



THE MIGRATIONS, ALLIANCES, AND POWER OF ISRAEL
IN WESTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA:

A LATTER-DAY SAINT PERSPECTIVE ON THE LOST TRIBES

by Dale W. Nelson

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Rejecting fanciful theories and speculation concerning the location of the lost ten tribes of Israel, Dale Nelson looks closely at the scriptural and historical records, sifting and synthesizing evidence from linguistics, archaeology, and other relevant disciplines.

The end result is a compelling panorama which radically enhances our understanding of the role played by the dispersed and wandering sons of Israel in world history, and especially in Dispensation history. Nelson asserts that despite their apostasy, Israel has always been an instrument in the Lord's hands, helping to establish and preserve essential freedoms in Western Europe and ultimately prepare the way for the restoration of the gospel in the latter days.

The author also explores the movement of Israel into Central Asia, suggesting some possible candidates for the people the Savior might have visited at the meridian of time, as explained in the Book of Mormon. Where are the promised scriptures of the lost tribes

Never oppressively dogmatic in his approach, Nelson offers arguments, suggestions, and reasonable, informed speculation about the House of Israel, always inviting readers to continue to read and study the problem—rather than demanding that everyone agree with his perspective as the only possible solution. But on this one point he is clear: understanding the fate of the lost tribes is essential to understanding ourselves. The topic is complex, and Nelson makes some demands on us to learn a few new names and places in history, but the effort is well rewarded. Illustrations and maps aid the reader's understanding.

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Some comments on Dale Nelson's book, *The Migrations, Alliances, and Power of Israel*.

Dale Nelson's book on the history, migrations, alliances, and power of the Israelites in Central Asia is most impressively researched, marvelously written, and very exciting to read. This is most certainly a major and very important contribution to the literature relating to the movements of the Israelites and the history of Central Asia. Anyone interested in the history of Israel and of Central Asia must read this book

Malan R. Jackson, Ph.D.; Central Asian Specialist

Your notes are valuable vademecum It is just the sort of outline everyone should have I had dinner the other night with missionaries from Mongolia-Mormon missionaries. For me that says it all. A few years ago I would have said you were fantasizing about the Church spreading into the vast reaches of Central Asia, and it is still hard for me to realize-my Sogdian has never been very fluid.

Hugh Nibley

Dale Nelson performs a valuable intellectual service in this volume. In taking on an all-too-neglected subject-the "lost"tribes of Israel-he makes available to readers what scholars do know about the dispersion worldwide of God's covenant people. Because Nelson has done his homework well, the book not only takes readers on Israel's inspirational journey through Europe and Asia, it also becomes a point of departure for other scholarly investigations on a subject of vital interest to Latter-day Saints. We learn that the Tribes of Israel are not as lost as many may presume.

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