

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The Soul's Journey, part 10

LOST AND ALONE

The independence of the Northern Kingdom of Israel comes to an end when they are forced to pay tribute to Assyria (which represents the mysterious and the occult). Later they refuse, having formed an alliance with Egypt (the darkness of sense consciousness), hoping to throw off the oppressors. This results in the fall of Israel and the dispersion of her people who are lost from history for ever. When we "pay tribute" to the psychic realm, allowing it to rule us, we can become deeply immersed in the darkness of sense consciousness which fails us when we are in need of support. Our energies are dispersed, scattered, ineffective.

The Southern Kingdom of Judah refuses to honor Assyria or to make pacts with Egypt. They are on the verge of being destroyed when they remember to turn to the Lord God. Hezekiah, the king, calls out "O Lord, our God, save us,... that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou, O Lord, art God alone." (2Kings19:19). That night they are saved from destruction and the Assyrians are forced to return home. The Lord, Yahweh: I AM THAT I AM, God indwelling, is our salvation. When we call upon the presence and power of God from within, the darkness of sense consciousness and psychic disturbances are vanquished.

Judah survives another 200 years before its fall and exile in Babylon (confusion). The kings during this period were generally wicked, doing "what was evil in the sight of

the Lord,..." They fell under the vassalage of Egypt before being conquered and carried into exile. It is there the Psalmist writes "By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept..." (Ps 137)

It was in Exile that a new form of worship was enacted, Synagogues, which have survived to this today. Previously, they only worshiped at the central Temple in Jerusalem. Sometimes it is adversity that strengthens our faith in Spirit, in God. It is through trial and testing of fire that steel is strengthened. It is through the trial and testing of adversity that we are strengthened. We find new ways of contacting the strengths of the Spirit within, the Christ of God.