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The Restoration of the Altar

1 Kings 18:30 — Elijah restored the altar and all the people of God came to him. He restored the altar of Yahweh which was *in ruins*. Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob — to whom the word of Yahweh came, saying, "*Israel* shall be your name." Each stone represented one of the tribes of Israel. There are 12 tribes.

Israel is Israel only as 12 tribes collectively. Israel is Israel only as a completed whole — without division — in every place (Mal 1:11). Israel is a name given to 12 tribes. Your name shall be Israel, and Israel is the 12 tribes of the sons of Jacob, and Jacob had twelve sons. The only way Yahweh could hear and answer Elijah's prayer is that the altar be restored — since Israel was divided and destroyed as long as Israel was not *one*. Israel is Israel only as a completed whole, Gen 35:10.

Elijah was known to be the prophet who would restore Israel (Ecclesiasticus 48:10,11), that he would come at the appointed time in history to allay the wrath of God before its final fury, to reconcile father and son and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy or blessed will be those who saw him and were honored with his love — Is 49:5,6; Mal 4:5,6; Matt 17:11; Mark 9:11,12; and Luke 1:17.

1 Kings 18:31 — Elijah called for covenant unity for all Israel — as the people of God — which can be expressed in no other way except *oneness of heart and purpose* as a 12 tribed nation of Yahweh, Israel's Redeemer and Restorer. Is 49:6 — is prophecy yet to be fulfilled by the nation of Matt 21:43 to bring about the covenant promise to Abraham, Gen 15:18, 18:19, through Abraham's spiritual seed — Gal 3:16,19 and verse 27. 1 Kings 18:38,39 — Elijah comes to prove who is Yahweh, the true Elohim. Elijah does this by restoring the 12 tribes of Israel, the witness, the Edah — the Body of Messiah.