



OUR STORY

We never intended to become a worldwide movement, nor imagined ourselves to be a part of the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. But over the years it gradually became clear that a restoration was taking place in our midst, and that we were living at a very significant time in history.

During the 1980s we continued to seek in the Bible for the foundation of the early church to find our identity. It dawned on us what the first Church had been — not just a religion, but a spiritual nation with its own culture. And it was then that we began to call our Master by His Hebrew name, *Yahshua* (meaning *Yahweh's Salvation*), rather than the Greek name *Jesus*, which has no meaning of its own.



As the twentieth century drew to a close, various Biblical prophecies stood out to us. Isaiah 49:6 spoke of the “*raising up of the tribes of Jacob to be a light to the nations so that salvation could reach to the ends of the earth.*” It was becoming clear that salvation reaching the ends of the earth depended on a nation composed of twelve tribes. These tribes, we came to understand, would not be the natural descendants of Jacob, but a spiritual Commonwealth of Israel — twelve self-governing tribes in separate geographical areas. It would be the resurrection of the spiritual nation whose hope had dried up at the end of the first century. This nation would ultimately bring about the return of Messiah and the end of this age.

Many movements have come and gone in the last nineteen centuries, and none have fully recaptured the life and the fervor of the first-century disciples and spread it to the ends of the earth.

And so we have reached a critical point. The challenge is to rely on the Spirit of Love instead of our own natural abilities, or we will fall prey to the same pride, selfishness, and compromise that have caused



every other movement of the last two millennia to fail. Everything, quite literally everything, depends on this. And with this vision we press on, for the love of Messiah compels us.