

Israel, My Inheritance

The destruction of the great flood left only a family of eight and a specific selection of creatures; everything else was destroyed.

For 150 days, they were sheltered in the ark. A new beginning for mankind was on the horizon and a fresh start to choose to align with God. The corrupt and wicked were destroyed on earth—gone!



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It was then that the ark with Noah and his family came to rest.

God remembered Noah and his family and made a covenant with them to be fruitful, increase in number, and fill the earth. God reminded them that dominion over the earth

remained theirs. He set a rainbow in the sky as the reminder of this covenant with Noah, his family and their descendants, and with every living creature to never destroy the earth again with a flood.

And so, the family of eight settled and from them a great family of many were born. But they remembered... the former days.

Bent on rebellion, Nimrod built great cities and a taunting tower, so that they may make a name for themselves—as did the “men of renown,” hence initiate the practices prior to the flood.

“Let **us** confuse their language and scatter them,” God ordered. “I will establish the boundaries for these peoples according to the number in my court. I will set aside land and a people for myself. The nations will have the members of my holy council; they will rule over them. (paraphrased from Deuteronomy 32:8); **Jacob** will be **MY** inheritance/allotment” (Deuteronomy 4:19-20).

God waited for the birth of Abraham, then Isaac and finally Jacob was born, while the people of the nations flourished.

He tells His story to the descendants of Jacob sharing His every tender feeling, as if He were in

the moment, “when I found **Israel**, it was like finding grapes in the desert and that when I saw your fathers, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree” (Hosea 9:10). “Of all the families of the earth, only **Israel** have I chosen” (Amos 3:2). He reminded them again in the same breath, “Israel is My inheritance” (Isaiah 19:25).

God tells the same story into the 21st century through the pages of their Ancient Book and a mixed crowd listens and whispers—some murmuring, others mumbling behind their hand.

“But—what of the other nations?” a voice from the back echoed out.

God foreknew the outcome of the great rebellion that sparked a battle in heaven and captured the earth. He replied, “All nations will be blessed through the descendants of Abraham” (Genesis 22:18).

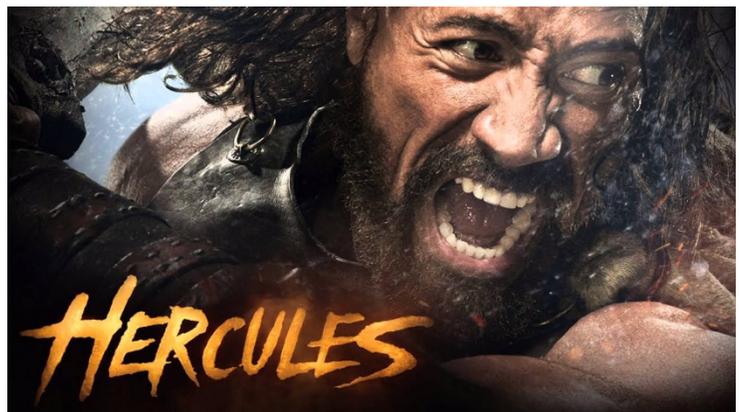
He appeared like a professor of sorts with his glasses propped on the edge of his nose. The man ambled between the people and shouted over the chatter as he moved towards the front, “Okay—then, who are the members of your heavenly council of whom the nations of the earth at the time of Babel were given?”

“Those members were dear to me. They had grown tall in Godly knowledge, wisdom and understanding; they were like cedars among the rulers in my kingdom. They were my dear sons and I am their Creator—God of gods and LORD of lords” (Deuteronomy 10:17).

“These sons, these gods—are they *living—spiritual* entities?” A woman asked, pressing her hands against the ears of the child by her side.

“The sons of God—beney elohim are divine beings with responsibilities and jurisdictions; they witnessed the creation of your earth and sang with joy (Job 38:4-7),” God replied and looked away beaming, reminiscing a wonderful moment.

“They are members of my Divine Assembly (Psalm 82:1.). I will speak to you clearly. I am God—Elohim and I stand in my divine assembly; I administer judgment in the midst of the gods—elohim. As it is written in Psalm 82:6, ‘I have said that you are gods—elohim, and sons of the Most High—beney **elyon**, all of you.’ These sons are different to angels—mal’ak who are divine messengers not rulers who share in judgment.”



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“Hey!” A boy jumped to his feet and raised his hand high in the air. “Babel’s gods—are these sons of God the supermen before the flood?”

“That abomination existed before and after the flood. Remember Genesis 6.” The Speaker walked towards the boy. “The ancient old drive to produce a competing bloodline, the Nephilim has always been part of their plan.”

Through the sea of faces, a greyed-hair lady asked, “Do these rogue sons of God roam free—will they be captured and punished?” The lighting played with her frown lines—so many, so deep.

The Speaker tilted his head towards the faint echo. Peering around and through the crowd he found her and with his warm smile, he answered, “They too were made in the image of God, that is, to rule in righteousness. I gave them my word, my commandments, my way—I gave them free choice. Yet, knowing all they know, some have chosen rebellion against me. The psalmist complained, ‘how long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked... They walk about in darkness,’ but—I have said that I will sentence them, ‘...**you will die like mere men**, you will fall like every other ruler.’ I will judge the wicked in heaven and on earth. All of them will be destroyed at the assigned time” (Psalm 82:1-8).

“Thank goodness for that!” the crowd chimed.

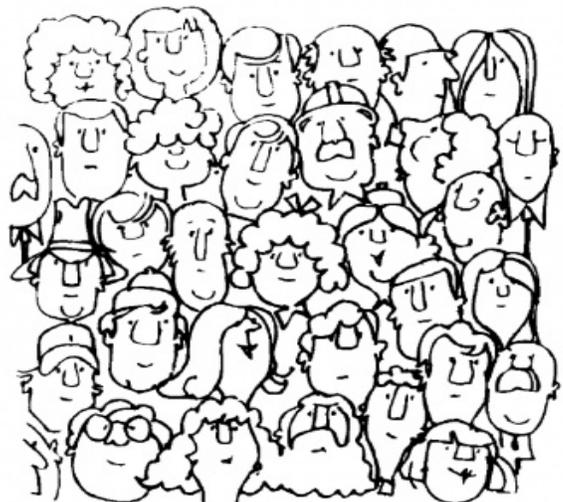
“How many times have you started again with mankind?” a bold voice from the side-lines sounded out. He waved his hands, and shouted, “Here I am.”

The Speaker turned and nodded. “The Flood was the first and it was destroyed by water. The next time, the earth will be destroyed by fire.”

The audience gasped.

“I heard about the flood, but a fire?” He waited, but impatiently added, “And a second question, when the nations received these heavenly rulers, Abraham was not yet born—was he?”

The Speaker released a long sigh. “I have told you the plan—long ago. You will find in your New Testament the revelation of the destruction of the earth by fire in II Peter 3:10-12, ‘But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and **the earth and its works will be burned up**. Since **all these things are to be destroyed in this way**, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!’”



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The silence from the crowd pulled in the Speaker. He stood amazed at their ignorance.

With a bold cry, the Speaker asked, “Do you read your Bible?”

Instantly, the crowd murmured.

The man on the side-lines spoke again, “What you are saying is new to many of us. Back to my second question, Abraham—he wasn’t born at the time you divided the nations and gave them heavenly rulers and now I am also wondering—did you know that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would be faithful to you.”

“It is correct—Abraham wasn’t born at the time the nations were divided. I waited. He was born in a desert—a place void of my word and my way. But, I protected him and I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. It does not, therefore, depend on man’s desire or effort, but on God’s mercy (Romans 9:14-16).”

Confusion fell upon the faces of the audience and a solitary voice asked, “Wait! I just don’t get what you just said.”

The Speaker leaned towards the audience searching among the crowd. “I AM—” He hesitated, as if to formulate his thoughts. “Through my sovereign choice, I chose Jacob before he did anything good or bad, I elected him not by works as Rebecca, his mother was told that the older will serve the younger—Jacob I loved, but Esau I loved less” (Romans 9:11-13).

Rustling through the crowd, a thin man stood forcing an opening. His ashen face and the dark shadows beneath his eyes shouted, as he whispered, “Supreme King—you have the authority to choose and you do.”

“I do and you will live to a ripe age.”

The audience murmured.

An off-pitched cry broke the band of chatter. Barely five feet tall standing on her tippy toes, a woman spoke, “My God—Elohim, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—how do you compare to the sons of God?”

The Speaker dropped down to one knee. “That’s better.” He looked directly into her eyes. “I might ask you the very words of King David, ‘Who is like Yahweh among the sons of God, a God feared greatly in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all surrounding him?’” (Psalm 89:7)

He waited in silence, then added to His case, as King David said, “Ascribe to Yahweh, O sons of God, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength. Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his name (Psalm 29:1–2).”

She grabbed the corner of his jacket and gave it a good jerk. “I’m not done,” she snapped. “It’s

not fair to us. Our wayward forefathers robbed us of knowing about You.”

The Speaker nodded. “Wayward they were—though *you* have so much now... the written word, the Holy Spirit. You are without excuse! Your enemy is not your forefathers. Your battle is against principalities and powers in heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). Remember the story of the exodus out of Egypt. It was a significant move to teach the nations about me. Its written, ‘Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all the gods’ (Exodus 18:11). And the plagues in Egypt were directed to bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt (Exodus 12:12). The created does not have power over the Creator.”

Silence snuffed out the ‘ahs’ and ‘oos’ as the audience pondered. The pieces of the greater puzzle were becoming visible.

The Speaker stood on the platform surveying the frowns, wrinkled foreheads, squinting eyes, and crumpled noses.

“I see that you need more understanding.” He waited for their response, but they were busy in thought. So, he said, “A brief history lesson is what I think you need.”

They broke away and gave him their attention. “The nation of Israel became my firstborn son,” the Speaker said, sitting and leaning back in the very dated, half-moon chair. “Of all the nations, I chose Israel as my inheritance, while giving all the other nations over to my sons in my heavenly holy council, the same who later turned against me—” He hesitated as a distressful countenance appeared and he lowered his voice to a whisper. “They committed treason against me.”

The audience leaned forward straining to hear.

“I covered the deep springs with mourning for them (Ezekiel 31:15),” He added.

The audience dropped their heads from the weight of His words.

The Speaker took a deep breath and stood up. Composed, He continued, “Consider, Exodus 4:21 Pharaoh was referred to as the son of Re and Israel, my firstborn son. This was a battle of God against god and son against son.”

“Wow!” echoed softly across the room.

The Speaker stopped as a young boy no more than twelve, called out. “You watched the movie too!” His voice was high, his eyes opened wide. “Mister Speaker, you know the story too—of Moses. He led the battle against the Pharaoh of Egypt and the poor slave-people got to leave.”

“Movie?” The Speaker smiled, his head tilted studying the youth. “Okay, now, young man, did the movie tell you how the nation of Israel was intended to be a light to the nations? (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 51:4; 60:3)”

“A light? You mean a good example?”

“Yes—were they an example on how to live in peace?”

“I don’t know. I think we are all the same—aren’t we?”

“I think you are right. Could you identify the Israelites today?”

“You mean the Jews?” The boy turned around looking for support. In unison, the audience severed eye contact looking around: up, down, to the side and some strained to see into the back.

“You are correct. They have become like every other nation. Ten tribes from the kingdom of Israel wanted to be like the Gentiles and so, they became them.” The Speaker took a deep breath and added, “I took them out of Egypt—only the God of all gods can take a nation out of another nation.”

The man with his glasses propped on the edge of his nose cleared his throat as if to speak. Then, he mumbled. The audience pushed him until he stood right in front. “The exodus.” He coughed. “It was an important event in history.”



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“Yes, and my dear friend, Moses understood the extent of this battle against Egypt. He said, ‘Who among the gods is like you, O God? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them’ (Exodus 15:11). It was I, the God of Israel who parted the seas during the Exodus and divided the waters; I speak and it is done.”

“So—” an anonymous voice filtered through the chatter, “—the gods are real, alive and well.”

“They are alive.” He hesitated, searching the audience with a look of bewilderment, then added, “—many from this rogue group of 70 are presently imprisoned—in the earth below, but a time is coming when I will take back ALL of the nations (Psalm 82:8). I instructed Moses to establish the 70 elders, as a pattern of an **earthly** divine council” (Exodus 24:1).

He added without a breath, “You should know this.”

He scanned the audience again. “The Apostle Paul told you. ‘And [Christ] having **DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES, he made a PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF THEM** [the rogue sons of God], **TRIUMPHING OVER THEM BY THE CROSS**’ (Colossians 2:13-15) and ‘This is why it says: ‘When He ascended on high, **He led captives** [those rogue sons of God] **away**, and **gave gifts to men** [authority to teach the Word of God].’ What does ‘He ascended’ mean, except that **He also descended to the lower parts of the earth**? He who descended is the very one who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things’ (Ephesians 4:8-10).”

The audience whispered among themselves and nudged the man in the front to ask their question. “The Promised Land,” he called out, “Was it special—holy?”

“The ‘Promised’ land is mine, my inheritance. You may understand it better as my allotment. The remaining land was divided according to the number in my holy council, but this land and these people are my inheritance. Do you remember the story of Naaman?”

“No,” he man replied.

One in the audience called out, “the man with leprosy?”

“Yes, the man with leprosy.” The Speaker sighed with relief. “I have revealed my plan to you through imagery, mirroring and parallels, parables and similar coded mechanisms. My plan is veiled, so that it remains hidden from the wicked in heaven and on earth. The story of Naaman is your story preserved through mirroring.”

The audience gasped, their eyes glistened.

The Speaker began to tell the story. “A young Israelite servant told Naaman, a commander of the army of Syria, to seek out Elisha, the prophet for a cure.” He stopped to scan the audience who stood captivated.

He continued, “Elisha told him to bathe seven times in the Jordan River; he did and he was healed. Grateful and now believing in the one true God, he said, ‘I know that there is no God in all of the world except in Israel.’ Then Naaman asked Elisha if he can take some soil from Israel because he considered it holy and so that he can worship the God of Israel back in Syria. He said, ‘then please let a load of soil on a pair of mules be given to your servants, for your servant will never again bring a burnt offering and sacrifice to other gods, but only to Yahweh’” (II Kings 5:15-19).

The audience muttered and the Speaker waited until he had their attention.

“There many examples in your Ancient Book proving that I am God of all gods. I AM.”

The audience responded clustering together.

“Don’t be afraid,” the Speaker quickly responded. “I am a God of love. I am working to help you learn about your Creator and differentiate from the created in heaven. The rogue heavenly rulers have caused such confusion.” He postured like a father and spoke like a mother. “Now, I have another story!”

“Okay,” they chimed like bells out of sequence.

“David, my servant, before he became king was chased by King Saul and at times forced to live outside of Israel. On one occasion, King Saul entered a cave to relieve himself and David was hiding there. David could have killed him, but he respected the anointed king and instead he confronted him. Saul recognized David’s voice and said, ‘Is this your voice, my son David?’ And David said, ‘It is my voice, my lord the king.’ Then he said, ‘Why is my lord pursuing after his servant? For what have I done? And what evil is in my hand? And so then, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant:

If God has incited you against me, may he delight in an offering; but if it is mortals, may they be accursed before God, for **they have driven me away today from sharing in the inheritance of God**, saying, ‘Go, serve other gods!’” (1 Samuel 26:17–19)

The audience gasped. A soft voice floated above the crowd, “Excuse me, excuse me.” She pushed away from the crowd. “I want to say something.”



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The Speaker looked her way.

“Humm, just want to clarify what you said—that **David understood the significance of your inheritance.**” She stressed her words like she were now the teacher.

“When he was chased outside of the land of Israel, it prevented **him** from sharing in **your rulership** over Israel. Those chasing him wanted to destroy him in **two ways: keeping him out of the land** and by **telling him to serve other gods**. So, **the ancient Israelites differentiated between the worship of the one true God from the other gods, who you have said are rogue sons of God who recently rebelled.**”

She continued demanding her time, as if she had a complete lesson plan. “So, then—only the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the true God whose inheritance is the nation of Israel and the land where they live is truly holy land. The people are holy. I understand that ‘holy’ means

being 'set apart' probably to do that job you mentioned earlier—to be the model nation to the world and the land is holy, again 'set apart' because it belongs to You and You are holy.”

The audience caught His gentle smile and they sighed.

“You understand correctly.”

“So—” the man with his glasses propped on his nose, stepped forward again and said, “the giants in the Holy Land would have been the children of the gods. Those the Israelites were told to totally destroy every man, woman, and child?”

“Yes.” The Speaker added, “My holy council rebelled. We battle. I gave them life—and yet, they rebelled—for what? A few moments of self-glory and a false hope of supreme rulership.”

His voice sank; he looked away unable to hide the pain of a recent wound.

The audience commiserated among themselves.

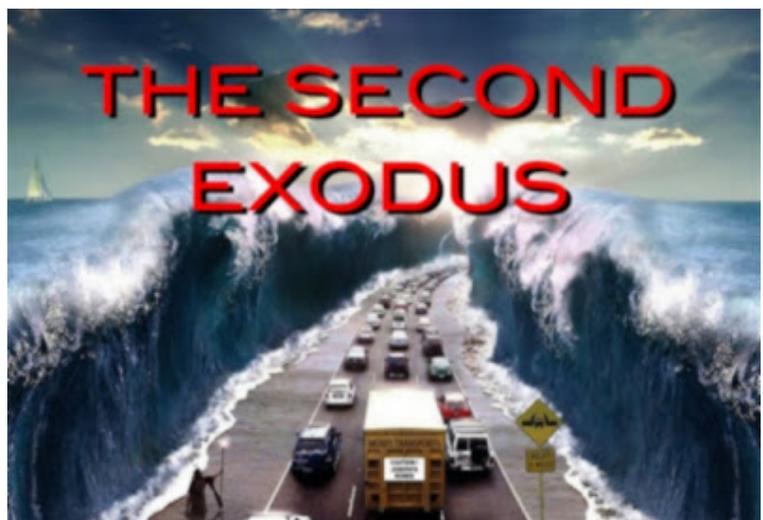
He cleared his throat and added. “The learning of the death of your child is heart-breaking.”

The news brought the audience to whisper their condolences.

Then, like the soothing sound of a gentle rain, in harmonies of young and old, male and female the audience said, “We will not provoke the jealousy of our Great God, the Creator. Apart from You, we know—there is no other.”

They fell to their knees and the man in the front cried out, “We are the 21st century descendants; we have mythicized our enemies—your enemies. We have fallen into deep ignorance and sinned. Unknowingly, we have worshiped the ancient, rogue gods and have committed the detestable sin of treason.”

The woman who was like a teacher, stood up before the whole audience and they watched her walk to the front of the stage. She dropped to her knees and prayed aloud, “Dear God—my God, I will no longer pledge my allegiance to the gods by celebrating their sacred days and traditions. I will set myself apart from them and worship **only the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. You are the Almighty God—our Creator. This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”



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Every member of the audience then shouted, “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is our God! We will worship Him only. Our loyalty will be evident through the **keeping of His commandments.**”

The Speaker looked at them with admiring wonder and said, “I prophesied this moment through the prophets many years ago. **That day** has come—though I scattered you among the nations, but yet **in distant lands you have remembered Me** and **I will bring you back to the land again**—you and your children” (Zechariah 10:6-12).”

The Speaker cried, “A second exodus much greater than the first will show all of the nations that there is only one God and that **I AM He**. So great will this exodus be that it will be remembered forever.”

Excitement rippled through the crowd, as the Speaker quoted His prophecy recorded hundreds of years ago. “I said to the prophet Jeremiah those many years ago, ‘Therefore behold, days are coming when it will no longer be said, *As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt*, but, *As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them*. For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers” (Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23:7).

“Both the **house of Judah** and the **house of Israel** will return to the land. In that day, they will come **together, weeping back to him**. They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that **they may join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant** that will not be forgotten (Jeremiah 50:4-5). **My people will be restored: Israel, my inheritance.**”

The audience sang the Song of Moses and their hearts were filled with joy. United again with their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob their light began to shine and the nations saw and said, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the **God of Jacob**. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths” (Micah 4:2, Isaiah 2:3, Psalm 122:1).



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