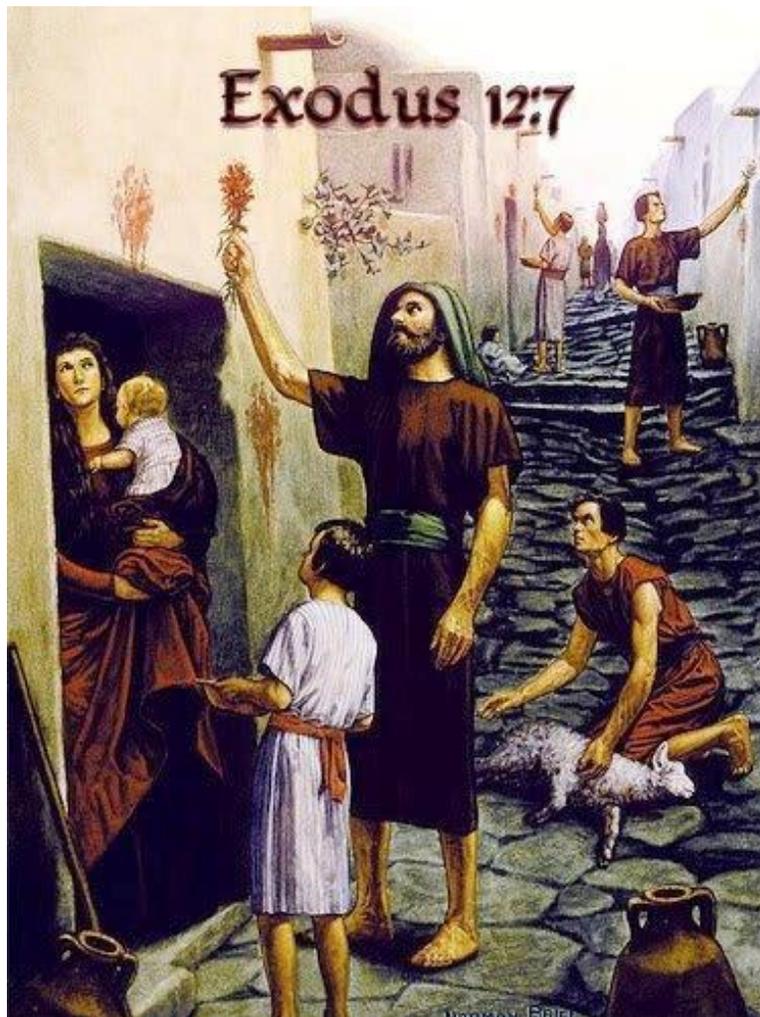


The Passover Project

Part I – Looking Back

Part II – Looking Forward

The 'Passover Plan' is the awesome truth about the Hebrew Exodus! This is about God's wonderful love for his people on the earth.



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The Past – Looking Back

God brings salvation through the nation of Israel



The Hebrew Exodus Truly Did Happen!

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It's time for a reminder. Our Lord God is true, and the truth of His miracles reminds us to follow in His ways.

Let's refer to God's remarks to Abraham, 300 years before

the actual Exodus from Egypt: **Then the Lord said to him (Abraham), "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward, they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation, your descendants will come back here (Canaan), for the sin of the Amorites has not reached its full measure."** Genesis 15:13-16.

Too many don't follow and consider all His miracles – including God's Passover and the Exodus. Can this actually have happened as it says in the Holy Bible?

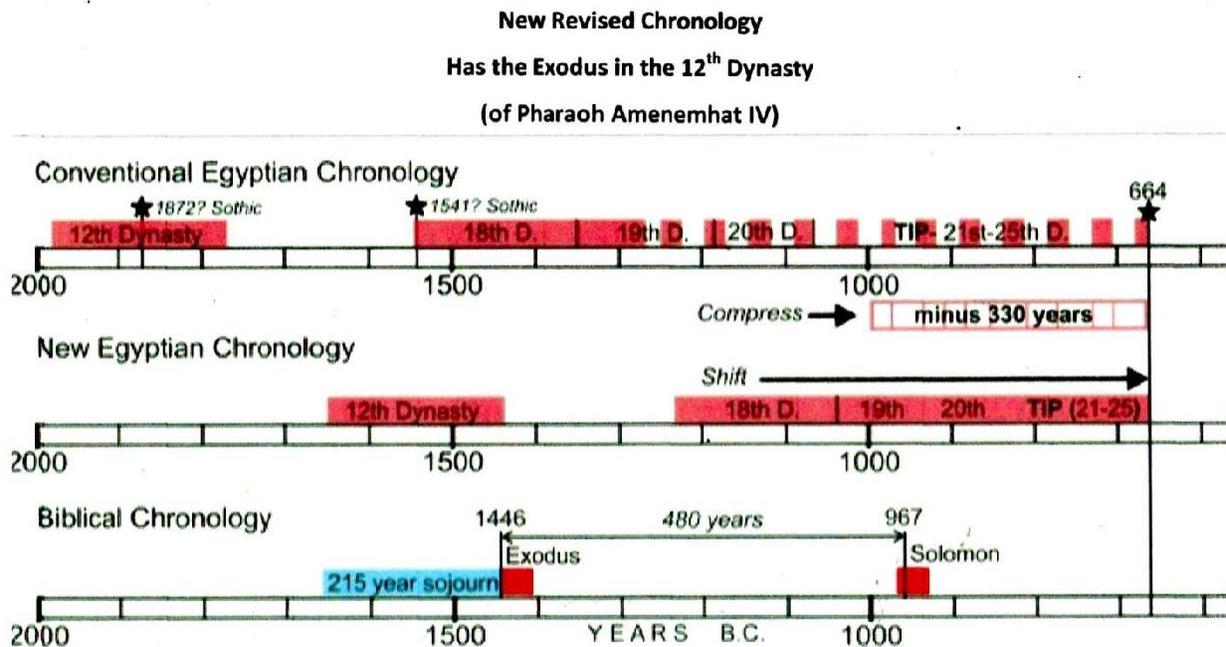
It is stated in **Wikipedia**, "**The Exodus is the founding myth of the Israelites.**" So let's now research the extra-Biblical truth about the Exodus.



“Strangers in a country not their own.”

The Date of the Exodus

The Holy Bible Old Testament says, **In the four hundredth and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign of Israel . . . I Kings 6:1.** Now, chronologist records fix the fourth year of Solomon’s reign at 966 BC. The above verse tells us that in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel (966 BC), that was the same as 480 years after the Israelite Exodus from Egypt. So, the Israelites came out of Egypt 966 BC minus 480 years earlier. **Then the Exodus was 966 BC plus 480 years earlier or 966 + 480 or 1446 BC.**



The old Egyptian Conventional Chronology was a problem

For years researchers of the Exodus faced problems because of overlapping pharaohs reigns in Conventional Egyptian Chronology. Their time line was too stretched out and so didn't jive with the Biblical Chronology. When a match up with the 1446 BC Exodus date was attempted with the Egyptian 18th Dynasty, no Pharaohs seemed plausible, as their bodies were all buried in Egypt. Researchers found a compression was needed (of about 330 years) to make the correction to a New Revised Egyptian Chronology. The date of the Exodus now corresponded with the Egyptian 12th Dynasty instead of the 18th Dynasty!

Let's go back to where it all got started – with Joseph

God's plan was to send him (Joseph) to Egypt so he could interpret Pharaoh's dream. Pharaoh's dream told of seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Then Pharaoh Djoser appointed Joseph in charge of all the needed preparations before the upcoming famine.



People on top of a huge grain pit showing its massive size



Egyptian hieroglyphs have been found showing workers going up and down the steps transporting the grain. And, indeed, the steps have been uncovered.



Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

Genesis 41:49



On the island of Sihiel, near the first cataract of the Nile, is a great stone (The Famine Stele) with inscriptions on it which mentions Joseph. It tells of Pharaoh Djoser. The inscription states ‘seven meagre years and seven rich years’. “Pharaoh Djoser asks Joseph to help him with the coming seven years of famine.”

The Famine Stele

“They will be enslaved and mistreated”

Then a new king that did not know about Joseph came to power in Egypt. Exodus 1:8.

So they set slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor. Exodus 1:11.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.” Exodus 1:22.

Graves of young boys killed by Pharaoh have been unearthed

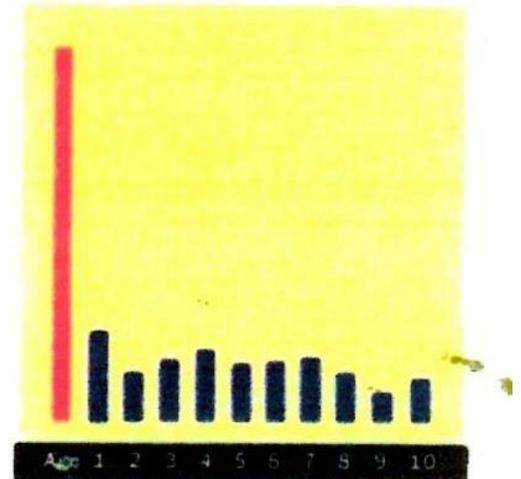
Archaeologists have something recently that they found amazing – Hebrew boys did indeed die at an early age.

Is there anything in the Egyptian archaeology that reflects the death of male Israelite infants in this part of the slave story? The answer is “Yes.”

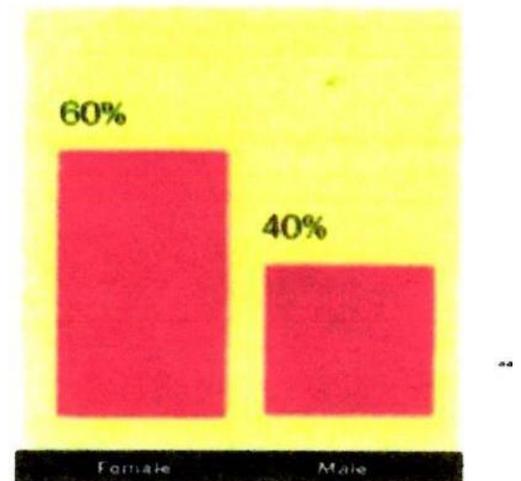
Archaeologist Manfred Bietak’s excavations revealed that during the Israelites bondage period, about 1530 BC, at Avaris, the remains of numerous tiny graves were found all over the city – innocent victims of a vicious slaughter.

While children’s graves normally make up a quarter of all graves, here at Avaris, they represent about two thirds of all deaths. (See top chart.) Furthermore, for every five adult female burials, they found only three adult males. The males died earlier as infants. (See bottom chart).

Children's Graves



Remaining Adult Graves



The spike in infant mortality and the skew toward adult women in Middle Bronze Age Avaris.

Who was the Pharaoh of the Exodus?

The Egyptians kept detailed records – especially of their Pharaohs. The records are numerous of their reigns, their death and their burial location. The information is all there – except for one Pharaoh in the 12th Dynasty.

The 12th Dynasty ruled during a very prosperous time, approximately (1650-1450 BC). The capital was Itjawy which was close to the Israelite town of Avaris, where Moses lived. Like all Pharaohs, their exact location of burial was noted, except for one, the seventh Pharaoh, Amenemhat IV, who drowned in the Red Sea.

“The tomb of Amenemhat IV has not been identified.” The fact that he was succeeded by his widow, Sobekkare, the last Pharaoh of the 12th Dynasty, was that he had no son (alive) to be put on the throne. Less than ten years after Amenemhat IV’s death, the 12th Dynasty came to an end and was replaced by a much weaker 13th Dynasty. In the 13th Dynasty, political instability quickly became prevalent and kings rarely ruled beyond a couple of years.



Pharaoh Amenemhat IV of the Exodus

“I will punish the nation they serve as slaves”

The Ten Plagues of Egypt

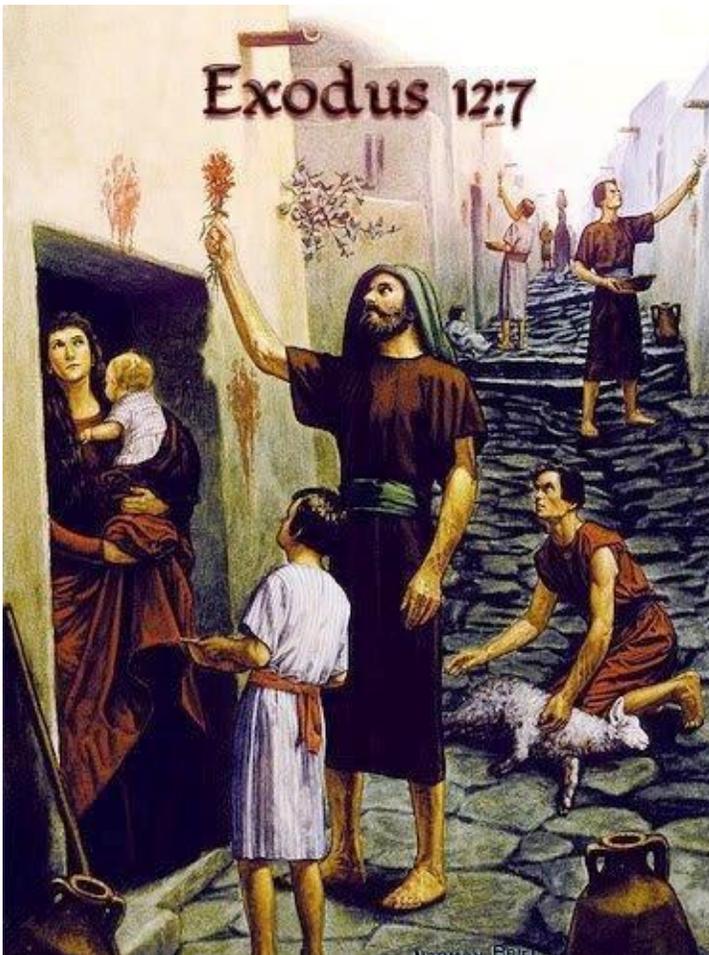
Our God is a jealous God. Then the Lord God threw the Ten Plagues at the Egyptians to emphasize that their gods were of no effect when needed.

1. Their god of the Nile, Hapi, lacked power as the water was turned to blood
2. The god, Heket, had no control of Egypt’s sacred frogs
3. Geb, the god of dust and land, had no control of the dust and gnats
4. Khephi, the god of insects, had no control when God called out the flies
5. Apis, the god of the bull, had no effect when God struck down the livestock
6. Sekhmet and Thoth couldn’t prevent the Plague of Boils in Egypt
7. Nut controlled the weather, but had no effect from the destructive hail
8. Seth, the god of the crops had no effect over the destructive locusts
9. Ra, the sun god, saw no sun and no light for the extent of three days
10. It was God’s plan to destroy Pharaoh, so the death of the first-born, set off the victorious Passover of the Israelites and their trip to the Promised land

Our God is a jealous God and He is the God of all! There will be no other Gods but Him.

Exodus 12:7 and 12:11

Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and the tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. Exodus 12:7.



This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. Exodus 12:11.

“They will come out with great possessions”

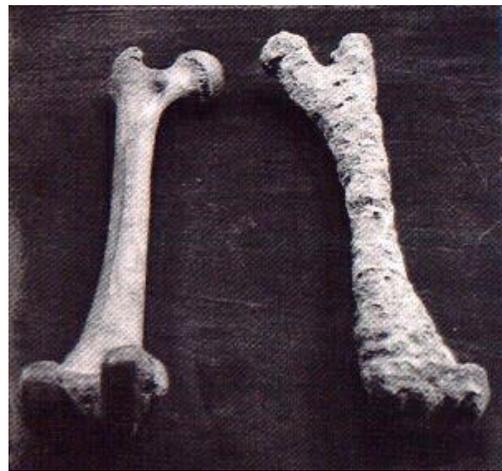
The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed. Exodus 12:35-36.



Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night, the cloud brought darkness to one side and light to the other side, so neither went near the other all night long. Exodus 14:19-20.

The Chariot Wheels and Bones

Researchers over many years have been gathering information of the Israelite's crossing of the Red Sea at the Gulf of Aqaba – and the destruction of the Egyptian army in their waters. There have been numerous photos taken of chariot wheels and even of human bones. Here is just one of a chariot wheel and one of the bones.



Statements from the Egyptian Ipuwer Papyrus

People have often asked, “Did the Egyptians actually have something to say about the Plagues and the Exodus?” The answer is thankfully – **Yes!**

The Egyptian Ipuwer Papyrus was written at the end of the 12th Dynasty. It is largely a conversation, in poem form, by an Egyptian called Ipuwer, who is talking to someone called ‘The Lord of All.’ It refers to the complete collapse of Egypt at the end of the Old Kingdom because of God’s Ten Plagues and the Exodus. Many of the calamities mentioned are identical to the calamities mentioned in the Holy Bible. Some of the text refers to **‘the river is blood,’ ‘the grain is lacking,’ ‘groaning is through the land,’ and ‘All is ruin.’**



Photo of a section of the Ipuwer Papyrus that is located in the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities, the Netherlands

Some quotes from the Ipuwer Papyrus

Pestilence is throughout the land, and blood is everywhere.

The river is blood, yet men drink it.

All animals, their hearts weep; cattle moan because of the state of the land.

Trees are felled and branches are stripped off.

Men no more because of the condition of the land.

Conclusion

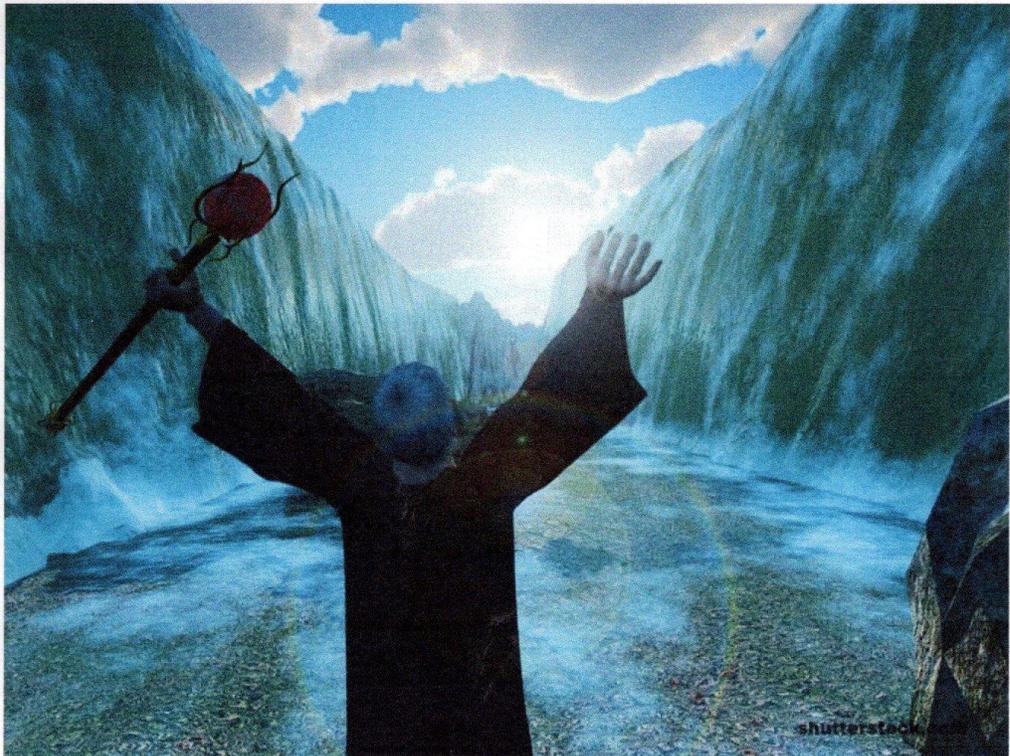
1. **Revising the Egyptian chronology is key: Joseph as Imhotep, the vizier of Pharaoh Djoser, who built the Stepped Pyramid, with the help of Joseph.**
2. **Archaeologists have unearthed numerous Egyptian grain storage silos built by Joseph.**
3. **The Pharaoh of the Exodus was Amenemhat IV, who drowned in the Red Sea.**
4. **Archaeologists have found, at about 1530 BC, Hebrew boys (and not girls) died as infants at an early age.**
5. **Numerous Egyptian chariot wheels and bones have been found and photographed deep in the Red Sea at the Gulf of Aqaba.**
6. **The Egyptian Ipuwer Papyrus chronicles ‘the river is blood’, ‘the grain is lacking’, ‘groaning is throughout the land’, and ‘All is ruin.’**
7. **Extra –Biblical research finds – the Hebrew Exodus truly did happen!**

Epilogue

The Song of Moses and Miriam

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.” Exodus 15:1-8.

Moses Parts the Red Sea



"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left." Exodus 16:21

Just before the entire army of Pharaoh was about to encroach on the Israelites, God delivered them by allowing Moses to part the waters so they could safely pass through the dry ground of the Red Sea. As soon as they made it through, the Lord commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea again so the waters could flow back into their proper place, thus killing the entire army chasing them. (Exodus 14:13-28)



Ten Commandments (Moral Law)	Ceremonial Law (temporary Jewish law)
1. First spoken personally by God. Exodus 20:1, 22	1. Spoken first by Moses. Exodus 24:3
2. Written by God's finger. Exodus 31:18 ; Exodus 32:16	2. Written by Moses hand. 2 Chronicles 35:12 ; 2 Chronicles 33:8 ; Exodus 24:4 ; Deuteronomy 31:9
3. First written on stones. Exodus 31:18	3. Written in a book. Exodus 24:3, 7 ; Deuteronomy 31:24
4. Handed by God its writer to Moses. Exodus 31:18	4. Handed by Moses its writer to Levites. Deuteronomy 31:25-26
5. Placed by Moses "inside the ark." Deuteronomy 10:5	5. Placed by the Levites "on the outside of the ark." Deuteronomy 31:26 , ARV
6. Deals with moral precepts. i.e. love and relationships with God and man. Exodus 20:3-17	6. Deals with ceremonial ritual matters. (See parts of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy)
7. Reveals sin. Romans 7:7	7. Prescribes offerings for sins. (See book of Leviticus)
8. Breaking this law is "sin." 1 John 3:4	8. No sin in breaking for now "abolished." Ephesians 2:15 (Where no law is, there is no transgression. Romans 4:15)

The Passover Seder

Some Partial Notes

The Seder is the ceremonial meal of the holiday of the Passover, the remembrance of God's deliverance from slavery in Egypt, as recounted in the book of Exodus.



An important event, it's a feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jewish people to retell the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. The Seder itself is based on the verse commanding the Jewish people to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8)

The Mah Nishtanah (The Four Questions)

So, it is customary for the youngest child to start the Seder conversation by asking four questions. The most famous question asked by the youngest child is the “*Ma Nishtana*” –

‘Why is this night different from all other nights?’

(The ‘Passover Project -2022’ is to make the answers known to all.)

The Ten Plagues

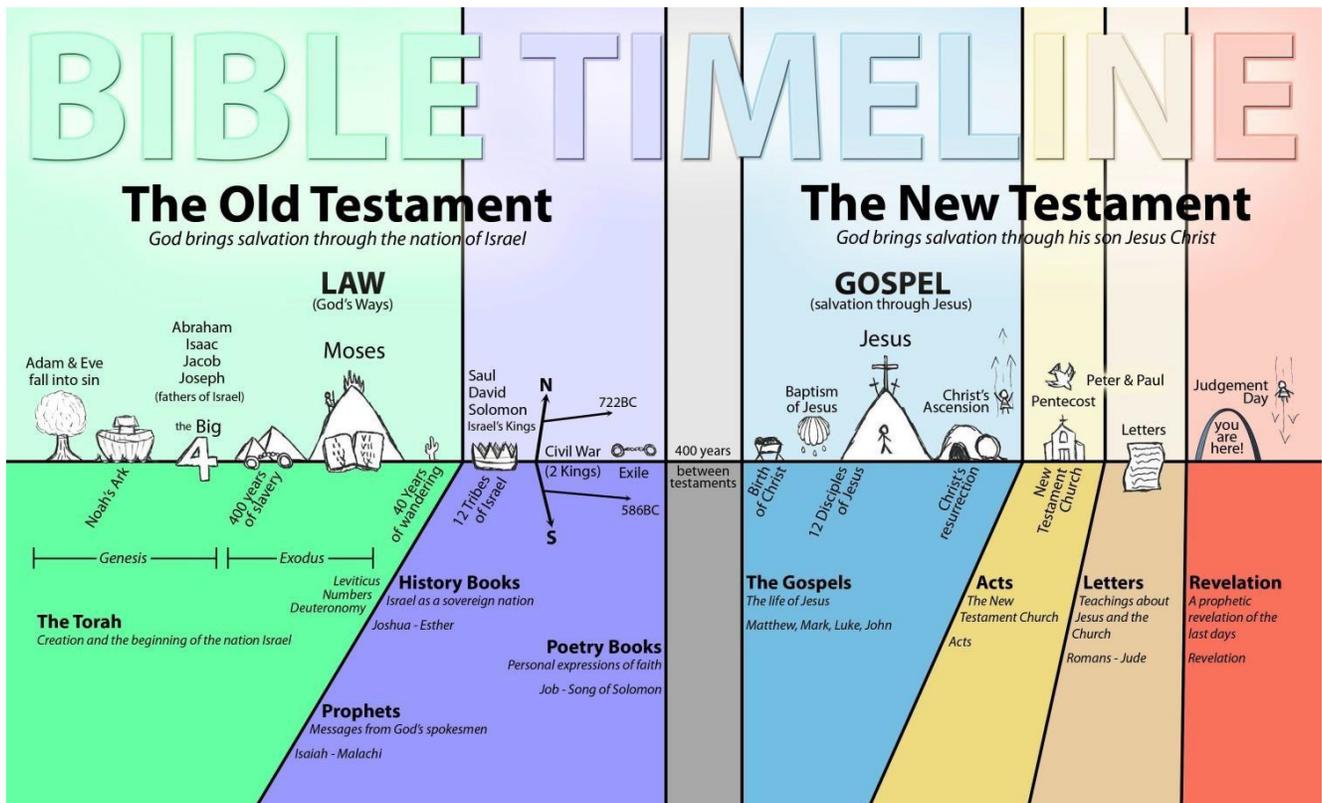
Often during the Passover Seder, there is an enumeration of the Ten Plagues set on Egypt by God, as follows:

1. ***Dam* (blood)** – All the water was changed to blood
2. ***Tzefardeyah* (frogs)** – An infestation of frogs sprang up in Egypt
3. ***Kinim* (lice)** – The Egyptians were afflicted by lice
4. ***Arov* (wild animals)** – An infestation of wild animals (some say flies) sprang up in Egypt
5. ***Dever* (pestilence)** – A plague killed off the Egyptian livestock
6. ***Sh’chin* (boils)** – An epidemic of boils afflicted the Egyptians
7. ***Barad* (hail)** – Hail rained from the sky
8. ***Arbeh* (locusts)** – Locusts swarmed over Egypt
9. ***Choshech* (darkness)** – Egypt was covered with darkness
10. ***Makkat Bechorot* (killing of the first-born)** – All the first-born sons of the Egyptians were slain by

The Passover Project, Part II

The Future – Looking Forward

God brings salvation through his son, Jesus Christ.



In the Old Testament, God brings salvation through the nation of Israel. In Part I of the Passover Project, I tried to show that the Hebrew Exodus was truly one of God's major miracles! As God told Abraham, he would use the Exodus to make Israel a nation and eventually settle them in Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament, the concept of salvation through the spilling of blood, animal sacrifice, was major for the payment of our sins.

In the New Testament, God presents his new plan, our salvation through the shedding of blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, for the payment of our sins.

So, in the Old Testament, God told us about his plans. Hard to contemplate at first – there is some darkness, but nevertheless it is there. You have probably read about the Savior, the Messiah, in the Old Testament in over fifty verses. It makes an important study. Here are some of the Old Testament Verses.

Important Old Testament Messianic Bible Verses

(From Genesis, 2 Samuel, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Joel, Micah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi)

Genesis 3:15 *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

Genesis 49:10 *The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.*

Genesis 50:19-20 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended harm to me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

2 Samuel 7:12-13 When the days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build up a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 12:22-23 He answered, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, ‘Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live.’ But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

Job 19:25-27 I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalms 16:8-11 I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body will also rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 91:14-16 “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him and show him my salvation.”

Psalms 118:22-24 The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Proverbs 8:35-36 “For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death.”

Proverbs 30:4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know!

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:2-3 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, prince of Peace.

Isaiah 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isaiah 25:7-8 On the mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears from faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from the earth. The Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 40:5 “And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 41:14 “Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you,” declares the Lord.

Isaiah 42:1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 53:1-12 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was destroyed and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We, all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his like a guilt offering, he will see offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Jeremiah 23:6 “In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.”

Daniel 9:25 “Know and understand this: From the issuing the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.”

Joel 2:32 And everyone that calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from Ancient times.”

Haggai 2:6-7 “This is what the Lord says ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the lord Almighty.”

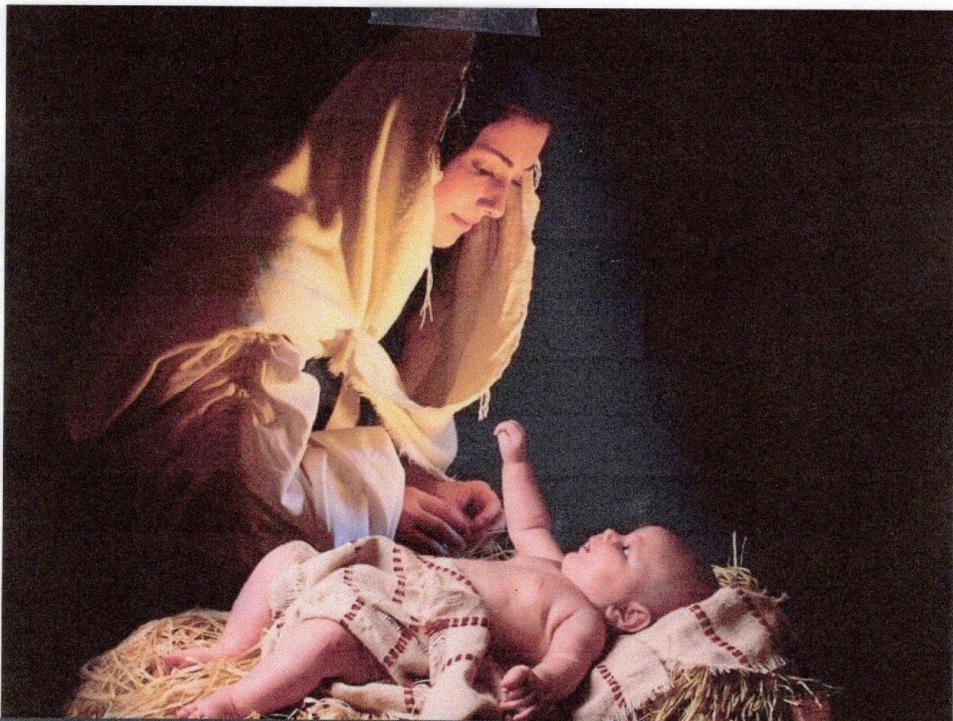
Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king come to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Malachi 3:1 “ See, I will send you a messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come ,” says the Lord Almighty. (The ‘Messenger of the Covenant’)

Malachi 4:2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its’ wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Epic Miracles in the Bible

The Immaculate Conception



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"This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:18

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her." Luke 1:38

The world has never been the same since the moment God entrusted Mary and Joseph with the divine conception of Jesus Christ. A couple, who hadn't yet known the other's touch, welcomed a baby into difficult circumstances, that would become the Savior of the world.

The Old and New Testament –

A personal note:

Many times I say to myself, “Archaeologists and scientists by extra-Biblical authority, – have proved that the Exodus truly did happen – as stated in the Bible. Now I really know, more and more, that the words of the Bible are true!”

What to do?

I say to myself – ‘believe in every book of the Bible – every one’!

- 1. Genesis tells of the fall of Adam*
- 2. Exodus tells of God’s parting of the Red Sea to save his people*
- 3. Isaiah tells of the coming of the new Savior, the Messiah*

On and on –

The New Testament gives us the details, such as the words of Jesus – John 14:2
My Father’s house has many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that
‘I am going to prepare a place for you?’

It is frightful to know that all said in the Book of Revelation is true!

Rewards in Heaven are true! Punishment in Hell for our sin is real!

Again, what to do?

- 1. Love God and love the Savior Jesus Christ*
- 2. Love others and the Ten Commandments*
- 3. Tell others and witness to them, as I am doing*

This then is an ‘apologetic’ to my friends in Israel and to all the world – especially during the Passover Celebration.

This then is the Passover Project.

Blessings, Jay Schabacker, www.Jayschabacker.com

The Names of Jesus

God loved his Son, Jesus, who sacrificed himself for you and I. He gave him more than 40 names (below) in the New Testament:

Authority, Beloved, Bread of God, Bread of Life, Bridegroom, Christ, Chosen One, Counselor, Christ of God, Chosen of Israel, Door, Gate, God's Delight, Good Shepherd, Governor, Helper, Holy One of God, Horn of Salvation, I Am, Jesus, King of the Jews, Lamb of God, Life of the World, Light of the World, Lord, Master, Messiah, Nazarene, One and Only Son, Proclaimer of the Hidden, Prophet, Prophet of Nazareth, Rabbi, Rabboni, Resurrection and the Life, Savior, Son of David, Son of God, Son of Man, Son of Mary, Son of Most High, Son of the Blessed One, Son Who Sets You Free, Sunrise, Teacher, True Grapevine, True Light, Truth, Way, and Word

See below for the texts:

Important New Testament Messianic Bible Verses

(From The Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John)

'Names of Jesus'

Jesus

Matthew 1:20-21 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Governor

Matthew 2:5-6 “In Bethlehem, in the land of Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “ ‘But you, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’ “

Son of God

Matthew 2:14-15 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Nazarene

Matthew 2:22-23 But when they heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So he fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He was called a Nazarene.”

The Beloved

Matthew 3:16-17 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Bridegroom

Matthew 9:15 Jesus answered, ***“How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is still with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.”***

Son of David

Matthew 9:27-29 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, ***“Have mercy on us Son of David!”*** When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, ***“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”*** ***“Yes, Lord,”*** they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, ***“According to your faith will it be done to you”.***

God’s Delight

Matthew 12:17-18 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ***“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.”***

Proclaimer of the Hidden

Matthew 13:34-35 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: ***“I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”***

The Christ

Matthew 16:15-17 Simon Peter answered, ***“You are the Christ, the son of the living God.”*** Jesus replied, ***“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.”***

The Prophet From Nazareth

Mathew 21:10-11 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ***“Who is this?”*** The crowds answered, ***“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”***

All Authority

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, ***“All authority in heaven and in earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commended you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

Holy One Of God

Mark 1:23-24 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ***“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!”***

Son Of Mary

Mark 6:2-3 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. ***“Where did this man get these things?”*** they asked, ***“What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?”*** And they took offense at him.

Prophet

Mark 6:4-5 Jesus said to them, ***“Only in his hometown, among his relatives and his own house is a prophet without honor.”*** He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands a few sick people and heal them

Rabbi

Mark 9:4-5 And appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, ***“Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”*** (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: ***“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”***

Son Of The Blessed One

Mark 14:61-62 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” ***“I am”,*** said Jesus. ***“And you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”***

Son Of The Most High

Luke 1:32-33 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Horn Of Salvation

Luke 1:67-69 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: “Praise be to the Lord, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.”

Sunrise

Luke 1:76-78 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.

Savior

Luke 2:11-12 “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Consolation Of Israel

Luke 2:25-26 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

Master

Luke 5:4-6 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ***“Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.”*** Simon answered, ***“Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”*** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

The Christ of God

Luke 9:18-20 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, ***“Who do the crowds say I am?”*** They replied, ***“Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets has come back to life.”*** ***“But what about you?”*** he asked. ***“Who do you say I am?”*** Peter answered, ***“The Christ of God”***.

Son Of Man

Luke 19:9-10 Jesus said to him, ***“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”***

Chosen One

Luke 23:35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ***“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”***

King Of The Jews

Luke 23:36-38 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, ***“If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”*** There was written a notice above him, which read: ***THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.***

The Word

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shone in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

True Light

John 1:6-9 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

The One And Only Son

John 1:17-18 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

The Lamb Of God

John 1:29-31 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Messiah

John 1:40-41 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

One and Only Son

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

The Bread Of God

John 6:32-33 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it was not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

The Bread of Life

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Life Of The World

John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

The Light Of The World

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

The Truth

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Son Who Sets You Free

John 8:34-36 Jesus replied, ***“I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”***

I Am

John 8:57-58 ***“You are not fifty years old,”*** the Jews said to him, ***“and you have not seen Abraham!”*** ***“I tell you the truth,”*** Jesus answered, ***“before Abraham was born, I am!”***

The Door, The Gate

John 10:5-7 ***“But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”*** Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore, Jesus said again, ***“I tell you the truth, I am the gate, the door, for the sheep.***

The Gate

John 10:8-9 ***“All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.”***

The Good Shepherd

John 10:14-16 ***“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as my Father knows me and I know my Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.***

The Resurrection And The Life

John 11:25-27 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord" she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was come into the world."

Teacher

John 11:28-29 And after she said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

The Way

John 14:6-7 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Helper/Counselor

John 14:16-17 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor/ Helper to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be with you."

The True Grapevine

John 15:1-3 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of my word I have spoken to you."

Rabboni

John 20:15-17 ***“Woman,” he said, “Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary”. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said, “Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet returned to my Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father, to my God and your God.’ “***

Lord

John 20:27-28 ***Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”***

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“Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’ They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.” John 2:7–9

As a Born Again believer in the Messiah and the salvation that He freely offers us, I highly recommend reviewing the well- known 'Romans Road to Salvation.'

Jay Schabacker

"For everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD will be saved."

Romans 10:13

Romans Road to Salvation

Some verses from the Holy Bible's book of Romans are laid out, in five steps, God's plan for you and your family to reach the Salvation that Jesus Christ dearly wishes you to obtain.

Step 1 – Everyone needs salvation because all have sinned.

Romans chapter 3: verses 10-12, and verse 23

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous – not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one. " . . . For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."



Step 2 – The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

Romans chapter 6: verse 23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Step 3 – Jesus Christ died for our sins. He paid the price for our death.

Romans chapter 5: verse 8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Step 4 – We receive salvation and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans chapter 10: verses 9-10, and verse 13

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made

right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved . . . For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Step 5 – Salvation through Jesus Christ brings us into a relationship of peace with God.

Romans chapter 5: verse 1

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans chapter 8: verse 1

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans chapter 8: verses 38-39

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the power of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Responding to the Romans Road

If you believe Romans Road leads to the path of truth, you can respond by receiving God’s free gift of salvation today. Here’s how to take your personal journey down Romans Road.

- 1. Admit you are a sinner.**
- 2. Understand that as a sinner, you deserve death.**
- 3. Believe Jesus Christ died on the cross to save you from sin and death.**
- 4. Repent by turning from your old life of sin to a new life in Christ.**
- 5. Receive, through faith in Christ, his free gift of salvation.**

the Romans Road to salvation

Who is good? ~ Romans 3:10 ~ "There is none righteous, no, not one...."

Who has sinned? ~ Romans 3:23 ~ "...for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God...."

God's price for sin. ~ Romans 6:23 ~ "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Who paid the price? ~ Romans 5:8 ~ "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The only way out. ~ Romans 10:9-11 ~ "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Take God at his word and claim His promise for your salvation!

~ Romans 10:13 ~ "For whoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Appendix I

New Testament Letter to the Hebrews

From the Complete Jewish Bible

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His *Jewish New Testament*, which has been incorporated into the *Complete Jewish Bible*, is the basis for its companion volume, the *Jewish New Testament Commentary*. This book discusses Jewish issues raised in the New Testament -- questions Jews have about Yeshua, the New Testament and Christianity; questions Christians have about Judaism and the Jewish roots of their faith; and questions Messianic Jews have about their own identity and role.

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The Complete Jewish Bible is the only English version of the Bible fully Jewish in style and presentation that includes both the Tanakh ("Old Testament") and the B'rit Hadashah (New Covenant, "New Testament"). Even its title, the Complete Jewish Bible, challenges both Jews and Christians to see that the whole Bible is Jewish, the B'rit Hadashah as well as the Tanakh. Jews are challenged by the implication that without it the Tanakh is an incomplete Bible. Christians are challenged with the fact that they are joined to the Jewish people through faith in the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus) -- so that because Christianity can be rightly understood only from a Jewish perspective, anti-Semitism is condemned absolutely and forever. In short, the Complete Jewish Bible restores the Jewish unity of the Bible. Also for the first time the information needed for the synagogue readings from the Torah and the Prophets is completely integrated with similar use of the B'rit Hadashah. You can get more information on this unique Bible version

at <http://www.messianicjewish.net/jntp/complete-jewish-bible.html>.

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

CHAPTER 1

1 In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets.

2 But now, in the acharit-hayamim, he has spoken to us through his Son, to whom he has given ownership of everything and through whom he created the universe.

3 This Son is the radiance of the Sh'khinah, the very expression of God's essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of HaG'dulah BaM'romim.

4 So he has become much better than angels, and the name God has given him is superior to theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Also, God never said of any angel, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son."

6 And again, when God brings his Firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

7 Indeed, when speaking of angels, he says, ". . . who makes his angels winds and his servants fiery flames";

8 but to the Son, he says, "Your throne, O God, will last forever

and ever; you rule your Kingdom with a scepter of equity;
9 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore, O God, your God has anointed you with the oil of joy in preference to your companions";

10 and, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth; heaven is the work of your hands.

11 They will vanish, but you will remain; like clothing, they will all grow old;

12 and you will fold them up like a coat. Yes, they will be changed like clothing, but you remain the same, your years will never end."

13 Moreover, to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

14 Aren't they all merely spirits who serve, sent out to help those whom God will deliver?

CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore, we must pay much more careful heed to the things we have heard, so that we will not drift away.

2 For if the word God spoke through angels became binding, so that every violation and act of disobedience received its just deserts in full measure,

3 then how will we escape if we ignore such a great deliverance? This deliverance, which was first

declared by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him;

4 while God also bore witness to it with various signs, wonders and miracles, and with gifts of the Ruach HaKodesh which he distributed as he chose.

5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the 'olam haba - which is what we are talking about.

6 And there is a place where someone has given this solemn testimony: "What is mere man, that you concern yourself with him? or the son of man, that you watch over him with such care?"

7 You made him a little lower than the angels, you crowned him with glory and honor,

8 you put everything in subjection under his feet." In subjecting everything to him, he left nothing unsubjected to him. However, at present, we don't see everything subjected to him - at least, not yet.

9 But we do see Yeshua - who indeed was made for a little while lower than the angels - now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by God's grace he might taste death for all humanity.

10 For in bringing many sons to glory, it was only fitting that God, the Creator and Preserver of everything, should bring the Initiator of their deliverance to the goal through sufferings.

11 For both Yeshua, who sets people apart for God, and the ones being set apart have a common origin - this is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers

12 when he says, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

13 Also, "I will put my trust in him, . . ." and then it goes on, "Here I am, along with the children God has given me."

14 Therefore, since the children share a common physical nature as human beings, he became like them and shared that same human nature; so that by his death he might render ineffective the one who had power over death (that is, the Adversary)

15 and thus set free those who had been in bondage all their lives because of their fear of death.

16 Indeed, it is obvious that he does not take hold of angels to help them; on the contrary, "He takes hold of the seed of Avraham."

17 This is why he had to become like his brothers in every respect - so that he might become a merciful and faithful cohen gadol in the service of God, making a kapparah for the sins of the people.

18 For since he himself suffered death when he was put to the test, he is able to help those who are being tested now.

CHAPTER 3

1 Therefore, brothers whom God has set apart, who share in the call from heaven, think carefully about Yeshua, whom we acknowledge publicly as God's emissary and as cohen gadol.

2 He was faithful to God, who appointed him; just as "Moshe was faithful in all God's house."

3 But Yeshua deserves more honor than Moshe, just as the builder of the house deserves more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but the one who built everything is God.

5 Also, Moshe was faithful in all God's house, as a servant giving witness to things God would divulge later.

6 But the Messiah, as Son, was faithful over God's house. And we are that house of his, provided we hold firmly to the courage and confidence inspired by what we hope for.

7 Therefore, as the Ruach HaKodesh says, "Today, if you hear God's voice,

8 don't harden your hearts, as you did in the Bitter Quarrel on that day in the Wilderness when you put God to the test.

9 Yes, your fathers put me to the test; they challenged me, and they saw my work for forty years!

10 Therefore, I was disgusted with that generation I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,

they have not understood how I do things';

11 in my anger, I swore that they would not enter my rest."

12 Watch out, brothers, so that there will not be in any one of you an evil heart lacking trust, which could lead you to apostatize from the living God!

13 Instead, keep exhorting each other every day, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you will become hardened by the deceit of sin.

14 For we have become sharers in the Messiah, provided, however, that we hold firmly to the conviction we began with, right through until the goal is reached.

15 Now where it says, "Today, if you hear God's voice, don't harden your hearts, as you did in the Bitter Quarrel,"

16 who were the people who, after they heard, quarreled so bitterly? All those whom Moshe brought out of Egypt.

17 And with whom was God disgusted for forty years? Those who sinned - yes, they fell dead in the Wilderness!

18 And to whom was it that he swore that they would not enter his rest? Those who were disobedient.

19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of lack of trust.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, let us be terrified of the possibility that, even though the promise of entering his rest remains, any one of you might be judged to have fallen short of it;

2 for Good News has also been proclaimed to us, just as it was to them. But the message they heard didn't do them any good, because those who heard it did not combine it with trust.

3 For it is we who have trusted who enter the rest. It is just as he said, "And in my anger, I swore that they would not enter my rest." He swore this even though his works have been in existence since the founding of the universe.

4 For there is a place where it is said, concerning the seventh day, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."

5 And once more, our present text says, "They will not enter my rest."

6 Therefore, since it still remains for some to enter it, and those who received the Good News earlier did not enter,

7 he again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David, so long afterwards, in the text already given, "Today, if you hear God's voice, don't harden your hearts."

8 For if Y'hoshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later of another "day."

9 So there remains a Shabbat-keeping for God's people.

10 For the one who has entered God's rest has also rested from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience.

12 See, the Word of God is alive! It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword - it cuts right through to where soul meets spirit and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart.

13 Before God, nothing created is hidden, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great cohen gadol who has passed through to the highest heaven, Yeshua, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we acknowledge as true.

15 For we do not have a cohen gadol unable to empathize with our weaknesses; since in every respect he was tempted just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin.

16 Therefore, let us confidently approach the throne from which God gives grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

CHAPTER 5

1 For every cohen gadol taken from among men is appointed to act on people's behalf with regard to things concerning God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and with those who go astray, since he too is subject to weakness.

3 Also, because of this weakness, he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as those of the people.

4 And no one takes this honor upon himself, rather, he is called by God, just as Aharon was.

5 So neither did the Messiah glorify himself to become cohen gadol; rather, it was the One who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

6 Also, as he says in another place, "You are a cohen forever, to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."

7 During Yeshua's life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions, crying aloud and shedding tears, to the One who had the power to deliver him from death; and he was heard because of his godliness.

8 Even though he was the Son, he learned obedience through his sufferings.

9 And after he had been brought to the goal, he became the

source of eternal deliverance to all who obey him,
10 since he had been proclaimed by God as a cohen gadol to be compared with Malki-Tzedek.
11 We have much to say about this subject, but it is hard to explain, because you have become sluggish in understanding.
12 For although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the very first principles of God's Word all over again! You need milk, not solid food!
13 Anyone who has to drink milk is still a baby, without experience in applying the Word about righteousness.
14 But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by continuous exercise to distinguish good from evil.

CHAPTER 6

1 Therefore, leaving behind the initial lessons about the Messiah, let us go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of turning from works that lead to death, trusting God,
2 and instruction about washings, s'mikhah, the resurrection of the dead and eternal punishment.
3 And, God willing, this is what we will do.
4 For when people have once been enlightened, tasted the

heavenly gift, become sharers in the Ruach HaKodesh,
5 and tasted the goodness of God's Word and the powers of the 'olam haba -
6 and then have fallen away - it is impossible to renew them so that they turn from their sin, as long as for themselves they keep executing the Son of God on the stake all over again and keep holding him up to public contempt.
7 For the land that soaks up frequent rains and then brings forth a crop useful to its owners receives a blessing from God;
8 but if it keeps producing thorns and thistles, it fails the test and is close to being cursed; in the end, it will be burned.
9 Now even though we speak this way, dear friends, we are confident that you have the better things that come with being delivered.
10 For God is not so unfair as to forget your work and the love you showed for him in your past service to his people - and in your present service too.
11 However, we want each one of you to keep showing the same diligence right up to the end, when your hope will be realized;
12 so that you will not become sluggish, but will be imitators of those who by their trust and patience are receiving what has been promised.
13 For when God made his promise to Avraham, he swore

an oath to do what he had promised; and since there was no one greater than himself for him to swear by, he swore by himself

14 and said, "I will certainly bless you, and I will certainly give you many descendants";

15 and so, after waiting patiently, Avraham saw the promise fulfilled.

16 Now people swear oaths by someone greater than themselves, and confirmation by an oath puts an end to all dispute.

17 Therefore, when God wanted to demonstrate still more convincingly the unchangeable character of his intentions to those who were to receive what he had promised, he added an oath to the promise;

18 so that through two unchangeable things, in neither of which God could lie, we, who have fled to take a firm hold on the hope set before us, would be strongly encouraged.

19 We have this hope as a sure and safe anchor for ourselves, a hope that goes right on through to what is inside the parokhet,

20 where a forerunner has entered on our behalf, namely, Yeshua, who has become a cohen gadol forever, to be compared with Malki-Tzedek.

CHAPTER 7

1 This Malki-Tzedek, king of Shalem, a cohen of God Ha'Elyon, met Avraham on his way back from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him;

2 also Avraham gave him a tenth of everything. Now first of all, by translation of his name, he is "king of righteousness"; and then he is also king of Shalem, which means "king of peace."

3 There is no record of his father, mother, ancestry, birth or death; rather, like the Son of God, he continues as a cohen for all time.

4 Just think how great he was! Even the Patriarch Avraham gave him a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5 Now the descendants of Levi who became cohanim have a commandment in the Torah to take a tenth of the income of the people, that is, from their own brothers, despite the fact that they too are descended from Avraham.

6 But Malki-Tzedek, even though he was not descended from Levi, took a tenth from Avraham. Also, he blessed Avraham, the man who received God's promises; **7** and it is beyond all dispute that the one who blesses has higher status than the one who receives the blessing.

8 Moreover, in the case of the cohanim, the tenth is received by men who die; while in the case of

Malki-Tzedek, it is received by someone who is testified to be still alive.

9 One might go even further and say that Levi, who himself receives tenths, paid a tenth through Avraham;

10 inasmuch as he was still in his ancestor Avraham's body when Malki-Tzedek met him.

11 Therefore, if it had been possible to reach the goal through the system of cohanim derived from Levi (since in connection with it, the people were given the Torah), what need would there have been for another, different kind of cohen, the one spoken of as to be compared with Malki-Tzedek and not to be compared with Aharon?

12 For if the system of cohanim is transformed, there must of necessity occur a transformation of Torah.

13 The one about whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar;

14 for everyone knows that our Lord arose out of Y'hudah, and that Moshe said nothing about this tribe when he spoke about cohanim.

15 It becomes even clearer if a "different kind of cohen," one like Malki-Tzedek, arises,

16 one who became a cohen not by virtue of a rule in the Torah concerning physical descent, but

by virtue of the power of an indestructible life.

17 For it is stated, "You are a cohen FOREVER, to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."

18 Thus, on the one hand, the earlier rule is set aside because of its weakness and inefficacy

19 (for the Torah did not bring anything to the goal); and, on the other hand, a hope of something better is introduced, through which we are drawing near to God.

20 What is more, God swore an oath. For no oath was sworn in connection with those who become cohanim now;

21 but Yeshua became a cohen by the oath which God swore when he said to him, "ADONAI has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a cohen forever.'"

22 Also this shows how much better is the covenant of which Yeshua has become guarantor.

23 Moreover, the present cohanim are many in number, because they are prevented by death from continuing in office.

24 But because he lives forever, his position as cohen does not pass on to someone else;

25 and consequently, he is totally able to deliver those who approach God through him; since he is alive forever and thus forever able to intercede on their behalf.

26 This is the kind of cohen gadol that meets our need - holy,

without evil, without stain, set apart from sinners and raised higher than the heavens;

27 one who does not have the daily necessity, like the other cohanim g'dolim, of offering up sacrifices first for their own sins and only then for those of the people; because he offered one sacrifice, once and for all, by offering up himself.

28 For the Torah appoints as cohanim g'dolim men who have weakness; but the text which speaks about the swearing of the oath, a text written later than the Torah, appoints a Son who has been brought to the goal forever.

CHAPTER 8

1 Here is the whole point of what we have been saying: we do have just such a cohen gadol as has been described. And he does sit at the right hand of HaG'dulah in heaven.

2 There he serves in the Holy Place, that is, in the true Tent of Meeting, the one erected not by human beings but by ADONAI.

3 For every cohen gadol is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so this cohen gadol too has to have something he can offer.

4 Now if he were on earth, he wouldn't be a cohen at all, since there already are cohanim offering the gifts required by the Torah.

5 But what they are serving is only a copy and shadow of the heavenly original; for when Moshe was about to erect the Tent, God warned him, "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern you were shown on the mountain."

6 But now the work Yeshua has been given to do is far superior to theirs, just as the covenant he mediates is better. For this covenant has been given as Torah on the basis of better promises.

7 Indeed, if the first covenant had not given ground for faultfinding, there would have been no need for a second one.

8 For God does find fault with the people when he says, "'See! The days are coming,' says ADONAI, 'when I will establish over the house of Isra'el and over the house of Y'hudah a new covenant.

9 "'It will not be like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by their hand and led them forth out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, did not remain faithful to my covenant; so I, for my part, stopped concerning myself with them,' says ADONAI.

10 "'For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days,' says ADONAI: 'I will put my Torah in their minds and write it on their

hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

11 "None of them will teach his fellow-citizen or his brother, saying, "Know ADONAI!" For all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest,

12 because I will be merciful toward their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

13 By using the term, "new," he has made the first covenant "old"; and something being made old, something in the process of aging, is on its way to vanishing altogether.

CHAPTER 9

1 Now the first covenant had both regulations for worship and a Holy Place here on earth.

2 A tent was set up, the outer one, which was called the Holy Place; in it were the menorah, the table and the Bread of the Presence.

3 Behind the second parokhet was a tent called the Holiest Place,

4 which had the golden altar for burning incense and the Ark of the Covenant, entirely covered with gold. In the Ark were the gold jar containing the man, Aharon's rod that sprouted and the stone Tablets of the Covenant;

5 and above it were the k'ruvim representing the Sh'khinah, casting their shadow on the lid of

the Ark - but now is not the time to discuss these things in detail.

6 With things so arranged, the cohanim go into the outer tent all the time to discharge their duties;

7 but only the cohen hagadol enters the inner one; and he goes in only once a year, and he must always bring blood, which he offers both for himself and for the sins committed in ignorance by the people.

8 By this arrangement, the Ruach HaKodesh showed that so long as the first Tent had standing, the way into the Holiest Place was still closed.

9 This symbolizes the present age and indicates that the conscience of the person performing the service cannot be brought to the goal by the gifts and sacrifices he offers.

10 For they involve only food and drink and various ceremonial washings - regulations concerning the outward life, imposed until the time for God to reshape the whole structure.

11 But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world),

12 he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means

of his own blood, thus setting people free forever.

13 For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity;

14 then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

15 It is because of this death that he is mediator of a new covenant [or will].g Because a death has occurred which sets people free from the transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

16 For where there is a will, there must necessarily be produced evidence of its maker's death,

17 since a will goes into effect only upon death; it never has force while its maker is still alive.

18 This is why the first covenant too was inaugurated with blood.

19 After Moshe had proclaimed every command of the Torah to all the people, he took the blood of the calves with some water and used scarlet wool and hyssop to sprinkle both the scroll itself and all the people;

20 and he said, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has ordained for you."

21 Likewise, he sprinkled with the blood both the Tent and all the things used in its ceremonies.

22 In fact, according to the Torah, almost everything is purified with blood; indeed, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

23 Now this is how the copies of the heavenly things had to be purified, but the heavenly things themselves require better sacrifices than these.

24 For the Messiah has entered a Holiest Place which is not man-made and merely a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, in order to appear now on our behalf in the very presence of God.

25 Further, he did not enter heaven to offer himself over and over again, like the cohen hagadol who enters the Holiest Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

26 for then he would have had to suffer death many times - from the founding of the universe on. But as it is, he has appeared once at the end of the ages in order to do away with sin through the sacrifice of himself.

27 Just as human beings have to die once, but after this comes judgment,

28 so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, i will appear a second time, not to deal with sin,

but to deliver those who are eagerly waiting for him.

CHAPTER 10

1 For the Torah has in it a shadow of the good things to come, but not the actual manifestation of the originals. Therefore, it can never, by means of the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, bring to the goal those who approach the Holy Place to offer them.

2 Otherwise, wouldn't the offering of those sacrifices have ceased? For if the people performing the service had been cleansed once and for all, they would no longer have sins on their conscience.

3 No, it is quite the contrary - in these sacrifices is a reminder of sins, year after year.

4 For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

5 This is why, on coming into the world, he says, "It has not been your will to have an animal sacrifice and a meal offering; rather, you have prepared for me a body.

6 No, you have not been pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings.

7 Then I said, 'Look! In the scroll of the book it is written about me. I have come to do your will.' "

8 In saying first, "You neither willed nor were pleased with animal sacrifices, meal offerings,

burnt offerings and sin offerings," things which are offered in accordance with the Torah; **9** and then, "Look, I have come to do your will"; he takes away the first system in order to set up the second.

10 It is in connection with this will that we have been separated for God and made holy, once and for all, through the offering of Yeshua the Messiah's body.

11 Now every cohen stands every day doing his service, offering over and over the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But this one, after he had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, sat down at the right hand of God,

13 from then on to wait until his enemies be made a footstool for his feet.

14 For by a single offering he has brought to the goal for all time those who are being set apart for God and made holy.

15 And the Ruach HaKodesh too bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 " 'This is the covenant which I will make with them after those days,' says ADONAI: 'I will put my Torah on their hearts, and write it on their minds . . . , ' "

17 he then adds, " 'And their sins and their wickednesses I will remember no more.' "

18 Now where there is forgiveness for these, an offering for sins is no longer needed.

19 So, brothers, we have confidence to use the way into the Holiest Place opened by the blood of Yeshua.

20 He inaugurated it for us as a new and living way through the parokhet, by means of his flesh.

21 We also have a great cohen over God's household.

22 Therefore, let us approach the Holiest Place with a sincere heart, in the full assurance that comes from trusting - with our hearts sprinkled clean from a bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us continue holding fast to the hope we acknowledge, without wavering; for the One who made the promise is trustworthy.

24 And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds,

25 not neglecting our own congregational meetings, as some have made a practice of doing, but, rather, encouraging each other. And let us do this all the more as you see the Day approaching.

26 For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but only the terrifying prospect of Judgment, of raging fire that will consume the enemies.

28 Someone who disregards the Torah of Moshe is put to death

without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses.

29 Think how much worse will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the blood of the covenant which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God's grace!

30 For the One we know is the One who said, "Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay," and then said, "ADONAI will judge his people."

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!

32 But remember the earlier days, when, after you had received the light, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings.

33 Sometimes you were publicly disgraced and persecuted, while at other times you stood loyally by those who were treated this way.

34 For you shared the sufferings of those who had been put in prison. Also when your possessions were seized, you accepted it gladly; since you knew that what you possessed was better and would last forever.

35 So don't throw away that courage of yours, which carries with it such a great reward.

36 For you need to hold out; so that, by having done what God wills, you may receive what he has promised.

37 For "There is so, so little time!
The One coming will indeed
come, he will not delay.

38 But the person who is
righteous will live his life by
trusting, and if he shrinks back, I
will not be pleased with him."

39 However, we are not the kind
who shrink back and are
destroyed; on the contrary, we
keep trusting and thus preserve
our lives!

CHAPTER 11

1 Trusting is being confident of
what we hope for, convinced
about things we do not see.

2 It was for this that Scripture
attested the merit of the people
of old.

3 By trusting, we understand that
the universe was created through
a spoken word of God, so that
what is seen did not come into
being out of existing
phenomena.

4 By trusting, Hevel offered a
greater sacrifice than Kayin;
because of this, he was attested
as righteous, with God giving him
this testimony on the ground of
his gifts. Through having trusted,
he still continues to speak, even
though he is dead.

5 By trusting, Hanokh was taken
away from this life without seeing
death - "He was not to be found,
because God took him away" -
for he has been attested as
having been, prior to being taken
away, well pleasing to God.

6 And without trusting, it is
impossible to be well pleasing to
God, because whoever
approaches him must trust that
he does exist and that he
becomes a Rewarder to those
who seek him out.

7 By trusting, Noach, after
receiving divine warning about
things as yet unseen, was filled
with holy fear and built an ark to
save his household. Through this
trusting, he put the world under
condemnation and received the
righteousness that comes from
trusting.

8 By trusting, Avraham obeyed,
after being called to go out to a
place which God would give him
as a possession; indeed, he went
out without knowing where he
was going.

9 By trusting, he lived as a
temporary resident in the Land of
the promise, as if it were not his,
staying in tents with Yitz'chak
and Ya'akov, who were to
receive what was promised along
with him.

10 For he was looking forward to
the city with permanent
foundations, of which the
architect and builder is God.

11 By trusting, he received
potency to father a child, even
when he was past the age for it,
as was Sarah herself; because
he regarded the One who had
made the promise as
trustworthy.

12 Therefore this one man, who
was virtually dead, fathered

descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, and as countless as the grains of the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people kept on trusting until they died, without receiving what had been promised. They had only seen it and welcomed it from a distance, while acknowledging that they were aliens and temporary residents on the earth.

14 For people who speak this way make it clear that they are looking for a fatherland.

15 Now if they were to keep recalling the one they left, they would have an opportunity to return;

16 but as it is, they aspire to a better fatherland, a heavenly one. This is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

17 By trusting, Avraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Yitz'chak as a sacrifice. Yes, he offered up his only son, he who had received the promises,

18 to whom it had been said, "What is called your 'seed' will be in Yitz'chak."

19 For he had concluded that God could even raise people from the dead! And, figuratively speaking, he did so receive him.

20 By trusting, Yitz'chak in his blessings over Ya'akov and Esav made reference to events yet to come.

21 By trusting, Ya'akov, when he was dying, blessed each of Yosef's sons, leaning on his walking-stick as he bowed in prayer.

22 By trusting, Yosef, near the end of his life, remembered about the Exodus of the people of Isra'el and gave instructions about what to do with his bones.

23 By trusting, the parents of Moshe hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw that he was a beautiful child, and they weren't afraid of the king's decree.

24 By trusting, Moshe, after he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

25 He chose being mistreated along with God's people rather than enjoying the passing pleasures of sin.

26 He had come to regard abuse suffered on behalf of the Messiah as greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he kept his eyes fixed on the reward.

27 By trusting, he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered as one who sees the unseen.

28 By trusting, he obeyed the requirements for the Pesach, including the smearing of the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Isra'el.

29 By trusting, they walked through the Red Sea as through dry land; when the Egyptians

tried to do it, the sea swallowed them up.

30 By trusting, the walls of Yericho fell down - after the people had marched around them for seven days.

31 By trusting, Rachav the prostitute welcomed the spies and therefore did not die along with those who were disobedient.

32 What more should I say? There isn't time to tell about Gid'on, Barak, Shimshon, Yiftach, David, Sh'mu'el and the prophets;

33 who, through trusting, conquered kingdoms, worked righteousness, received what was promised, shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, had their weakness turned to strength, grew mighty in battle and routed foreign armies.

35 Women received back their dead resurrected; other people were stretched on the rack and beaten to death, refusing to be ransomed, so that they would gain a better resurrection.

36 Others underwent the trials of being mocked and whipped, then chained and imprisoned.

37 They were stoned, sawed in two, murdered by the sword; they went about clothed in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted, mistreated,

38 wandering about in deserts and mountains, living in caves

and holes in the ground! The world was not worthy of them!

39 All of these had their merit attested because of their trusting. Nevertheless, they did not receive what had been promised,

40 because God had planned something better that would involve us, so that only with us would they be brought to the goal.

CHAPTER 12

1 So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us, too, put aside every impediment - that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement - and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us,

2 looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that trusting, Yeshua - who, in exchange for obtaining the joy set before him, endured execution on a stake as a criminal, scorning the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Yes, think about him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you won't grow tired or become despondent.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in the contest against sin.

5 Also you have forgotten the counsel which speaks with you as sons: "My son, don't despise

the discipline of ADONAI or become despondent when he corrects you.

6 For ADONAI disciplines those he loves and whips everyone he accepts as a son."

7 Regard your endurance as discipline; God is dealing with you as sons. For what son goes undisciplined by his father?

8 All legitimate sons undergo discipline; so if you don't, you're a mamzer and not a son!

9 Furthermore, we had physical fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them; how much more should we submit to our spiritual Father and live!

10 For they disciplined us only for a short time and only as best they could; but he disciplines us in a way that provides genuine benefit to us and enables us to share in his holiness.

11 Now, all discipline, while it is happening, does indeed seem painful, not enjoyable; but for those who have been trained by it, it later produces its peaceful fruit, which is righteousness.

12 So, strengthen your drooping arms, and steady your tottering knees;

13 and make a level path for your feet; so that what has been injured will not get wrenched out of joint but rather will be healed.

14 Keep pursuing shalom with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

15 See to it that no one misses out on God's grace, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble and thus contaminates many,

16 and that no one is sexually immoral, or godless like Esav, who in exchange for a single meal gave up his rights as the firstborn.

17 For you know that afterwards, when he wanted to obtain his father's blessing, he was rejected; indeed, even though he sought it with tears, his change of heart was to no avail.

18 For you have not come to a tangible mountain, to an ignited fire, to darkness, to murk, to a whirlwind,

19 to the sound of a shofar, and to a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further message be given to them -

20 for they couldn't bear what was being commanded them, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it is to be stoned to death";

21 and so terrifying was the sight that Moshe said, "I am quaking with dread."

22 On the contrary, you have come to Mount Tziyon, that is, the city of the living God, heavenly Yerushalayim; to myriads of angels in festive assembly;

23 to a community of the firstborn whose names have been

recorded in heaven; to a Judge who is God of everyone; to spirits of righteous people who have been brought to the goal;

24 to the mediator of a new covenant, Yeshua; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better things than that of Hevel.

25 See that you don't reject the One speaking! For if those did not escape who rejected him when he gave divine warning on earth, think how much less we will escape if we turn away from him when he warns from heaven.

26 Even then, his voice shook the earth; but now, he has made this promise: "One more time I will shake not only the earth, but heaven too!"

27 And this phrase, "one more time," makes clear that the things shaken are removed, since they are created things, so that the things not shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we have received an unshakeable Kingdom, let us have grace, through which we may offer service that will please God, with reverence and fear.

29 For indeed, "Our God is a consuming fire!"

CHAPTER 13

1 Let brotherly friendship continue;

2 but don't forget to be friendly to outsiders; for in so doing, some

people, without knowing it, have entertained angels.

3 Remember those in prison and being mistreated, as if you were in prison with them and undergoing their torture yourselves.

4 Marriage is honorable in every respect; and, in particular, sex within marriage is pure. But God will indeed punish fornicators and adulterers.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money; and be satisfied with what you have; for God himself has said, "I will never fail you or abandon you."

6 Therefore, we say with confidence, "ADONAI is my helper; I will not be afraid what can a human being do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke God's message to you. Reflect on the results of their way of life, and imitate their trust -

8 Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever.

9 Do not be carried away by various strange teachings; for what is good is for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods. People who have made these the focus of their lives have not benefited thereby.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve in the Tent are not permitted to eat.

11 For the cohen hagadol brings the blood of animals into the Holiest Place as a sin offering,

but their bodies are burned outside the camp.

12 So too Yeshua suffered death outside the gate, in order to make the people holy through his own blood.

13 Therefore, let us go out to him who is outside the camp and share his disgrace.

14 For we have no permanent city here; on the contrary, we seek the one to come.

15 Through him, therefore, let us offer God a sacrifice of praise continually. For this is the natural product of lips that acknowledge his name.

16 But don't forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your lives, as people who will have to render an account. So make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning; for that is of no advantage to you.

18 Keep praying for us, for we are certain that we have a clear conscience and want to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.

19 And all the more I beg you to do this, so that I may be restored to you that much sooner.

20 The God of shalom brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Yeshua, by the blood of an eternal covenant.

21 May that God equip you with every good thing you need to do his will; and may he do in us whatever pleases him, through Yeshua the Messiah. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 Now I urge you, brothers, to bear with my message of exhortation; for I have written you only briefly.

23 Know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he comes soon enough, I will bring him with me when I come to see you.

24 Greet all your leaders and all God's people. The people from Italy send greetings to you.

25 Grace be with you all.

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About Judaism

Sadly, many of today’s Jews profess godliness but don’t embrace Scriptures as we presume they do. Therefore, it is often difficult to discuss with them about Jesus being the Messiah. This is why it is imperative to ask a Jew if he has kept the Law of Moses – to use the Law and remove the spirit of self-righteousness. The Law will show him his need of a Savior, and become a “schoolmaster” to bring him to Christ, as happened to Paul, Nicodemus, Nathaniel and the Jews on the Day of Pentecost. They had the advantage of the Law. It was the Law that brought 3,000 to the foot of the Cross on that day. It was a “Schoolmaster” to bring them to Christ (Galatians 3:24). Without it they would not have known that they had sinned (Romans 7:7), and would not have therefore, seen their need of the Savior.

Israel’s blessings were dependent upon her obedience. If the nation sinned, it would be chastened. This is God’s warning to the Jews: “Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the Earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known – wood and stone. And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting -place; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life” (Deuteronomy 28:64-66).

“After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come back into the land of those brought back with the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which have been long desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely” (Ezekiel 38:8).

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Jesus, The Passover Lamb

. The Jewish Passover sacrifice and Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death coincide exactly. Messianic prophecy fulfillment -

The dates on which Jesus was taken by the Roman authorities, and then slain, also coincided precisely with the Jewish Passover. Jesus became the Passover Lamb, “without blemish.” At the first Passover, described in Exodus 12, God instructed the Israelites to kill a lamb with no blemishes and put its blood on their door posts. When the angel of death passed through Egypt where the Israelites were being held as slaves, it would pass by any house that had blood of the Passover Lamb on their door posts. Jesus fulfilled Moses’ prophecy of the Passover Lamb because it is through His blood that we can be saved from, or passed over by, death.

**Christian Answers, “The Passover and why it is significant”, page 3,
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Exodus 12:7

