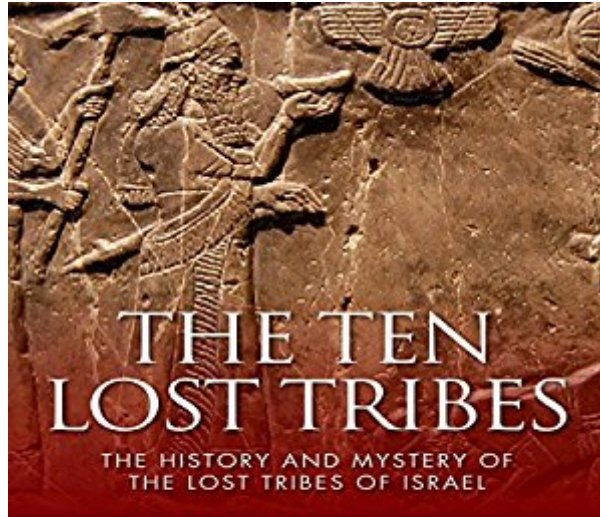


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# The Ten Lost Tribes: The History And Mystery Of The Lost Tribes Of Israel



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## Synopsis

"I counted as spoil 27,280 people, together with their chariots, and gods, in whom they trusted. I formed a unit with 200 of [their] chariots for my royal force. I settled the rest of them in the midst of Assyria. I repopulated Samaria more than before. I brought into it people from countries conquered by my hands. I appointed my commissioner as governor over them, and I counted them as Assyrians." - Sargon II, Assyrian king

In the eighth century BCE, one of the most important provinces within the Assyrian Empire was Samaria. Also known as Israel, Samaria repeatedly rebelled against their Assyrian overlords, but in 722, the Assyrians overran Samaria once and for all, killing countless numbers and sending most of the rest of its inhabitants into forced exile. The events of Samaria's fall were chronicled in the Assyrian annals from the reign of Sargon II and the Old Testament, and although the two sources present the event from different perspectives, they corroborate each other for the most part and together present a reliable account of the situation. The end result was that 30,000 Israelites were forcibly deported from the region, a tactic the Assyrians found so effective that they would continue to use it against other conquered enemies until the fall of their own empire. The Assyrians' forced exile of the Israelites was not the only time such a fate had befallen them, as made clear by Babylonian accounts and the Biblical account of the Exodus out of Egypt, but it was that exile that permanently scattered most of the legendary 12 tribes of Israel, and the fate of the 10 lost tribes has interested people ever since.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a pretty interesting introduction to the critical history of the 12 tribes of ancient Israel and Judah. It accounts for the bible's shifting names in the listing of the 12 tribes and how legends developed about their importance in the Middle Ages. Two key sources of medieval myths about the lost tribes are discussed in detail, but early modern myths, which are abundant, are skimmed over rather quickly even for a short book.

This is a good, quick read that tells of the ten "lost" tribes that were relocated during the Assyrian conquest. What was interesting to me is that the ten tribes were not the same ten tribes that conquered Canaan. That is, some of the tribes melted away before Assyria came and were replaced by others. This book is worth the read.

Lost Ten Tribes or Absorbed? Avid historians will find this a great touchstone for further study. Looking at the Ten Tribes in this light helps to show how political and religious agenda during the early centuries of the Hebrew nation grew, changed and moved on. Good references. Worth the read.

This book is interesting but too short. I realize that little is known of the ten lost tribes of Israel but this book could have contained more discussion of the background and theories of how the Assyrian empire relocated people. RAG

I hoped this book explained that many of the tribes were exiled and assimilated into other cultures after the diaspora. Many were shown to have been so, but a lot are still unaccounted for. A large part of the book on Assyria was included here with some nice photos. Interesting excerpts from ancient letters. Still leaves us wondering where these tribes are.

Wanted a brief history about the ten lost tribes and this booklet did the job. It provided enough background to continue a more detailed study of the subject yet provide information on the lost tribes. Would recommend as a beginner read for anyone

I had never given much thought to the 10 lost Tribes of Israel before I saw this offering from Charles Rivers Editors. This book provides several explanations about whether there were actually 10 lost Tribes and whether any reminisce of those tribes have been found. This book supplies a short synopsis; if someone is really interested in the topic they should check the references available in

this book.

A well written, scholarly pursuit of the fate of the 10 Tribes of Israel and Judah lost following the 8th Century BCE Assyrian Diaspora. While locating these 10 Tribes has excited public interest since the Middle Ages and despite numerous claims of success, all efforts have been unsuccessful. As described in this text the search is hampered by numerous extremely complex issues, including the Babylonian Diaspora during the 6th Century BCE and determining which tribes were actually missing. The authors do an excellent job of leading the reader through this great historic mystery. I encourage everyone with an interest to read this book!

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