

STEVEN M. COLLINS' PRETZEL FACTORY, #5

With this fifth paper, we continue our critical review of Steven M. Collins' twisted view/s, that the "JEWS ARE JUDAH" in his position paper on Internet web site http://www.israelite.info/Christian_Authors/Jews-are-Judahreasons.htm. Steven M. Collins' mailing address is: P.O. Box 88735, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-1005. Collins is the author of a book entitled *The Lost Tribes of Israel ... Found*, which I would give only a mediocre rating. By the way, if you haven't read my paper #'s 1 through 4 you may not entirely comprehend this one.

In my brochures entitled *Steven M. Collins' Pretzel Factory* #'s 1 through 4, I completely invalidated all four of his "four reasons" he presumes "THE JEWS ARE JUDAH." Time after time after time, Collins manages to create faulty premises to the detriment of his final conclusions which are also flawed. He swears unequivocally that he gets his evil concepts from Yahweh's, or as he states it, "God's Word." But as I demonstrated in my first four flyers, his deleterious concepts can be only from the pits of Hell! It is blasphemous to suggest otherwise! Inasmuch as I have now covered at length his major errors, I will now address some of the remainder of his vile, obnoxious, nauseating refuse, which he evidently doesn't seem to think stinks.

What is so dangerous with Collins' thesis, is he mixes downright lies with truth, much as the Serpent did in the garden of Eden. There is no greater lie than a half-truth, for it deceives its unwary victim! I'm picking up where I left off quoting Collins' "Jews Are Judah", page 8, where he said: *"Now we will apply this biblical principle to the history of the Jewish people."*

"History of the Asian Jews"

"After the fall of Judah and Jerusalem, the house of Judah was removed into an Asian captivity. In the 6th century B.C., Cyrus, the Persian Emperor, allowed a small contingent of Jews to return to Judea. Ezra 1:5 and Nehemiah 11:3-4 confirm that remnants of only three tribes (Judah, Levi and Benjamin) returned to Judea at that time, and Nehemiah 7:66 records there were only 42,360 returnees to Judea. Josephus records that the Persian Jews held a great festival to celebrate this event. He writes that four million people attended this Jewish celebration, and that when it was over, a 'certain part' of this multitude emigrated to Jerusalem, but 'the rest of the multitude returned every one to their own countries [i.e. the nations within Persia's Empire]." [5] (NOTE: Your volume of Josephus may have a footnote discrediting Josephus' four million figure because the writer of the footnote didn't carefully read the text. Josephus did not claim four million emigrated to Jerusalem; he simply recorded the number of people who attended the festival in Persia celebrating the return of a small contingent of Jews to Jerusalem. Josephus tells us the vast majority of Jewish captives chose to remain in Persia's Asian provinces rather than join the pioneers who returned to rebuild Judea.) What is critically important to realize is that the vast majority of the tribe of Judah stayed in Asia even when a few went from their midst to rebuild a portion of Jerusalem."

“The small contingent under Ezra and Nehemiah formed the population base of the Jews who later inhabited Judea at the time of Christ. However, during the time of the Maccabees, John Hyrcanus (circa 135-105 B.C.) and the Jews conquered a body of Edomites who adopted the Jews’ religion and customs and merged with the Jews. [7] Josephus gives this account of the Jewish-Edomite merger:

“Hyrcanus ... subdued all the Idumeans [Edomites]; and permitted them to stay in that country, if they would circumcise their genitals, and make use of the laws of the Jews; and they were so desirous of living in the country of their forefathers, that they submitted to the use of circumcision, and the rest of the Jewish ways of living ... that they were hereafter no other than Jews.”

“[8] Josephus was on solid biblical ground in his judgment of the merged Edomites as ‘no other than Jews.’ Based on God’s laws governing the admittance of Gentiles into the tribes of Israel (Leviticus 19:33-34, Ezekiel 47:22-23), the Edomites ‘became Jews’ because they embraced circumcision (the key sign of the Old Covenant with God) and ‘the rest of the Jewish way of living.’ God’s assimilation laws considered them as much a part of the tribe of Judah as those ‘born in the land.’ Even allowing for the added restriction of Deuteronomy 23:7-8 (that children of Edomite-Israelite unions will be fully ‘Israelite’ in the third generation), the progeny of the Edomite-Israelite union around 110 B.C. would have been past the ‘third generation’ by the time of Christ’s ministry (circa 30 A.D.). By the time the first century A.D. ended, God’s law recognized the Edomite-Jewish merger as complete and all progeny of this merger would have been regarded as fully Jewish (members of the house of Judah). Many Sephardic Jews have descended from the Judean Jews who were scattered throughout the Roman and Mediterranean region after the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. and also in 135 A.D. when Jews were expelled from Jerusalem after the Bar Kochba revolt. [9] In this account, there is no reason for doubting the ‘Jewishness’ of Sephardic Jews. The Edomites (and any other Gentiles) who adopted circumcision and Jewish customs over the centuries had become full members of the tribe of Judah under God’s laws governing such mergers by the time they scattered to Spain and other Mediterranean regions.”

“Next we will consider the Ashkenazi Jews, who settled in central and eastern Europe. To understand their history, we must examine the history of the great empire of Parthia (which is almost entirely ignored in history books). The Parthian Empire replaced the Persian and Seleucid Greek Empires, and it flourished from approximately 250 B.C. - 226 A.D. At its greatest extent, it dominated the region from the Caucasus Mountains and Russian steppes in the north to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean in the south, and from the Euphrates River in the west to the Indus River in the east. Rome tried many times to conquer Parthia, but was never able to do so. The great 19th century English historian, George Rawlinson, decried the fact that Rome was being presented as ‘a Universal Monarchy, a power unchecked’ when the Greco-Roman historians themselves recorded that Parthia was ‘a rival state dividing with Rome the attention of mankind and the sovereignty of the known earth.’”

“[10] The Parthian empire was formed by a group of related tribes who were called ‘exiles’ in their Asian lands. [11] Classical writers record that the Parthians were under the domination of the Assyrians and Medes prior to their becoming independent. [12] Their tribal names reflected the names of the clans of the ten tribes of Israel, and their cities bore Semitic names and their Semitic kings often bore the name of the root-word ‘Phares,’ which identified the royal line of King David, who descended from Phares (I Chronicles 2:3-15). The Parthians

were the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel, and their kings were David's descendants, fulfilling God's promise that David's progeny would rule over the ten tribes of Israel (Jeremiah 33:17). Many are familiar with the account of the Magi worshipping the baby Jesus soon after his birth, but few are aware that the Magi were a delegation of Parthian nobles and the hereditary priests of Parthia. The Parthians wrested control of Palestine from the Romans a few decades prior to Jesus Christ's birth, and ruled it for several years."

"The entire fascinating story of the ten tribes' relocation into Asia and their eventual restoration to independence and power in the Parthian Empire are thoroughly documented in this author's book, *The 'Lost' Ten Tribes of Israel ... Found! ... Whereas the Roman Empire oppressed the Jews, the Parthian Empire granted them great freedoms, allowing Jews to have their own self-governing cities!* [13] George Rawlinson noted that the Jews (descendants of the 'multitude' mentioned by Josephus in the Persian Empire) were very numerous throughout Parthia's provinces. In fact, Parthian Jews were so numerous and rich that they sent their Holy Day offerings to the Jerusalem Temple with armed escorts of 'many ten thousands of men.'"

Collins has been doing a lot of mouthing off about the Israelites being allowed to "assimilate" other peoples, which is simply not true. He has to take the passages he quotes entirely out-of-context in order to promote his lies. We'll now see what Scripture really has to say about the matter!:

First of all, let's consider Noah, where it says in Genesis 6:9: **"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."**

This does not mean that Noah was inerrant in thought and action; for no man was perfect except Yahshua Christ! Primarily Noah was righteous because he was racially pure, and his parents had more to do with that than he. But Noah was secondarily righteous because he passed his pure seed on to his three sons who were racially righteous inasmuch as they married racially pure wives, or Noah wouldn't have allowed them on the Ark! That was the reason for the flood in the first place; to get rid of a lot of mix-breeds!

Ezra, at 9:1-15, understood about Noah and what the consequences were; and is recorded thus:

"1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy [set apart] seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. 4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. 5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Yahweh my God, 6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers *have we been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings

of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day ... 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, 11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean [racial] land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their [racial] uncleanness. 12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever ... 14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? 15 O Yahweh God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is this day*: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this." [emphasis mine]

Now either Ezra is lying or Collins is lying! And if Collins is lying the Biblical penalty is death; for he pretends to be a spokesman for Yahweh, yet Collins has lowered his status to that of a false prophet speaking lies! Not only that, but Collins is indirectly condemning Rebekah for her words at Genesis 27:46: "**And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are of the daughters of the land*, what good shall my life do me?**" But Collins gives such mixing with "the people of the land" his wholehearted approval! Either Rebekah is wrong or Collins is wrong! Take your choice, but I'll place my confidence in Rebekah!

Collins is evidently unaware that the Book of Daniel brings up the subject of interracial marriage in his prophecy of Nebuchadnezzar's image of the head of gold, shoulders of silver, thighs of brass, legs of iron and toes of iron mixed with clay. I touched on this in my *Watchman's Teaching Letter #47* for May 2002, where I wrote the following:

THE MATERIAL SUBSTANCE OF THE TOES: We are told these [Roman] provinces (or toes) are part iron and part clay. If we could imagine an iron casting with streaks of vitrified clay mixed in with the iron, we might envision the meaning of what Daniel is saying. I am sure if the engine in our automobile were made up of such a casting, we wouldn't get very far down the road. Daniel 2:43 is the answer to the mystery of the iron mixed with clay: "**And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.**" The word for "men" in this case is #606 and means *enawsh* in Chaldee (same as #582 in Hebrew, *enowsh*; in other words, non-Adamite.). We see then, within the confines of the provinces of Rome, they had their own version of multiculturalism (race mixing). It didn't work then, and it is still just as destructive today!

In the earlier periods of Rome interracial marriages were, as a rule, not legal. In Sheldon's *General History*, page 157 (speaking of the incorporation of the Macedonians about 172 to 168 B.C.) it says this: "Laws are given them by the Romans, and they are divided into four districts, between which there is to be no intermarriage, no free trade in land."

As time went on, and Rome came under hard financial times, she decided to offer citizenship to more peoples in order to gain additional taxpayers. In the book *The Romans* by R. H. Barrow, it says this on page 52:

“... Her near neighbours were incorporated as citizens into her body politic, to others she extended a limited citizenship which conferred rights of trade, together with enforcement of those rights at law, the freedom of intermarriage with Roman citizens ...” *[Emphasis mine]*

In order to fathom Daniel’s prophecy, it is important to understand Roman history. In order to grasp the toes of Daniel, it is necessary to have some knowledge of slave traffic during those years. I will now quote some passages concerning slavery during the Roman epoch. From the *Cyclopædia Of Universal History* by John Clark Ridpath, LL. D., volume 1, pages 752-753:

“One of the most marked results of the great conquests made by the generals and armies of the Republic was to fill Rome and all Italy with multitudes of slaves. The policy of selling into servitude not only the soldier population, but all the inhabitants of conquered countries was universally adopted. The slave-sale was looked for as a matter of course after every victory won by the Roman army. Among the upper classes of society free labor was almost unknown. The vast landed estates of the nobles were cultivated by a servile race, driven mercilessly to their tasks, punished, whipped, starved, killed, with impunity. Nor was there any badge of nationality, color, or natural inferiority to distinguish the slaves from the other classes of population.” *[Emphasis mine]*

The Story Of Civilization: Part 3 “Caesar And Christ” by Will Durant, page 398:

“... Finally a great jurist of the third century, Ulpian, proclaimed what only a few philosophers had dared suggest — that ‘by the law of Nature all men are equal.’ ... As the sons of freedmen automatically became citizens, the emancipation of slaves and the fertility of aliens combined with the low birth rate of the native stocks to change the ethnic character of Rome ...” *[underlining mine]*

Again I will maintain, either Daniel is lying or Steven M. Collins is lying. You may take your choice, but I’ll put my confidence in Daniel. Daniel says that iron and clay won’t mix, but Collins insists that it will! **In short, Collins is advocating, for America and all Israel countries, what happened to Rome!**

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