

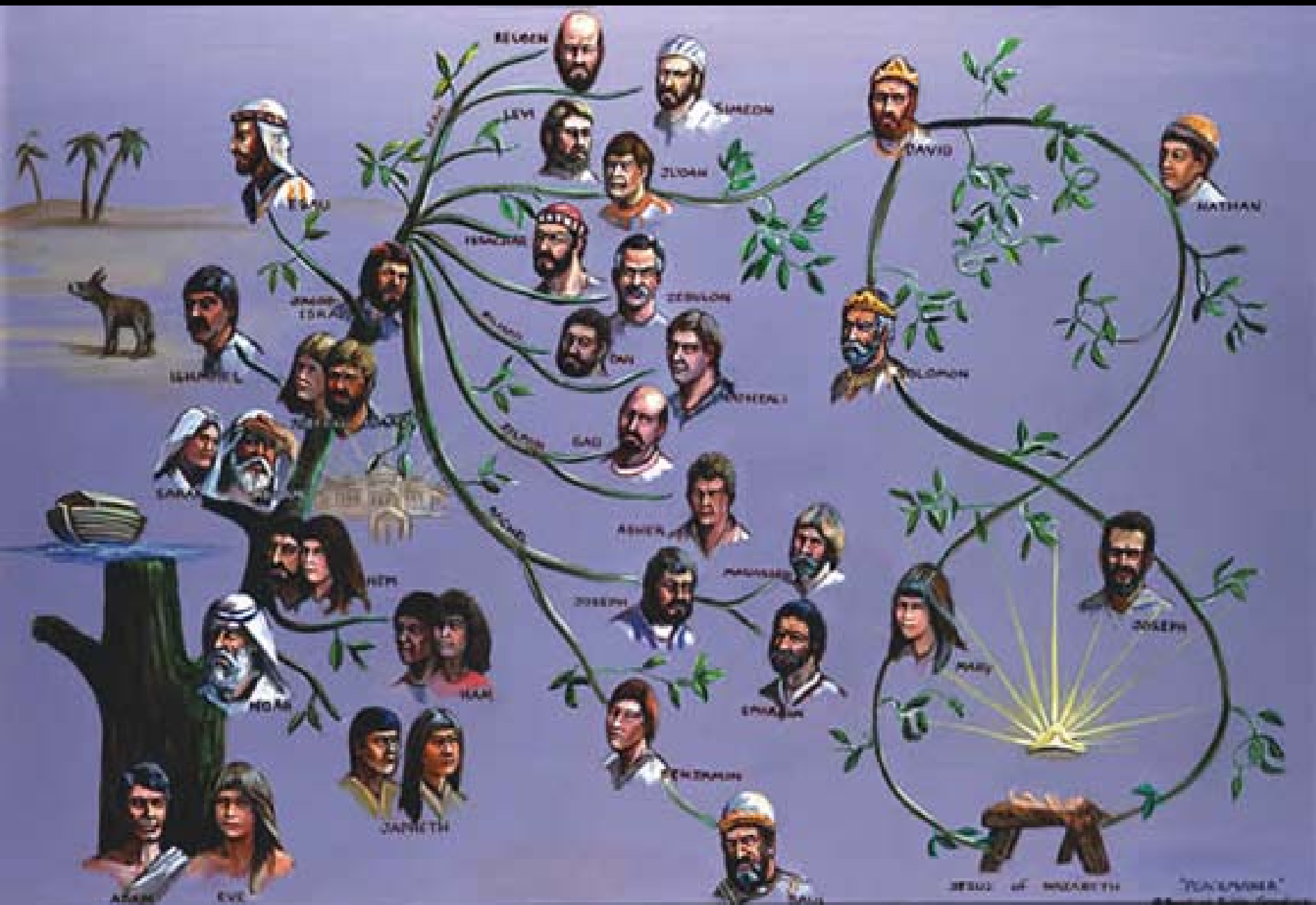
# SHABBAT SHALOM



MAY YAH BLESS AND KEEP  
YOU ON THIS DAY OF REST !

# A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Spiritual Insights From A  
Hebrew Perspective



# A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

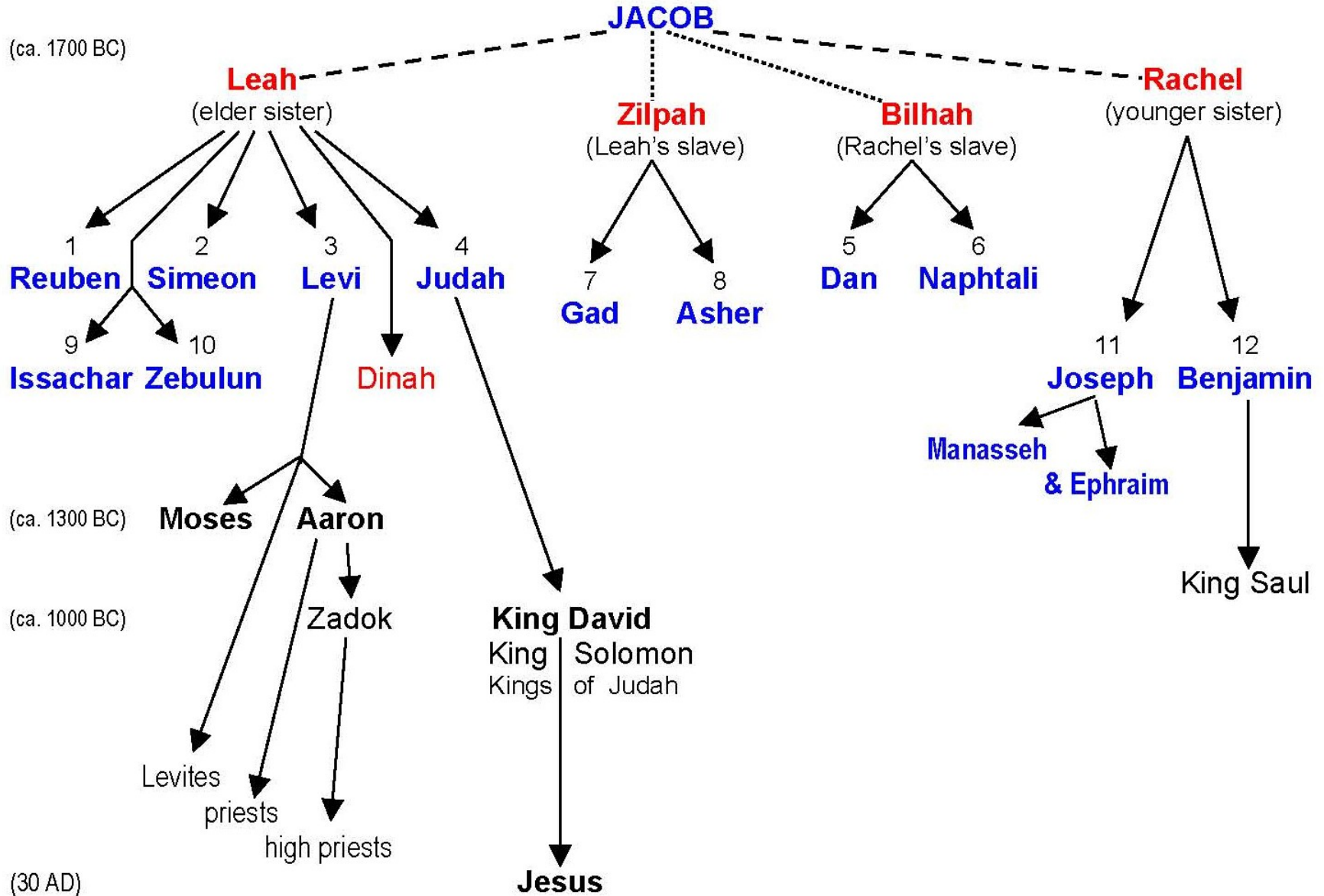
- *Genesis 17:2-4 “And I will make My Covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” Then Avram fell on his face, and God talked with him saying, “As for me, behold My covenant is with you, and “You shall be a father of many nations.”*
- Abraham’s son Isaac was miraculously conceived in his old age and then Isaac begot Jacob whose name was changed to Israel by Yahweh. Thereafter, Jacob became the father of twelve sons known as the Tribes of Israel.



# 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

- Through this Covenant, the promises of God were inherited by Abraham's son Isaac and then conferred by God to his son Jacob and his sons became known as the twelve tribes of Israel. God made an eternal covenant with the Tribes of the Israelites, and He loved them as a father loves his own sons. He called forth a people from the world at that time in history and gave them eternal promises which could never be broken! The events that followed evolved into the birth of the Israelite people, and eventually the nation of Israel.

# Sons of Jacob / Tribes of Israel



## 12 Tribes of Israel



## Twelve Tribes of Israel

Manasseh	Asher
Naphtali	Zebulun
Issachar	Gad
Ephraim	Dan
Benjamin	Reuben
Simeon	Judah



# AVRAHAM - A FRIEND OF GOD

- How then was the Almighty going to make Avraham a father of many nations? At that time he was specifically father to the Israelites. The nations for the most part, were worshippers of the sun deities of the Egyptian, Babylonian and other Kingdoms of the nations who worshipped strange god's. Even so, the Eternal One had a plan to make Himself known to all the Gentile nations, even to the ends of the earth for those who did not know the unseen God of creation, and the Father of all souls! Let us discover if God has kept His promise to His friend Avraham, known as Abraham.



The Israelites were given the Holy Scriptures, the Torah, Commandments, and were called to be a holy people. They were to be Yah's witnesses in all the earth, that He is the one true God of creation! Even so, many erred and displeased Yah, as the idolatrous ways of the pagan nations who surrounded them seeped into the belief and practices of the children of Israel. Many disobeyed, and their sin eventually lead them into exile, into the very nations of these pagan strongholds where they were given over to false deities.



# YAH KEEP A REMNANT/A SEED

Yet there was always a holy **remnant, a seed** which continued the righteous blood line. The children of Israel generally failed in their calling as a royal priesthood, yet God declared they would always be His own special treasure. His Covenant can never be broken! God knows our flesh is weak and He preordained a plan to bring forth redemption. For the nation of Israel, and thereafter, for a multitude of righteous Gentiles of the nations so that the whole earth would glorify Him as creator and Father of all humanity!

# THE HEBREW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO OBSERVE THE TORAH AND BE GOD'S AMBASSADORS ON EARTH

*Isaiah 43:10-13 "You are My witnesses, says the LORD and My servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I AM HE. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, Am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior. I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you **therefore you are My witnesses**; says the Lord, that I Am God. Indeed, before the day was, **I AM HE.....**"*

**GOD WAS GOING TO BRING THE TRUTH TO THE NATIONS AS HE PROMISED ABRAHAM. YOU SHALL BE A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS.**

# GOD'S WITNESSES ON EARTH



# YAH IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL NATIONS AND ALL PEOPLES

- ***Isaiah 56:3-7** Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely exclude Me from His people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For this is what the Lord says: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, who choose what pleases Me and holds fast to My Covenant - to them I will give within My temple and it's walls a memorial, and a name better than sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting Name (**Shem Olam**) that will not be cut off. And sons of strangers (ben Nekar) who bind themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to worship Him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to My Covenants, these I will bring to My holy mountain and give them joy in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar. **"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."***





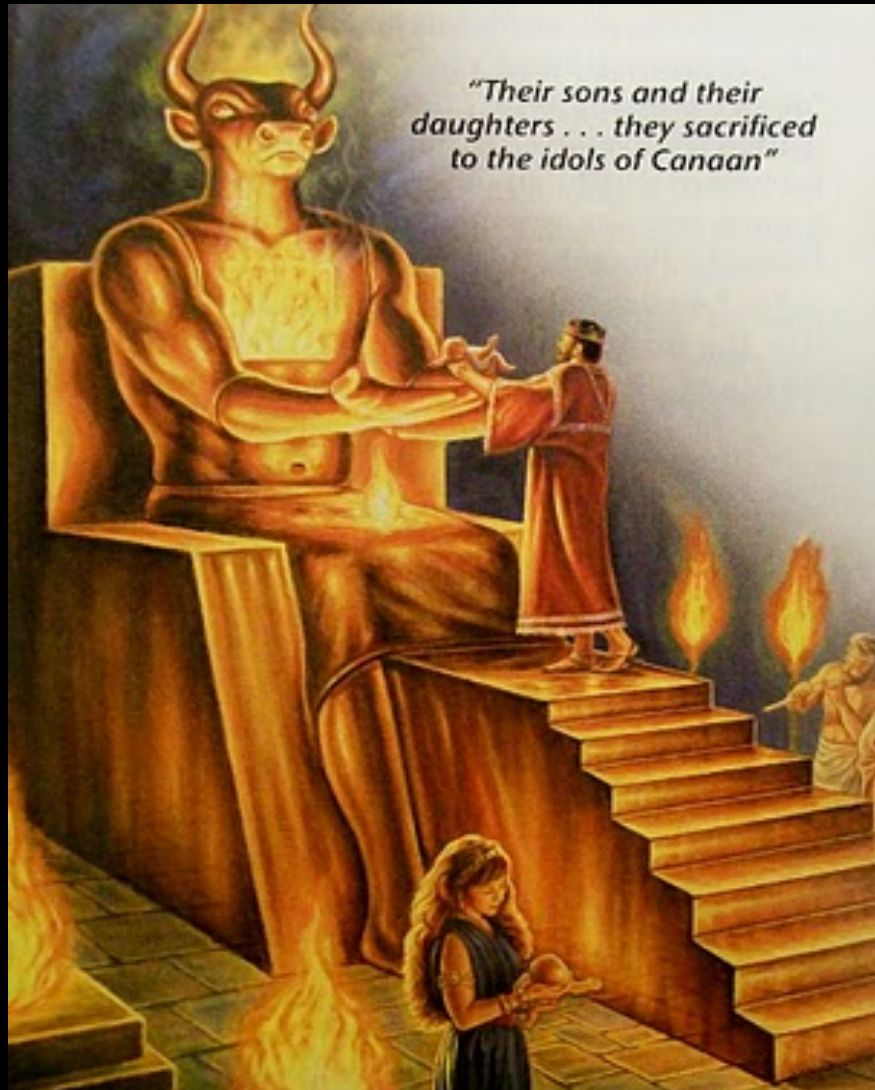
# A HOUSE OF ALL NATIONS

- God's spiritual house has open doors for all peoples who desired Him to be their God, for He is the only deity who created mankind upon the earth. These truths have been written down within the Hebrew Biblical writings. In ancient times God ordained the court of the Gentiles from the Nations and made provision for these righteous souls to be gathered into His everlasting Kingdom. **God's house is called a house of prayer for all nations.**
- In the closing years of the kingdom of Israel, sadly the people had fallen into sin and idolatry. The prophets declared, if the Israelites did not repent and make Teshuvah, (turn back to God) then all the curses written in the Torah would come upon them.

# WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF



# BAAL & MOLECH WORSHIP



- For many centuries before Israel entered the land of Palestine, ancient Canaanite fertility cults used same sex rituals to worship their false gods.
- *"I will cut off from the midst of their people both him and all who follow after him in spiritual prostitution, to commit prostitution by worshiping Molech."*  
Leviticus 20:5.



# MOLECH IS A CAANANITE god



- Molech is a fire god commonly worshiped throughout the ancient near East and North Africa, by Canaanites and Philistines, Arameans and Semitic peoples and later, Phoenicians. He was known by many names, all signifying the same false god.
- In Islam, Molech is called Malec or Malik (meaning King), believed to be the principle angel in charge of Djahannam, the Islamic version of hell.

- **Ashtoreth** was the goddess of war and fertility, called Ishtar by Assyrians and Babylonians, called Astarte by Greeks and Romans and called Tanith by North Africans.
- **Molech** represented the male principle of life and reproduction while **Ashtoreth** represented the female principle of fertility.
- **The sexual relationship between these false gods set the example for unbridled sensuality among their worshipers.**
- A child sacrifice laid on the hands, would roll into the fire in the belly cavity. Scripture describes this practice as "*passing through the fire to Molech,*" Leviticus 18:21.

# THE ISRAELITES WOULD NOT REPENT

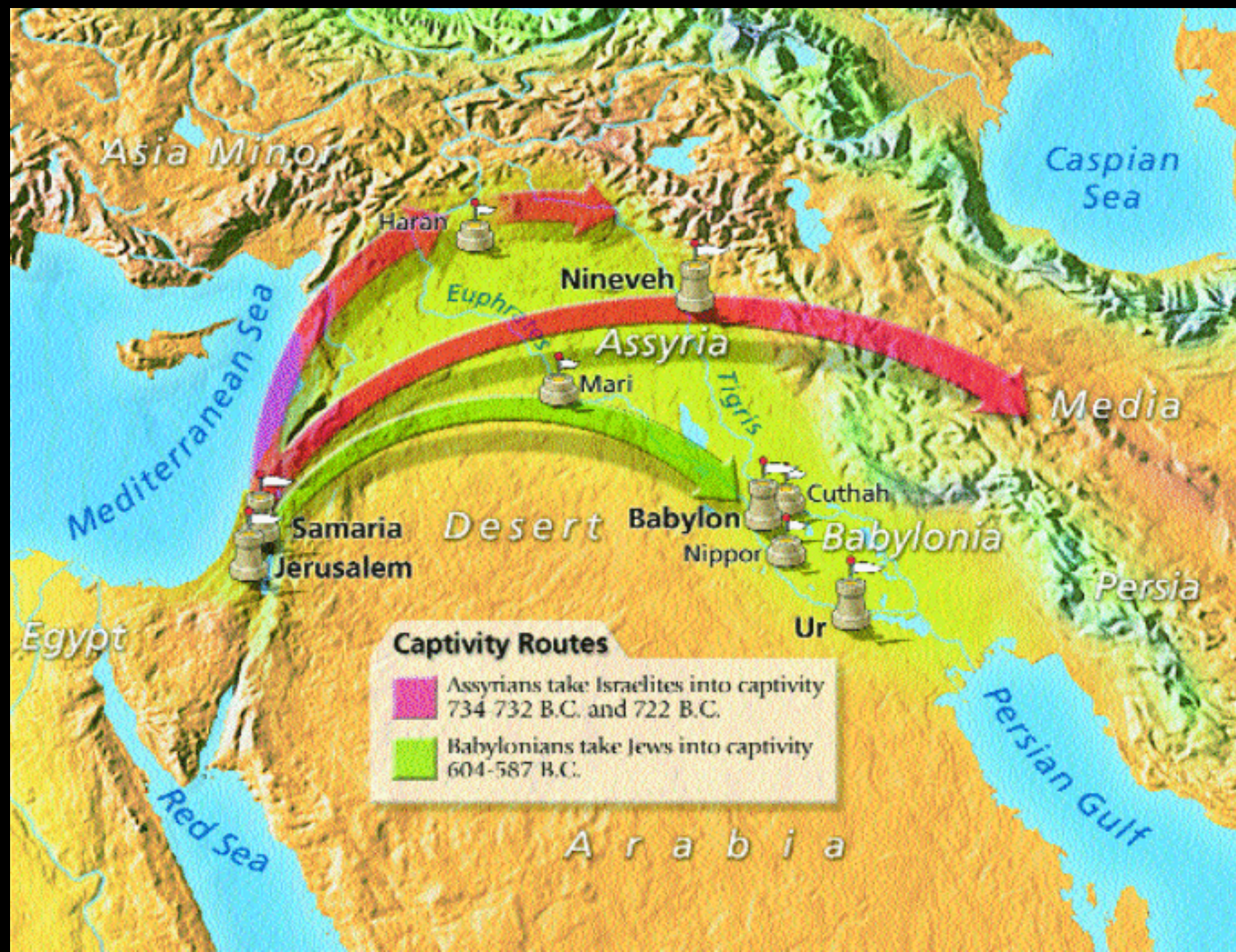
- Tragically many of the children of Israel rebelled and did not heed the warning spoken by the prophets. Instead many rejected the prophetic messengers that God had sent to them. Revealing the circumstances of that time; it is written that God had closed the ears of the Israelites from hearing His voice! The prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Malachi and many more prophets were sent to warn God's people of the impending judgment that would come upon them if they did not repent.

The ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom had been taken off to Assyria in 721 BCE and have never returned en-masse.



"The Flight of the Prisoners"  
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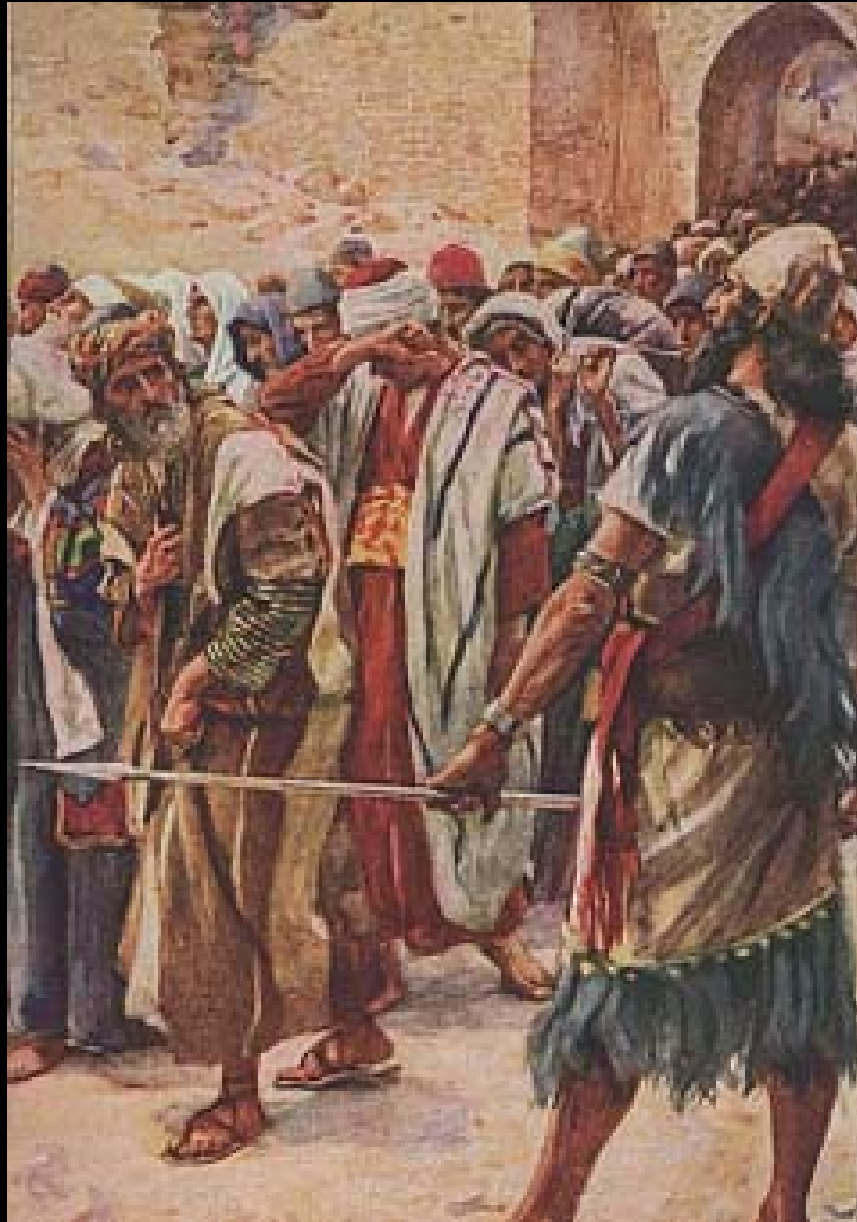




# BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY 586BC

- After a long period, the kingdom of Judah was exiled to Babylon in 586 BCE, however, **Judah retained their identity as Jews** and they became the keepers of the Covenant and the Torah which was given to the Israelites. As it is written, after seventy years in captivity, only a remnant of the captives of Judah returned to the land, and sin reared up once again.

# BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY 586BC



# YAHWHEH's MESSAGE TO ISRAEL WAS THAT THEY WOULD CEASE TO HEAR HIS VOICE

■ ***Amos 8:11-12*** *"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God "That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD.** They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it".*



# EXILE FROM YAH AND YISRAEL

- About four hundred years after the prophet Amos spoke this message, in 63 BC, once again the Hebrews found themselves again under the dominion of the Roman Legions and rule of the Roman Caesar Pompey, who had invaded and conquered much of the ancient Empire.
- The sins of Israel brought upon themselves the destruction of the sanctuary and exile, also deafness from hearing God voice. Assyrian, Babylonian and the Roman legions were the dreaded enemies that God used to discipline Israel therefore He exiled them to the nations.

# THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

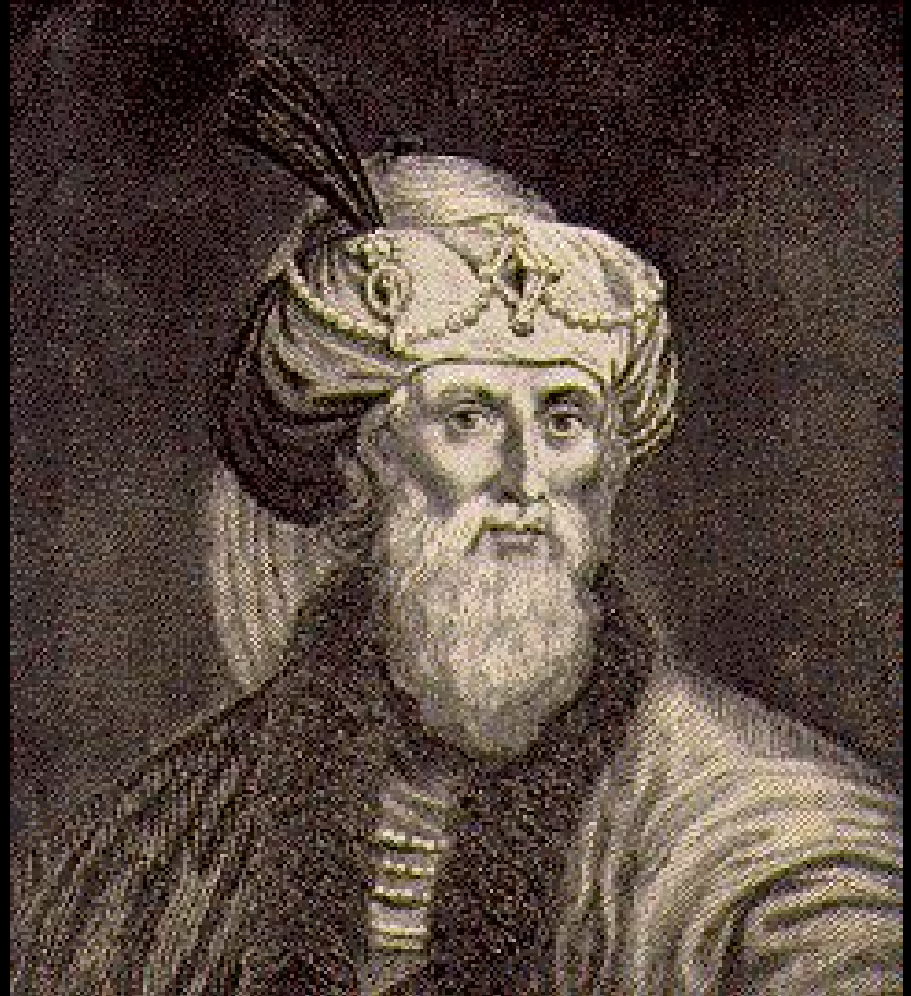
## ■ *Ezekiel 39:33*

*"Then nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to Me, **So I hid my face from them** handing them over to their enemies, they fell by the sword."*



# THE TEMPLE DESTROYED IN 70AD

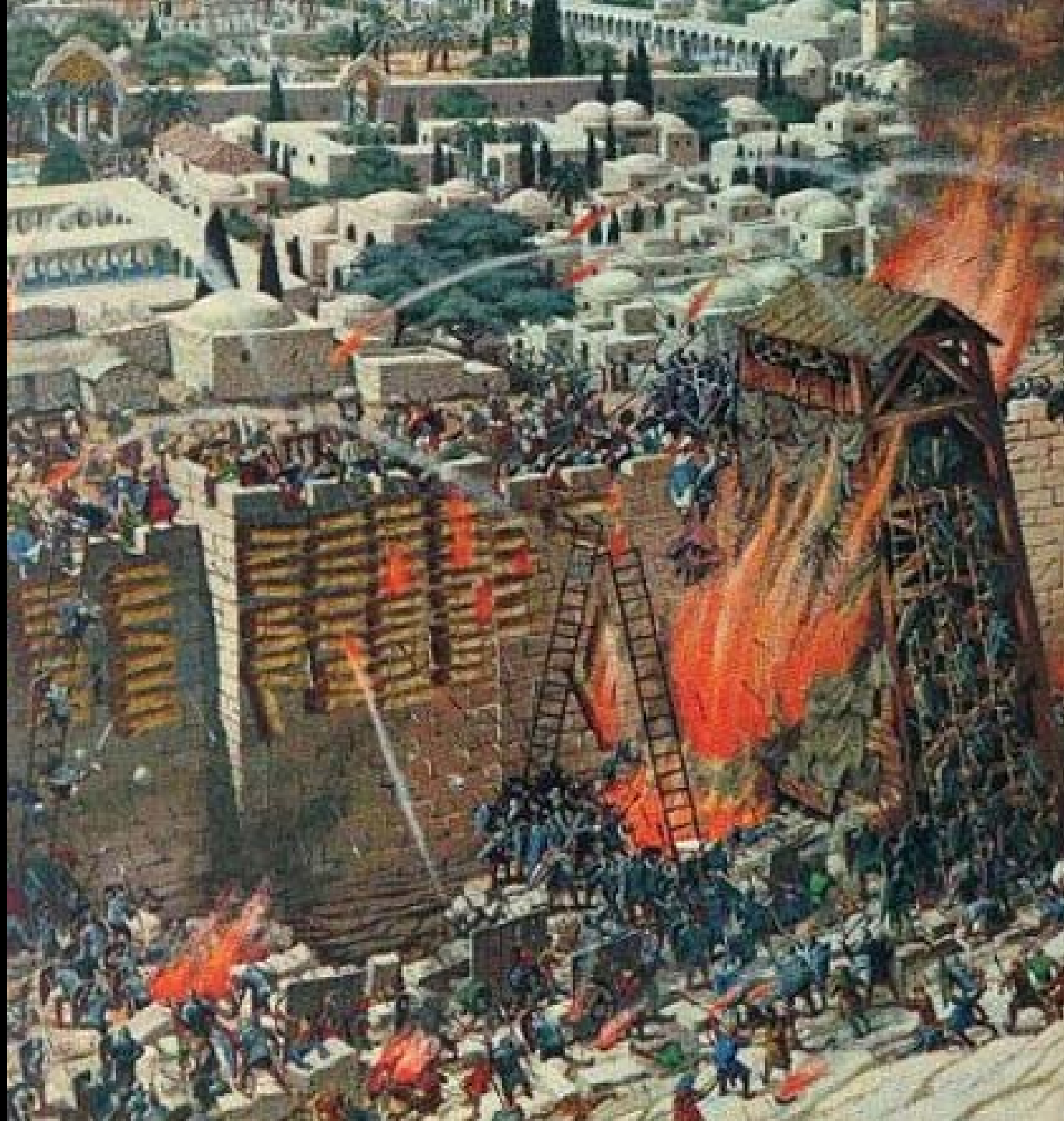
■ The ruthless Roman legions came down with a vengeance against the Jews who would not submit to Caesar, therefore they besieged the city of Jerusalem, tearing down the ancient walls and setting fire to the temple in 70 AD. For those who managed to survive, it is estimated that some forty thousand slaves were taken captive to Rome. (*Antiquities Flavius Josephus*).





# THE FALL OF JERUSALEM 70AD





# YAH'S JUDGEMENT FOR REBELLION AND SIN

- The scepter of sovereign reign over the kingdom had departed with the fall of Jerusalem and the exile from Eretz Yisrael! The nation was bereft of its inhabitants. This judgment against the children Israel was for sin and rebellion, and for not heeding the warnings of the Prophets God had sent to them.

# ISRAEL EXILED FOR HER UNFAITHFULNESS

- *Deuteronomy 28:64 "Then the Lord will scatter you among the nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods - gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. Among these nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart."*
- *Ezekiel 36:16-19 "Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying "Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; "Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled themselves. "So I scattered them amongst the nations, they were dispersed throughout the countries and I judged them according to their ways and their deeds."*





**RABBIS QUOTE: R Saadyah Gaon, 'Maamar HaGelach' pg 270**

- ***We were exiled because of our misdeeds***, and if our exile becomes very long and we still have not corrected ourselves, then we will eventually be redeemed anyway....Our forefathers understood that if redemption comes about in this fashion, many sorrows and much suffering will force us to repent, only then will we merit redemption. Our ancestors said, if the Jews repent, they will be redeemed. If not, God will set over them a King whose decrees will be worse than Haman." ***For this reason, a descendant of Yosef will arise in the Mountains of the Galilee*** and gather the Jews around him. Together they will go to Jerusalem, which will be ruled by Edom, (Rome). The king Armelius will capture the city and murder and rape, and imprison her citizens. Yosef's descendants will be among the dead. Our people will suffer terribly, driven into the wilderness the Jews will forsake Torah, but suffering will refine those who remain. Then ***Eliyahu HaNavi*** will appear, and redemption will come. If Moshiach ben Yosef precedes he will correct the nation's faults ***and prepare the way for Moshiach ben David.***"

# KING DAVID - YAHSHUA

- God mourned the unfaithfulness of His children! He took no pleasure in judgment or their exile. Even so, in wrath He remembered His mercy and promised to send a redeemer to Zion to bring forth salvation, which would not be secured by any other means. From David's own lineage, from his own seed (Zera) God would bring forth Moshiach ben Yosef, **son of man**, who would be born to fulfill the prophetic writings and promises of the Bible, or Tanakh! (Ben Joseph, meaning son of Joseph or Ephraim).





According to  
**MATTHEW 1:6-16**

According to  
**LUKE 3:23-31**

DAVID

1. SOLOMON
2. ROBOAM
3. ABIA
4. ASA
5. JOSAPHAT
6. JORAM
7. OZIAS
8. JOATHAM
9. ACHAZ
10. EZEKIAS
11. MANASSES
12. AMON
13. JOSIAS
14. JECHONIAS
15. SALATHIEL
16. ZOROBABEL
17. ABIUD
18. ELIAKIM
19. AZOR
20. SADOC
21. ACHIM
22. ELIUD
23. ELEAZAR
24. MATTHAN
25. JOCOB

1. NATHAN
2. MATTATHA
3. MENAN
4. MELEA
5. ELIAKIM
6. JONAN
7. JOSEPH
8. JUDA
9. SIMEON
10. LEVI
11. MATTHAT
12. JORIM
13. ELIEZER
14. JOSE
15. ER
16. ELMODAM
17. COSAM
18. ADDI
19. MELCHI
20. NERI

21. SALATHIEL
22. ZOROBABEL
23. RHESA
24. JOANNA
25. JUDA
26. JOSEPH
27. SEMEI
28. MATTATHIAS
29. MAATH
30. NAGGE
31. ESLI
32. NAUM
33. AMOS
34. MATTATHIAS
35. JOSEPH
36. JANNA
37. MELCHI
38. LEVI
39. MATTHAT
40. HELI

26. JOSEPH

41. JOSEPH

**JESUS**

# Matthew 1:6-16

- 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, 8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, 9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Eliud, 15 Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ

## PROPHETS PROCLAIMED A NEW UNFAMILIAR DOCTRINE CONCERNING THE REDEMPTION OF THE GENTILE NATIONS.

- ***Isaiah 55:3-5*** *"Incline your ear to me. Hear, and your soul will live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, My unfailing kindness promised to David. See I have made him a witness to the peoples a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you do not know and nations that do not know you will hasten to you."* (Referring to David's greater Messianic Son).
- ***Isaiah 65:1-2*** *"I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'here I Am, here I Am to a nation that was not called by My name.' "I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts."*

# GOD DECLARED PRIOR TO THE EXILE, THAT HIS NAME WOULD BE GREAT AMONGST THE GENTILE NATIONS

- ***Malachi 1:11** "From the rising of the sun, even to its going down, **My Name shall be great among the Gentile Nations.** In every place incense shall be offered to my name, And a pure offering **for My Name shall be great among the nations,** ' says the LORD of hosts.'*
- Some four hundred years after Malachi had declared that '**the nations would know Yah**' it came to pass! Through this one Israelite man, born in the city of David, the message of the living God went forth from Jerusalem out to all nations that humankind might know their Creator, the Holy One of Israel Blessed Be He!



# THE ROOT OF JESSE

- *Isaiah 11:10,12* "And in that day there shall be a **root of Jesse**, who shall stand for an ensign to the people; **for the Gentiles shall seek him**, his resting place will be glorious. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim."
- *Isaiah 42:1-10* see scripture



# PART 2

## THE MESSENGER WOULD BEAR A NEW COVENANT AS IT IS WRITTEN HE WOULD ALSO PURIFY THE SONS OF LEVI

- **Malachi 4:5** *"Behold, I will send you Elijah HaNavi (Yochanan the Baptist) the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."*
- In the days of the Roman occupation in the city of Judea – some 400 years after Malachi's prophecy, suddenly from out of the wilderness appeared a man with a voice of authority as the prophets; this messenger proclaimed, **"Repent – Repent - the Kingdom of heaven is at hand; prepare ye the way of the Lord."** This event transpired in alignment with the Holy Scriptures. This man who emerged from the wilderness was from a priestly lineage and whose fathers name was Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple of God in Yerushalayim. This event is recorded in the Biblical writings, and was a fulfillment in part, even as Elijah will again precede Moshiach the King at His coming.



# YOCHANAN THE BAPTIST





# HISTORY COLLIDES AND CONFIRMS THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

- ***Matityahu 3:1-6*** *"In those days came Yochanan (John) the one who immersed (i.e. Mikvah) appeared to Israel proclaiming in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; Make his paths straight.*
- Yochanan in fact was the legitimate high Priest, unlike Caiaphas who was a puppet of the Romans. John called the immerser, was sent by God who came to Zion from out of the wilderness; to call the sons of Jacob to repentance or teshuvah, and to reveal to them Yahshua.



# UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE BIRTH OF YOCHANAN

- ***Elior 1:59-60*** “On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, Yochanan, and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother Elizabeth (Elisheva) answered saying,  
***“No he shall be called Yochanan.”*** (He is called John in English).





## A NEW COVENANT MADE WITH ISRAEL AND JUDAH

- **Jeremiah 31:31-34** *"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, **that I will make a New Covenant** (Brit Chadashah) with the **House of Israel**, and with the **House of Judah**; Not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in that day, when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband unto them, says the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel; After those days, says the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be My people." And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord, **for I will forgive their iniquity**, and I will remember their sins no more."*

## EXCERPTS FROM ISAIAH 53 – DESCRIBING THE WORK OF THE SERVANT BRANCH THE MOSHIACH

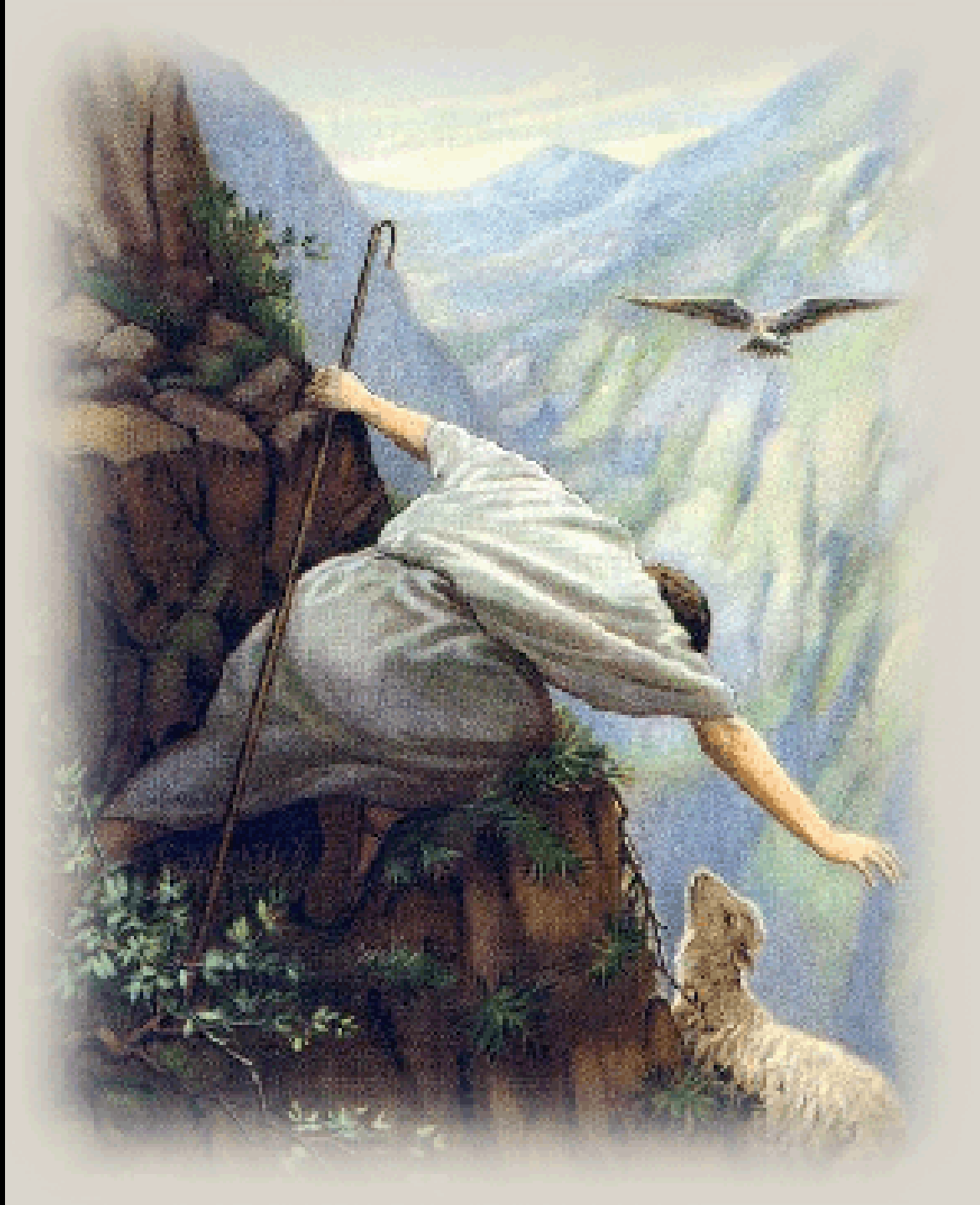
- ***Isaiah 53:6-8*** *"All we as sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone to his own way; And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, for the transgressions of My people he was stricken, acknowledge My righteous servant he shall justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities because he poured out his soul unto death, and he was numbered with the transgressors; **he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**"*





# A COVENANT WITH ISRAEL AND JUDAH

- What is this New Covenant? Has it come into effect yet? Have the Hebrew people entered into a New Covenant? Is it true to say that the Jews are still under the Mosaic Covenant? Yet God clearly stated that Israel broke that Covenant with Him, therefore **He made a New Covenant with Israel and of Judah.**
- Moshiah ben Yosef came to turn the transgressions from the children of Jacob. Yahshua proclaimed that he was the bearer of this New Covenant and declared to the Jews at that time; ***"I was only sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."*** (Mathew 15:24)



# THE ROCK OF ISRAEL

- Even so, many of the Jewish leaders refused to accept or recognize God's messenger whom He had sent to them, even after witnessing many great miracles. Much the same way as the Israelites who refused to listen to Moshe or to respond to the warnings of the prophets who were sent to them. This precept is in the same vein as their forbears; many refused to listen to Yahshua the messianic son of David. Yet it was prophesied that the people would not heed the **Rock of Israel** as it is written. God had hidden His face from His people for a time, and the elders would reject God's servant.

# WHERE IS IT WRITTEN - MOSHIACH BEN YOSEF WOULD BE BORN?

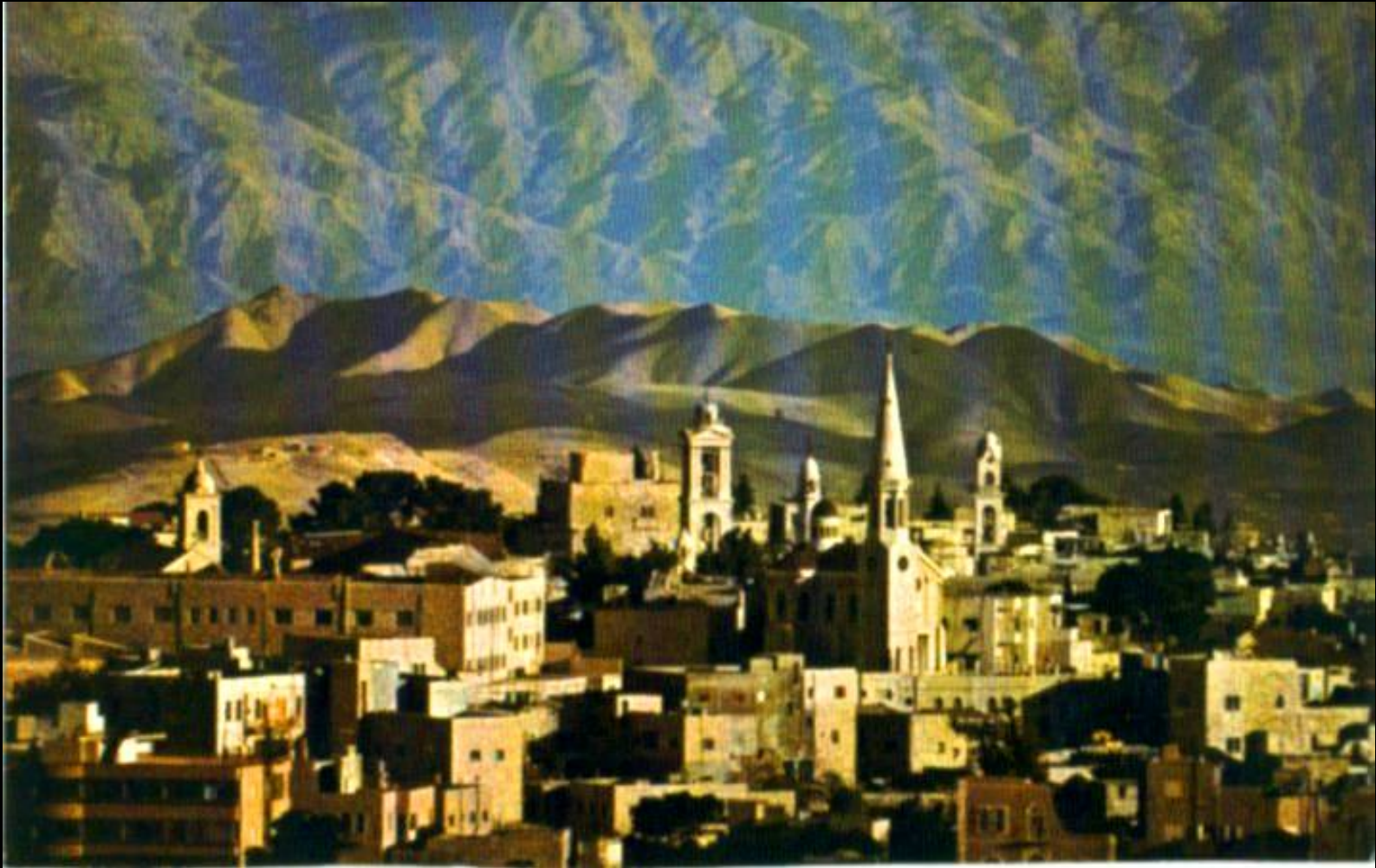
- *Micah 5:2-4 "But you **Beit Lehem - Ephrathah**, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, **from everlasting**"*
- This Scripture cannot be referring to King David, it is not possible, and as David had died some hundreds of years before the prophet Micah had uttered this prophecy. Therefore, this is undeniably a messianic passage referring to the coming anointed Moshiach. This mystery (or sod) was that Moshiach was destined to be born in the same city as King David; that is in Beit Lehem, the house of bread!



# THE PROPHET MICAH



# BETHLEHAM – house of bread



# PRINCE OF PEACE IS BORN

- *Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; And the government will be upon his shoulders. And his name will be called **Wonderful Counsellor** (PELEH YOETZ) **Mighty God**, (ELGIBOR) **Everlasting Father**, and (AVI-AD) **Prince of Peace**." (SAR SHALOM) (Who is this one being referred to here; this child who is born of flesh and blood, it is said he will hold the government on his shoulders, yet is called divine names?*
- *Isaiah 9:6-7 (9:5) כי־ילד ילד־לנו בן נתן־לנו ותהי המשרה (9:6) 7 על־נשכמו ויקרא שמו פלא יועץ אל גבור אביעד שר־שלום ל־מרב־המשרה ולשלום אין־קץ על־כסא דוד ועל־ממלכתו להכין אתה ולסעדה במשפט ובצדקה מעתה ועד־עולם קנאת יהוה צבאות תעשה־זאת:*



# YAH-SHUA /THE BRANCH

- **REBBE'S QUOTE:** Bereishit Rabbasi R. Shemuel b. Nachman (pg, 169)  
*"He found people plowing and sowing, and said to them." God is furious with His world, He wants to destroy His house and exile His children among the nations. Yet you are occupied with day-to-day activities?" A heavenly voice rang out, "Leave them alone - **the savior has already been born!**" He responded,  
*"Where is he?" The voice answered, "**In Beis Lechem, in Judea.**"*  
*Seeing a woman sitting in her doorway her infant son lying bloody before her, Eliyahu asked her, "**Why is he soiled with blood?**"*  
*She replied, "His birth is a very bad thing, for on that day the Temple is destroyed."*  
*He said, "**My daughter, stand and hold him, because great salvation will come through him.**" (Yah-shua the Branch).**
- Note, the Rabbis agree that redemption would come through the one born in Beit Lechem, the city of David and be a descendant from the seed of David. **Behold Yahshua the man; the King of the Jews!**



- **Isaiah 49:6-7** *"Is it too small a thing that you be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, to restore the preserved ones of Israel? I will also give you as a light for the gentile (Nations) **that My salvation (Yahshua) may be to the ends of the earth.** So says God, the redeemer of Israel, His Holy One, to him **whom man despises**, to him who the **nation hates**, the servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise, rulers also shall worship, because of God who is faithful the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose you."*  
(Why would any man despise the Holy One of Israel, God's Messiah)?
- **Zechariah 13:7** *"Awake O sword, against my shepherd, against **THE MAN who is close to Me!** Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn my hand on the little ones declares the LORD of hosts."*



# THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- King David was not Israel's redeemer so this Scripture must be referring to the Messiah, as God's companion. This mystery or (sod) was spoken of God's anointed servant, the shepherd and the heavenly '**MAN**' **ben Adam**' who is the companion of the Almighty God and who is said to be close to Him? Moshiach ben Yosef, the servant priest also was the shepherd! It is written that he will be seated next to God on His throne and at His right hand. What manner of person is this? For He would be the glory of Israel and a light of salvation to the Gentile Nations! God declared the destiny of this child (Yalad) who was from **the seed** from David's loins, his blood descendant who gave up his life as an offering for the sin of all mankind; He is the light of the world!

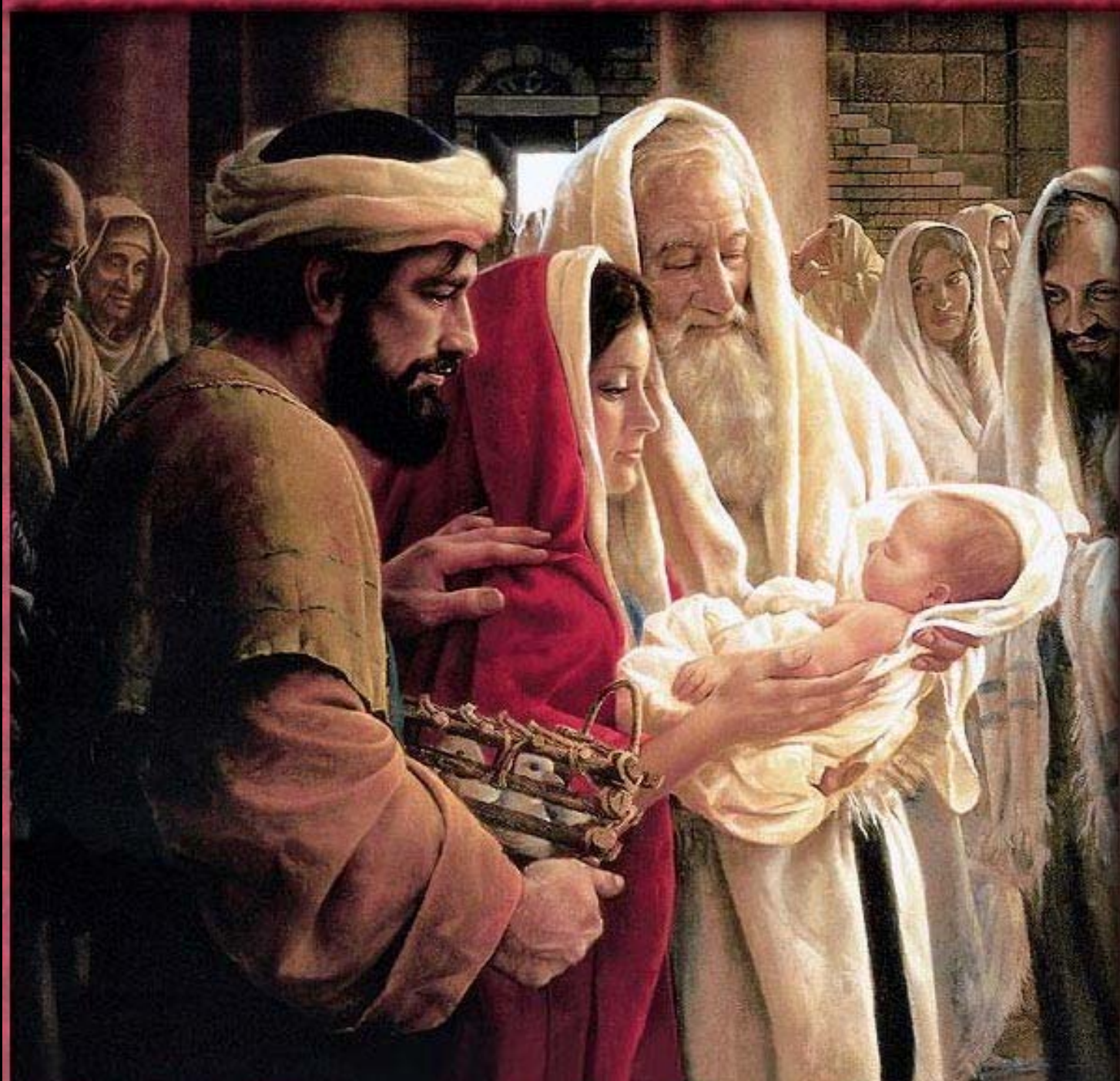
# YAHSHUA - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



# SHIMON SAW THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD

- *"Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; **for my eyes have seen your salvation** (Yahshua) which you have prepared before the face of all people: **Firstly** - A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles. **Secondly**: And to the glory of your people Israel."*
- Shimon acknowledged that he had **seen** the Salvation of God upon Yahshua, the anointing upon this eight day old baby son was God's spirit upon him. The two fold commission that this son of Israel was destined to accomplish was; that he would be a light to the Goyim nations, also to bring them to repentance, and for your people Israel. The commandment or mitzvot of the infant's circumcision taking place in the Temple on the eighth day, was the beginning of the fulfillment of this twofold prophecy.



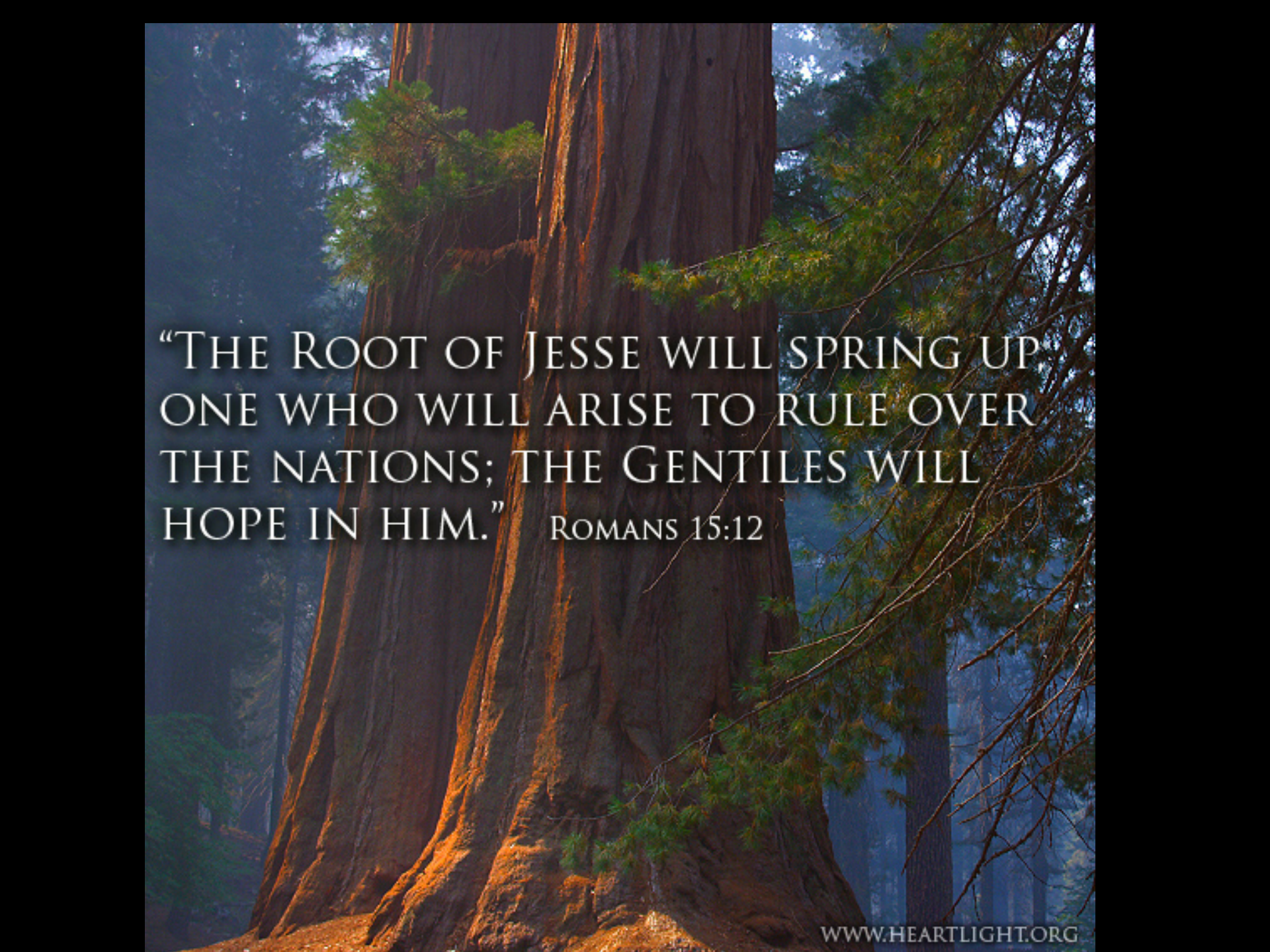


# A GREAT LIGHT SHONE IN THE GALILEE OF THE GENTILES

- *Isaiah 9:1-2 in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."*
- *Isaiah 11:10,12 "In that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; the Gentiles shall seek him, his rest shall be glorious." And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*







“THE ROOT OF JESSE WILL SPRING UP  
ONE WHO WILL ARISE TO RULE OVER  
THE NATIONS; THE GENTILES WILL  
HOPE IN HIM.” ROMANS 15:12

- The verse indicates that his Moshiach **root of Jesse** would become a great attraction, even a banner to the Gentile nations. He would redeem the Hebrew people and open the way for the nations to enter into a New Covenant through the kinsmen redeemer Ephraim son of Yosef, and shepherd of Israel.
- ***Zechariah 2:11** "Many nations will be joined to the Lord in that day and will become My people, **I will live among you**, you will know the Lord Almighty has sent me to you."*
- Messiah was sent as to Zion as a Shaliach,
- A shaliaḥ (Hebrew: ; pl. שְׁלִיחִים, *sheliḥim*) in Halakha is a Jewish legal emissary or agent. Accordingly, a shaliaḥ performs an act of legal significance for the benefit of the sender, as opposed to him or herself.
- Yahshua lived amongst the children of Israel.



## BEN YOSEF REJECTED BY BOTH HOUSES – ISRAEL AND JUDAH

- *Isaiah 8:14* "He will be as a sanctuary, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel,
- As prophesied, religious elders in particular, stumbled over Yahshua's Messianic claims yet thousands of the common people believed the voice of the shepherd and rock of Israel (Isaiah 8:14) and his message of good tidings. Isaiah prophesied that the Moshiach would do many great signs and wonders in Israel. When Isaiah spoke these words, God was about to execute judgment against Israel for her rebellious ways as they were about to go into exile. Yahshua was the last prophetic voice to be heard in Israel before the destruction and the exile of Israel.

# THE SHEEP WERE SCATTERED

- **Mark 14:27** *Then Yahshua, (known as Jesus) said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble **because of me** this night, for it is written: "**I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.**" (The Exile of Israel to the nations).*
- How would it be possible for Yahshua to know the future events that would occur some forty years after his death, unless he had the gift of foreknowledge, God knows the future and reveals it to His Messiah. Did Yahshua choose the womb of his birth and the destiny of being born of the lineage from the seed of King David? Nor was he able to determine the timing of his death on Pesach on the 14th of Nissan. In all these historical facts, who had the ultimate power over these precise timings and accuracy of all these events? As the prophets had done before him, Yahshua wept over Jerusalem as he forewarned Am Yisrael of the impending disaster of the destruction of the Temple and exile of Israel. His words came true some 40 years after his death and resurrection.



# DESTRUCTION AND EXILE FELL UPON THAT GENERATION

- **Luke 21:22-24** *"For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. **Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**"*
- Judah's sovereign reign over Israel was cut off as here was no longer an altar, therefore the sacrifices for sin could not be offered upon it. This prophecy was spoken by Yahshua and was fulfilled when the sovereign authority of David's kingdom in Judah had departed when the Romans destroyed the temple, conquered and exiled the Hebrew nation. The land of Eretz Yisrael was now in the hands of the armies of the Roman Caesars







# KING OF KINGS

# LORD OF LORDS

- Yahshua's fame has gone out into every nation as His teachings lead the nations back to the One true God of Israel! He continues to be the most significant personage in the world from generation to generation. He is indisputably the most beloved and renowned Jew in all history. The legacy he left has endured even to this millennium. His message is one that gives hope and faith in the God of Jacob, and he has made known to the nations God's laws of the Covenant of promise written within the Scriptures. Millions have believed God and departed from paganism, having gone to their deaths rather than deny His name; just as the Jews have done for generations.

# LET GOD'S WORDS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH SPEAK - HEAR O ISRAEL

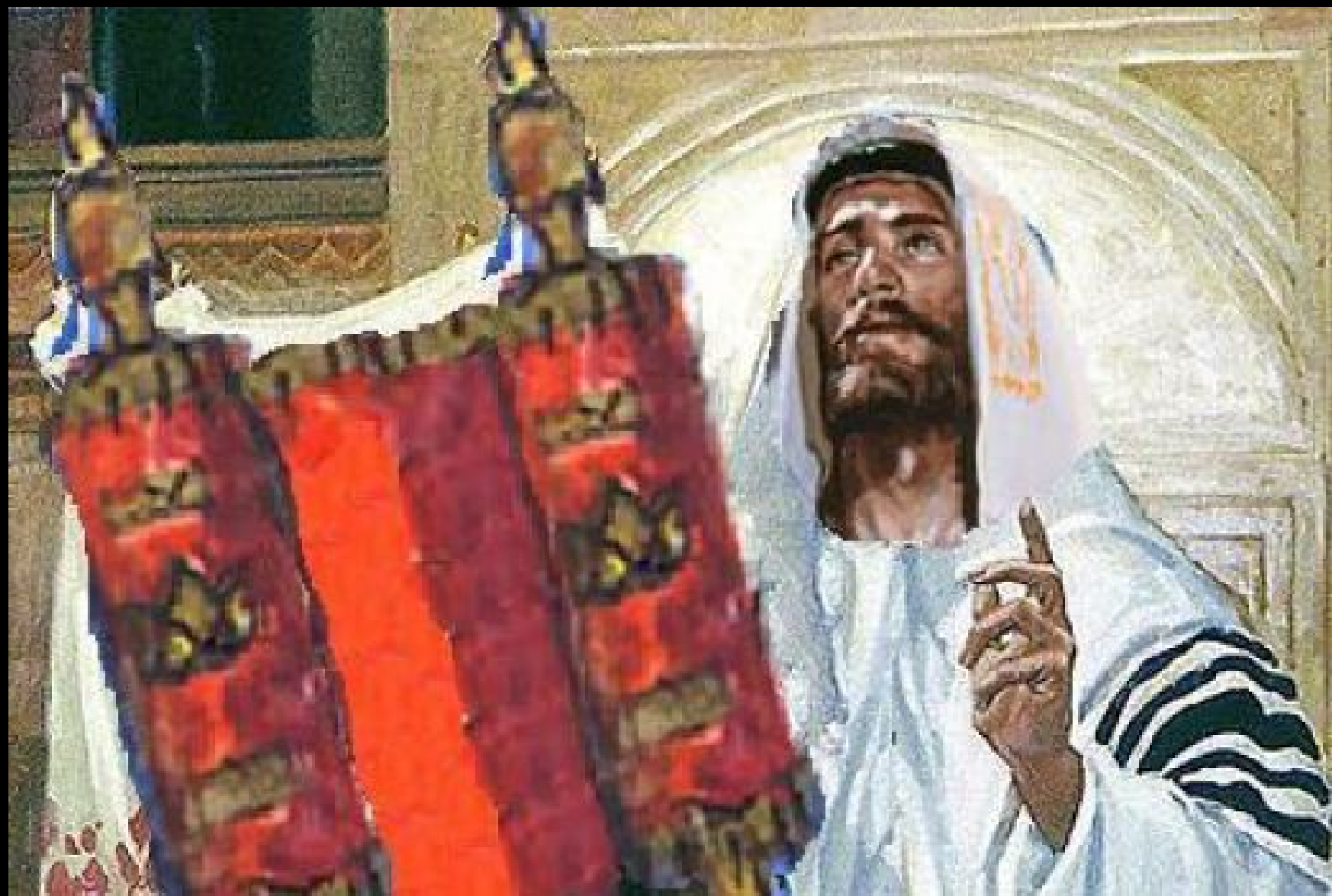
■ A question that every Jew might well ask! **If Yahshua** was Messiah ben Yosef, why didn't the Jews perceive this truth and accept him? That's a fair question. Why have the Hebrew people not been able to accept Yahshua's Messiahship? Let us study the Words of Elohim from the Torah and see what the Almighty has to say on this issue!

■ GOD HAD BLINDED THE EYES AND DEAFENED THE EARS OF ISRAEL FROM SEEING THE TRUTH OF ISRAEL'S 'FIRST BORN' SON AND KINDSMAN REDEEMER.



- **Isaiah 29: 9-14** *"Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep and has closed your eyes, (blinded) namely, the prophets; and He has covered your heads, namely, the seers. **The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed** which men deliver to one who is learned, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." Then the book is delivered to one who is unlearned, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I am unlearned." Therefore the LORD said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths, and honour Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, **and their fear toward me is taught by the commandment of men taught by rote.** Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people; A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden."*

The Jews are not blinded to Torah or the Commandments and upholding the One True God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Yet this truth of Yahshua Moshiach, written about in Torah, Nevi'im, Tehllim, Kituvim, remains a mystery hidden within the pages of the Tanakh. This mystery of redemption wrought through Yahshua Son of David, was sealed or hidden from the eyes of the understanding of the Jewish people. From that time on in the reading of the **Scriptures, the true interpretation has been sealed. The eyes of the Jews have been blinded concerning Yahshua.** The nature of these prophetic Scriptures can only be discerned through revelation, to which the prophetic truth is only opened to you, if your fear is towards God and is not taught by rote! The understanding of the mystery of the first coming of Moshiach as the Pesach Lamb has become a '**closed book**' to the Hebrew reader. Yet in the latter days it is written; that their eyes will see and their ears will hear and they will know and understand! (Isaiah 29:10).





- The righteous and devout Jews have a Biblical destiny and are dedicated to the One true Elohim and are beloved of God. Even so, they are blind to 'see' Yahshua, whose name means the salvation of Yah. The primary reason why the Hebrew sages have so many conflicting interpretations of biblical passages regarding Moshiach's first coming, is the mystery of the earthly Son of David, being the heavenly person of the Moshiach. Yahshua was rejected by the leaders at his first coming; but will see and believe in Him at his second coming as King.
- **Mark 4:9-12** *Yahshua said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." But when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked about the parable, and said to them, "**To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God**, but to those who are outside, all things come in parables so that seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand. Lest they should turn and their sins be forgiven them."*



# ERETZ ISRAEL WAS CRUSHED

- Forty years after Yahshua's death, the Jewish people did stumble and were taken into captivity and the believing blood brothers of Yahshua, became an offence to the Jewish people, as the Scriptures declare. Eretz Israel was crushed by Titus and those who survived were taken away captive into Rome. These tragic events fulfilled prophesy of the judgment of God!
- The people paid a terrible price for not being obedient to God's Word and heed the prophets that He sent to them. Eventually, the truth of Yahshua was trampled down. He was now seen to have become one with the gods of the Gentile world. The Roman Pagan Caesars doctrines were inherited by Papal Rome and they have triumphed in fabricating one of the greatest web of lies and distortion in all history! The common people who were ruled over by these dominating powers were deceived and were being led into error!



# THE ONE WHO WAS PIERCED

- However, today the hour is drawing near when we will see the one who was pierced and mourn for him as an only son! Zech 12:10. The days are coming when we will see Moshiach the King coming with clouds of the heavenly Angels. Let us prepare ourselves for that awesome event.
- *Zechariah 12:9-10 "And it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the House of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,*
- *(Dakar) and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness, grief for 'his firstborn' B'Kor - firstborn, understanding that Judah of the Jews, will acknowledge him.*





## SECOND COMING OF MOSHIACH -AS BEN DAVID KING AND JUDGE

- ***Daniel 7:13-14*** *"I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And dominion and glory was given Him, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages, should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."*

- *Hebrews 7:11-15 'Therefore if perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change made in the law also. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our (Messiah) Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.'*
- This destiny was that they would become a multitude of nations, (Melo HaGoyim). Genesis 48:16. In the end of the age He will return, as King David, of the House of Judah who has bestowed upon him the scepter of the sovereign ruler ship as King. Moshiach is both King and Priest - representing both Efrayim of the '**House of Israel**' and Judah of the '**House of David.**' Yosef was given first born status, as the family's Priest, as Moshiach Efrayim from the House of Yosef.

# TWO ADVENTS OF MOSHIACH

- One must distinguish the mystery of the **two comings of Moshiach**. **There is only one Moshiach who comes twice; first the sowing and then the reaping**. First as Moshiach ben Yosef, as the one who was separated from his brothers, as was Joseph in Egypt, but in the end he saved all his tribal brothers, when they recognized and accepted him as their own brother! At the appointed time 'Mo'edim', He will return to redeem all Israel who have been sanctified, and are waiting for His coming! If only we would acknowledge the history of our ancient Jewish people and recognize that these disastrous events which have been experienced out in the Diaspora of the nations, are the judgment of God.



# FIRST AS THE LAMB, THEN AS THE LION



- Yahshua's message of salvation has gone out into the farthest corners of the earth! Who has reconciled these unbelieving heathen peoples to believe in the Almighty One of the Hebrew Scriptures, and has assembled them into the sheepfold of a Biblically ordained New Covenant? For surely history confirms generation after generation millions of **authentic righteous Christians** referred to as (Ger Tzadok) or Notzrim, certainly do believe in the Biblical God of the Jews and hold fast to the same Scriptures. Even so, millions of believers **are still blind in part** to the everlasting Covenant God has made with His people Israel and His land, and many are ignorant of this everlasting precedent. This has occurred through being taught erroneous doctrines!

# CHANGING THE TIMES & SEASONS

- The crafty evil rulers of the earth have deceived many by removing the Shabbat to Sunday and introducing many pagan practices. Therefore, historically through the takeover by Roman Papal system of this new biblical messianic movement, unsuspecting Christendom have inherited lies from their forefathers and erred in some doctrines and practices. The enemy of the Jews has persecuted the Hebrew remnant, in an attempted to wipe out the name of Israel forever. **They have not succeeded!** The whole world will see the blessings God will pour out on His faithful servants.

# TWO OLIVE TREES

- This verse is referring to the Gentile believers from the nations, who do not accept God's election of Israel, the olive tree of Israel that, being His chosen people and His vessel.
- Here we have an allegory of the two olive trees; a wild one, and the natural one. Firstly the message went out to the Jewish nation, and thereafter to the nations of the earth for those who have accepted Yahshua who is known by the world as Jesus, through him these peoples have entered into the New Covenant written of in Jeremiah 31:31. Note that the grafted-in trees were both of the same variety; The Two Olive trees, both wild and natural.







# WHO IS THE LIGHT TO THE NATIONS?

- Isaiah 42:6 “I will keep you and give you to be a Covenant for the people and a light to the Gentile (nations) to open the blind eyes; and to bring the captives from the prison.’
- John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
- Zephaniah 2: 11 The Lord will be awesome to them when he destroys all the gods of the land. The nations on every shore will worship him, everyone in its own land.
- Acts 14:47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “ I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.
- **COMMENTARY: Who is this great light?** Galilee was a crossroads for the nations, where armies and traveling merchants passed through that area of land. It was the place where Yahshua, spent much of his time proclaiming the way of salvation in that district of the Galilee of the Nations - ‘Ephraim’s ‘Territory!

# YAH WILL SET A SIGN AMONG THEM

- *Isaiah 66:19* "I will set a sign among them, who escape I will send to the nations to Tarshish, Pul, Lud, who draw the bow Tubal Javan to the distant coastlands far off nations who have not heard of My fame nor seen My glory **they shall declare My glory among the nations.**"
- **COMMENTARY:** The talmidim or disciples were told, "Go you out into all the nations and bring the good tidings that are the way of salvation which has been offered to all men through the atoning sacrifice of our sin bearer, the Pesach lamb sent to make atonement. **What is the sign?** The message is this; a redeemer has died and shed his atoning blood, he was resurrected after three days, being seen alive by many, and He would sit at the right hand of God Himself, as the writings of the Rabbinic community agree. The Almighty has rent the veil of separation between Himself and His creation, that mankind might be reconciled back to Himself. From that time forth all men could receive eternal life through the substitution blood sacrifice of the Priest Melchizedik, (not a bulls or Goats blood) but the sent one from God, as Immanuel, who came to dwell among us! It is written that Messiah would tabernacle amongst us!



- The Rabbinic sages accept that Moshiah is a spiritual being, and some even say surpasses Moses. But remember that Moses was a man of flesh and blood just as Yahshua took on the nature of a man of flesh and blood! For the Redeemer, God's Moshiach, is to occupy the very throne of Elohim, and be seated next to God at His right hand, He must be a divine personage to be counted as worthy to be given this awesome and majestic place in God's Kingdom! If you will, yes even His son, the Moshiach - the first born before the creation, He is the Alef and the Tav, the light that came into the world. Note the **4th** word in Bereshit, or Genesis. God brought forth (the Word the **Alef** and the **Tav**). Yahshua said of himself, "I am the living Torah." He is the substance and essence of God, even His own Son, therefore, He is also divinity. God is One, the One Spirit was with God in the beginning and hovered over the waters, and the One Messiah is seated at the right hand of the Throne of the Eternal God! Yahshua never spoke or taught of three God's, but **one** God, **one** Messiah and **one** Holy Spirit of Elohim. (the Ruach HaKodesh).

# A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

