

12 tribes across 12 Tribes

Now unfolding in the Middle East is the so called "Arab revival." One can also see it as a spiritual turmoil. Why? In all these countries the people (young people) want a change but are unconsciously or consciously choosing for a (stricter) Islamic government. Which always has the slogan that the enemy is Israel.

The state of Israel is surrounded by these Arab nations. They are literally opposite to each other such as prophesied about Ishmael (Gen.16: 12). They are the 12 tribes of Ishmael (Genesis 17: 20 and Gen.25: 12-16) compared to the 12 Tribes of Isaac, Israel (Genesis 49: 1-28). One originates from the Promise (Isaac), the other one is a surrogate (Ishmael). What one must remember is that Abraham dearly loved Ishmael, see Gen 21: 10 to 11,13. The Lord also confirmed that he will be numerous and that he will produce 12 princes / tribes. If these are brothers where is this great suspicion to each other coming from? From the beginning, there is considerable disagreement between Hagar and Sarah (humiliation Gen.16: 6,9) and between Ishmael and Isaac (Gen.21: 9). This is from generation to generation and given by their remains to this day on and is therefore a deeply rooted issue. Eventually, the remains of Ishmael found their faith in Muhammad and the Quran (surrogate). Israel, the Torah and the Messiah (The Lord Jesus / Yeshua). The Messiah they rejected (which they continue to expect John 1: 11), which we Gentiles (Christians) have been adopted (Heb.11: 11), and have our redemption.



Abram send Hagar and Ishmael away



Abraham on his way to sacrifice Isaac

It is remarkable that at the death of Abraham both Isaac and Ishmael were present to honor and give supported (Gen.25: 9). This can also be a hopeful picture for the future. This can be confirmed by the fact that many Muslims and Jews are coming to faith in Jesus Christ. And we as Christians should appreciate more and more our Jewish Lord Jesus.

Wish you God's Merci and Truth (Prov.3: 3)!