

**Mandan Indian Tribe (2-10-07)**  
**by Gordon Bean (St. Charles, Michigan)**

This letter is in response to an article "[What Ezekiel 38-39 Reveals about a Future World War III](#)", which was published in [Issue #28](#).

**Gordon Bean writes:**

I am just finishing up the book "[ISRAEL'S TRIBES TODAY](#)" by Steven Collins and find it perhaps one of the most brilliant researched texts I have read. He has put together in a very easy to understand format the migration of the ancient LOST tribes of Israel and places them quite correctly where they are today.

I found your web site which had his [Ezkiel 38/39 prophesy](#) concerning the MAJOR current events today.

Within the text of the book I am currently reading he has referenced the MANDAN Indian tribe of your near locale.

Do you know what I am referencing here?

My daughter lives at Fargo ND and I am familiar with the location of Mandan but not of the current Indian nation or their history. Sincerely yours, Gordon

**Steve Collins writes:**

Dear Gordon Bean,

Thank you for your very positive comments about my [book](#). It is gratifying to know that readers enjoy reading the [book](#) as much as I enjoyed writing it.

The tribe of Mandan Indians which interacted with the Lewis and Clark expedition and other early explorers of the American West no longer exists. In 1837, white traders infected the Mandan villages with a smallpox epidemic which wiped out almost all the tribe's members. I'll offer this quote from [Brave His Soul by Ellen Pugh](#) (p. 99) concerning what happened to the Mandan tribe after the smallpox plague:

"Only about 125 survived...these were taken captive by the neighboring Ricarees, who then moved into the empty Mandan villages. Many of the captive Mandans--made slaves--committed suicide. Thirteen years later, the census of 1850 recorded 350 Mandans living, but nearly all were of mixed blood."

For the above reason, it is impossible to locate the remarkable Mandan tribe which was known to early American explorers. There may be some people today bearing the tribal name, but they are not the same people as the original Mandan tribe. Steve Collins