe of Yhudah. The Yuchi Indians long kept a Festival like *Sukkot*. Are they of Israel? They were progressively removed from hunting grounds, then from their lands near Bat Creek, and resettled by force to Oklahoma without being officially recorded as a nation in their own right. They were largely assimilated within the Creek Nation and nearly lost their language when only five native speakers remained.²⁷ Descendants of Israel were in the Americas more than two thousand years ago and now only FATHER knows where all the patrilineal descendants of Yakov are.

The Khazar of Central Asia – They became a Jewish Kingdom in the early years of Islam’s expansion, and are ancestors of many Jews of Russo-European origins. Some assert that the Khazarian region of Central Asia was converted to Judaism around the year 760 CE but the historical evidence is too slight to say we have a reliable history of how this Jewish Kingdom in central Asia came to be ‘Judaised’. Many assert the Khazars were not descendants of Yakov, but the title of Arthur Koestler’s book on the Khazars²⁸ seems at best ill-considered. It is largely accepted that the majority of Israel’s descendants were deported beyond the Euphrates by the year 700 BCE²⁹ and thus a Khazarian kingdom with remnants of old religion is plausible. This suggests to me the Khazars might not have been ‘Judaised’ from a poor heathen state, but re-introduced to true Judaism through the Aramaic versions of the Tanakh that began with the days of the Bavlion captivity, and that underpin the Aramaic Peshitta. It seems that GOD Alone is able to tell us the real history of those people.

²² see Matthew 9:11-13; Hosea 6:6; Matthew 10:5-8; 15:21-28

²³ see Isaiah 49:5-7

²⁴ Dr. Xu Xin and Beverly Friend, *Legends of the Chinese Jews of Kaifeng*, (c) 1995

²⁵ see http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/15_loslunas.html

²⁶ Cyrus H. Gordon, *Before Columbus – Links between the old world and ancient America*, (c) 1971, pages 175-187.

²⁷ the page <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuchi> contains a glimpse into the history of these people.

²⁸ *The Thirteenth Tribe – The Khazar Empire and its Heritage*, (c) 1976. Although he is accused of being anti-Semitic as a result of his book, Koestler was in fact a descendant of these very people. His book was published in 1976. At the height of the controversy in 1983, the dead bodies of Koestler and his wife were found at their London home. Despite significant inconsistencies, the police ruled their deaths suicide.

²⁹ from Flavius Josephus’ first century CE history *Antiquities of the Jews*, XI.5.2, we find (translated by W.Whiston) “the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers.”

European and Russian Influences on Israel

Spain and Portugal – The history of Israel is woven with many a thread running through Spain and Portugal, from the first forced conversion to Christianity in 418 CE³⁰ through the expulsion of all Jews in the 1490's. There was much violence in the centuries before the Moslem Caliphate with its greater benevolence toward Jews. The Great Yeshiva at Cordova flourished with many renowned scholar-poets from that time and place. That gave way again to centuries of violence and forced conversions. It culminated in the years of Torquemada as chief of the Inquisition when he burned to death thousands of Jewish converts convicted of backsliding, and saw the expulsion of all Jews from Spain and Portugal by royal decrees. Many fled to other parts of the Mediterranean and to points within Europe, but some went further still. The Marranos who moved to the colonies in the Americas are a reviving Jewish community. While some Jewish communities in India are of older origins, the Portuguese establishment of Goa as the seat of their viceroy in 1510 saw many Jews and Marranos among them.³¹

France and Britain – Among the early records of Jews in Medieval Europe are those of the colonies of oriental or 'Syrian' merchants in the towns North of the Loire or in Southern Gaul during the fifth and sixth centuries. In the year 576 CE, Avit, Bishop of Clermont-Ferrand, forced some 500 Jews in his town to choose between conversion and expulsion. Six years later, King Chilperic I, acting with the Bishop of Tours, ordered "the forced conversion of the Jews in his kingdom".³² Within fifty years, King Dagobert of Gaul expelled all non-converted Jews from his domains. This was the beginning of a long list of petty royalty dealing with the Jews at whim.

In the centuries of persecution of Israel, the accusation of blood libel³³ was one that raised the worst fears in their communities. It was proved baseless time after time, but kept resurfacing wherever hatred, jealousy and means of force needed only a pretext to start down the road of persecution. Blood libel accusations began in Britain with the case of William of Norwich (1144) and were repeated elsewhere in the decades that followed with full expulsion of all Jews in the year 1290. Some were taken in by French dukes, while others fled to Eastern Europe and Russia. The French, in turn, expropriated Jewish properties and expelled all Jews in 1306.

The history of Jews among the British and French does not end here. The British East India Company chose Bombay as its center in the late 1600's and that became the largest Jewish center in the region. At the seat of British government in Calcutta there was also a large Jewish center.³⁴ Jews re-settled in France and Britain before and after the World Wars.

Italy – From the edict of Teodosius in 391 CE, the Jews were often mistreated by the Roman emperors and the vatican. The roman codes of Justinian required, from before 600 CE, a special oath for Jews in courts of law, an oath of which remnants still existed in Europe until the early 1900's. Forced conversions like those of Langobard in the 600's, while sporadic, were violent. Pope Leo III introduced around 800 CE public disputations with the Jews that led to forced conversions. Pope Innocent III around 1200 CE asserted the Jews to be perpetually doomed for the murder of YESU, something that was only dismantled officially in the 1960s. While papal bulls did decry forced conversions, there is evidence they were issued after receipt of gifts from the Jewish community, and not before.

Russia and Ukraine – A *pogrom* is a form of violent rioting, a mob attack upon a minority involving injury, destruction of property and murder. While it does have slightly wider meaning, and goes back to the early Crusades, *pogrom* is associated most closely with events in Russia and Eastern Europe to the end of World War II aimed at the Jews. In the 1600's the Cossack pogroms

³⁰ At Minorca, the conquering bishop Severus boasted of forcing 540 Jews to convert on taking the island.

³¹ A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People - from the time of the Patriarchs to the present, © 1992, Eli Barnavi, editor. Miriam Eliav-Feldon, English language editor, page 183

³² *ibid*, page 78

³³ blood libel is a term used to describe the exceedingly ignorant accusations against Jews that they had murdered a human being to use human blood in rituals and in food. Iran is the modern leader perpetuating this area of accusation against the Jews. <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/1573.htm>.

³⁴ A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People (as above), pages 182-183 (??)

killed tens of thousands of Ukrainian Jews. Two thirds of the Jews of Russia departed due to pogroms between 1880 and 1920, heading mainly to Western Europe and to the Americas - from Canada to Argentina.³⁵ Those pogroms led also to the wider embracing of the Zionist movement and the formation of early Jewish defense forces of considerable repute. Stalin's purges were against all people of conscience, the Jews faring no better or worse than other Russians. There remain about three hundred thousand Jews in Russia and Ukraine today.³⁶

Hungary - If you have ever wondered what kinds of men truly ought to spend eternity in the lake of fire, consider Count Wolf of Hungary. In 1529 "it was charged that a nine-year-old boy had been bled to death, suffering cruel torture; and thirty Jews confessed to the crime and were publicly burned. The true facts of the case were disclosed later, when the child was found alive in Vienna. He had been stolen by the accuser, Count Wolf of Bazin, as an easy but fiendish means of ridding himself of his Jewish creditors at Bazin."³⁷

Germany - In 1096, at the start of the Crusades, there were mass murders of Jews and mass burials as the troops marched through Germany. Jews in Cologne were spared by quick action of the local bishop, but were not as fortunate fifty years later when the second crusade swept through. In the 1200's, the accusation of desecrating the host started in Germany as a new hoax for inciting violence against the Jews. In 1235, thirty-four Jews and Jewesses accused of blood libel in central Germany (Fulda) were slaughtered by troops billeted in between the sixth and seventh Crusades. King Frederick II, after an exhaustive enquiry, issued a proclamation freeing all Jews of Germany from suspicion of blood libel. This did not prevent further abuses of Jews.³⁸ For instance, in 1261, one Archbishop Robert seized all Jewish property in Magdeburg and held influential Jews for ransom by foreign relatives. During the years of the Black Death in Europe, especially in 1348 and 1349, thousands of Jews were violently murdered in Mainz, Freiberg and Strasbourg amidst accusations of Jews poisoning wells.³⁹ Later centuries only add to this sad list.

In 1938, a pogrom called Kristallnacht took place where Jews were murdered and tens of thousands placed in concentration camps or deported. In 1941, the Germans used mass graves at Babi Yar for the many Jews and other Ukrainians slaughtered there. The hatred culminated in the huge death camps and millions of Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust that only ended in 1945. We should be grateful that the fighting men who liberated the survivors of the death camps took such pains to document the horrors because many today are the deniers that it ever happened, the most vocal of whom hail from Iran.⁴⁰

what has all this to do with Patrilineage?

No matter how shocking this is to anyone new to the history, it is not even a meaningful fraction of what happened. Records of the many forms of violence toward Jews can be found on the internet today by anyone interested enough to look.⁴¹ The samples above touch upon recurring causes whereby the numbers of professing Jews spread thinner over time. For many male survivors to Israel's heritage, the documentary evidence is now lost. While patrilineage is important to our FATHER, we might sense that HE has not hindered the drifting away of the Israelites among the nations especially by those who freely chose to believe in YESU. Such men are the lost sheep of Israel today. The Revelation of YESU to the Apostle John says there will be twelve thousand men chosen from each tribe of the sons of Yakov.⁴² There are many so-called *Gentiles* who do not know their patrilineal heritage is from Yakov. YHVH and YESU will

³⁵ A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People - from the time of the Patriarchs to the present, © 1992, Eli Barnavi, editor. Miriam Eliav-Feldon, English language editor, pages 216-217 on settlements in Argentina.

³⁶ figures differ markedly from estimate to estimate, but http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_population and 2010 statistical abstract http://www.cbs.gov.il/shnaton61/st02_27.pdf agree with this approximation.

³⁷ see the internet site <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=1173&letter=B>

³⁸ ibid

³⁹ I have not cited sources for each and every event named. The internet contains many compilations.

⁴⁰ see <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/1573.htm> for part of the history on this topic

⁴¹ see www.jewishencyclopedia.com and look up any of these topics.

⁴² see Revelation chapter 7. I know the text of Revelation 7:6 names Mannaseh in the place of Dan but to remain consistent with verse 7:4 we should admit that Dan is likely the one meant.

choose twelve thousand men descended from each of the twelve sons of Yakov. I believe the 144,000 men will be patrilineal descendants and find no reason to believe otherwise.

what shall we say to our children?

I learned by diligent research that my own family name was changed more than seven centuries ago in provincial France during the few years between the expulsion of all Jews from Britain and an expulsion of all Jews from France. It proved difficult to find what went before. YESU's Grace makes me able to look up toward heaven in deep joy about the ordering of the Universe. Even if I was not a patrilineal descendant from Yakov, then by unswerving devotion to YHVH, the GOD of Yakov, I would still be *of Avraham* at heart. And that, to me, always looked like the best part - truly living it.

But what shall we say to our children about the contortions the *Rabbanites* went through making matrilineage their sole accepted basis for saying who is Jewish by birth? In short, I see departures of patrilineal descendants of Yakov from among the modern Jews as something GOD and YESU do not hinder. Many men who call themselves Jews today must admit that they are not patrilineal descendants of Yakov, but Jews by another method of reckoning. GOD does indeed gather more to HIS Chosen People,⁴³ but those so gathered are without excuse in excluding patrilineal descendants of Yakov, aiding instead the rebellion.

The Book of Revelation twice mentions those who claim they are Jews, but are not so. In the letter to the church at Smyrna, HE says "**I have known your works, and tribulation, and poverty—yet you are rich—and the evil-speaking of those saying themselves to be Jews, and are not, but are a synagogue of the adversary.**"⁴⁴ Again, in the letter to the church at Philadelphia HE says "**lo, I make of the synagogue of the adversary those saying themselves to be Jews, and are not, but do lie; lo, I will make them that they may come and bow before your feet, and may know that I loved you.**"⁴⁵

... and FATHER has the broader Plan yet ...

The children of whom

you were bereaved
will yet say in your ears,

*'The place is too cramped for me;
make room for me that I may live here'*

Then you will say in your heart,

'who has begotten these for me,
since I have been

bereaved of my children
and am barren, an exile and a wanderer?

And who has reared these?

behold, I was left alone;
from where did these come?'⁴⁶

Sing, barren woman,

you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the
desolate woman

than of her who has a husband,
says YHVH

Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.

For you will spread out
to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.⁴⁷

Those men of earth today who are patrilineal descendants of Yakov outnumber the modern matrilineal Jews by a wide margin, but it seems only GOD HIMSELF knows where all the men are. Among modern Jews, the *Rabbanite* traditions have become increasingly prevalent while

⁴³ see Isaiah 56

⁴⁴ see Revelation 2:9

⁴⁵ see Revelation 3:9

⁴⁶ see Isaiah 49:20-21

⁴⁷ see Isaiah 54:1-3 and consider further the double-portion of Deut 21:16-17 and Isa 61:6-7

Karaite adherents remain a minority. Having thoroughly studied the Words GOD Spoke and those of YESU, I found that modern Jewish and Christian institutions do not measure up for fostering the proper growth of my children. I am not surprised that other studious men who love GOD feel much the same. Though I have visited with believers in over a dozen countries for occasional fellowship, I find no need to be accepted by any institution. Men are called back by GOD in every generation from wherever they are to prepare themselves and their descendants to serve HIM. They are in need of the greatest clarity concerning the Torah, the Prophets and YESU. In my opinion, and based on the mess that institutional religious groups are in these days, such men called back by GOD should not form any organised movement or associations at all, simply stay close to our MASTER in heaven.⁴⁸

Teaching of commandments is a duty of fathers to their children. There is no option given us to delegate that to specialists.⁴⁹ Under guidance from heaven, why not teach all the commandments to your own offspring? GOD easily provided bread in the wilderness, and water in parched lands. HE calls men of HIS Own choosing, and distances HIMSELF from the arrogant.⁵⁰ Could your own son be counted worthy to stand among those GOD chooses? There will be plenty of surprises when the dust settles and the smoke clears and we learn who the 144,000 chosen men really are. Don't you love surprises?

twelve sons times twelve thousand sons

most faithful and most blessed
 expected now for centuries
 from YESU's Flock, they are the Best

the world's so bitter hatreds
 makes Israel tragically sad
 but twelve sons times twelve thousand strong
 will one day make old Yakov glad

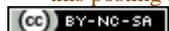
but who knows where they are today?
 the one thing we can surely say
 that GOD Alone does know them all
 in HIS Own time, they'll heed HIS call

then twelve sons times twelve thousand sons
 from YESU's Flock, the Best
 from 'midst a world of hate and crime
 they still will show at Their Appointed time

keep yourself from Almighty Wrath
 don't place rubbish along their path
 one day we'll see who are those Ones
 those twelve sons times twelve thousand sons

a migrant labourer
at autumn in the Highveldt
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⁴⁸ see Matthew 23:8-12

⁴⁹ see Duet 4:9-10; Deut 11:19; Prov 3:1-3. The essay *a Legal primer* posted on www.primeconcord.info might be a useful teaching aide for you to begin with.

⁵⁰ see Isaiah 66:1-4