

placed them in Halah and Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

He subjugated the nation and made a complete revolution in the civic and ecclesiastical polity of the kingdom. But the poor of the land, the mass of the population, the main body of the people, he left behind, as he did not consider them to have any influence to enable them to resist his power or throw off the yoke of his government.

These peasants became servants and vine-dressers to the wealthy Cuthan Colonists whom the Assyrian monarch planted in Samaria and its vicinity, much in the same way that the Anglo-Saxon population of England became vassals and servants to the nobles, the barons, the lords, the great men and the military officers of the Norman army of William the Conqueror. As the Normans and Saxons mingled together and became the progenitors of the English nation, so these poor people were incorporated with the new inhabitants, and from this union sprung the mixed race afterwards known by the name of Samaritans. As the old and the new inhabitants spoke kindred dialects (Aramean and Hebrew) of the same original language this amalgamation was the more easily accomplished.

This took place chiefly in Samaria and the neighboring towns, in the *middle parts* of the land of Israel, which were more occupied by the new inhabitants, because the Israelites who dwelt in these places, being more obnoxious to the Assyrian king for their turbulence and political disaffection, were on that account put to death, or carried away captive to a distant country, and their land was left comparatively destitute. They were the men of honor and estate who were so treated; the generality of those who were of any note, or possessed of political influence, were carried away as prisoners of war; the poor and the working classes were left behind, many of every tribe in Israel. This was especially the case in the northern parts of the land which were not so fully occupied by the new inhabitants as the middle parts were.

The northern part of the country, which was called Galilee in the time of our Lord, was inhabited by persons acknowledged to be the seed of Israel, who went up yearly to Jerusalem to worship. These were the descendants of the tribes of Zebulun, Naphtali, Issachar and Asher, whose inheritance lay in these regions. Representatives of all the tribes were left

in their own land. The ten tribes were never wholly removed as a population. Anna the prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel was of the tribe of Asher. The Galileans were descended from the northern tribes, for they were different from the inhabitants of Judea and Jerusalem, who were of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin.

For aught we know Peter and Andrew Philip and Nathanael, Matthew and Thomas, and the majority of the Apostles were descended from the ten tribes, for they were Galileans. We have no evidence to prove that they were descended from the tribe of Judah.

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