



We have been told by society and religion that knowing who we are does not matter. However, being ignorant of our past and ancestry has affected us; our people (the so called Blacks, Hispanics, and Native American Indians) have been plagued mentally and spiritually. Everyday we suffer as lost sheep because this deception is meant to cause us to go astray. According to the Bible, the healing process begins with searching for our fathers (heritage). **Job 8:8** *“For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:”*

Do not allow yourself to think that it is impossible to learn who you are, or that it doesn't matter. **1st Kings 8:47** *“Yet if they shall **bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives**, and repent, and make supplication [pray] unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;”* If we bethink ourselves, meaning take the time to consider and remember that we were carried captives (as slaves) then we will realize that our heritage continues to exist. It might seem strange the thought that your culture, nationality, history, heritage, and everything else is within the Bible. See, **Hosea 8:12**.

The Bible is our history book, this has been purposely hidden from us. Our enslavement and continual oppression is a result of our wrong doings (sins). To acknowledge your heritage will cause you to see clearly and repent; which is to be sorry and change your destiny. **Leviticus 26:40** *“If they shall **confess their iniquity** [sin], **and the iniquity of their fathers**, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;”* **Verse 41:** *“And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; **if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:**”* **Verse 42:** *“Then will I remember my covenant [agreement of mercy] **with Jacob** [father of the nation of Israel], and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.”*

Our fathers brought us up in ignorance, in religions and traditions that are sinful, not knowing that we are descendants of Israel with blessings that await us. **Acts 5:31** *“Him [Christ] hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and **forgiveness of sins.**”* For this reason we must bethink ourselves and confess (renounce) the sins of our fathers that we may receive by our repentance, forgiveness of our sins and of his good promise. To learn more about this topic visit: <http://riseisrael.com/bethink.html>. Shalam (Peace)!

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