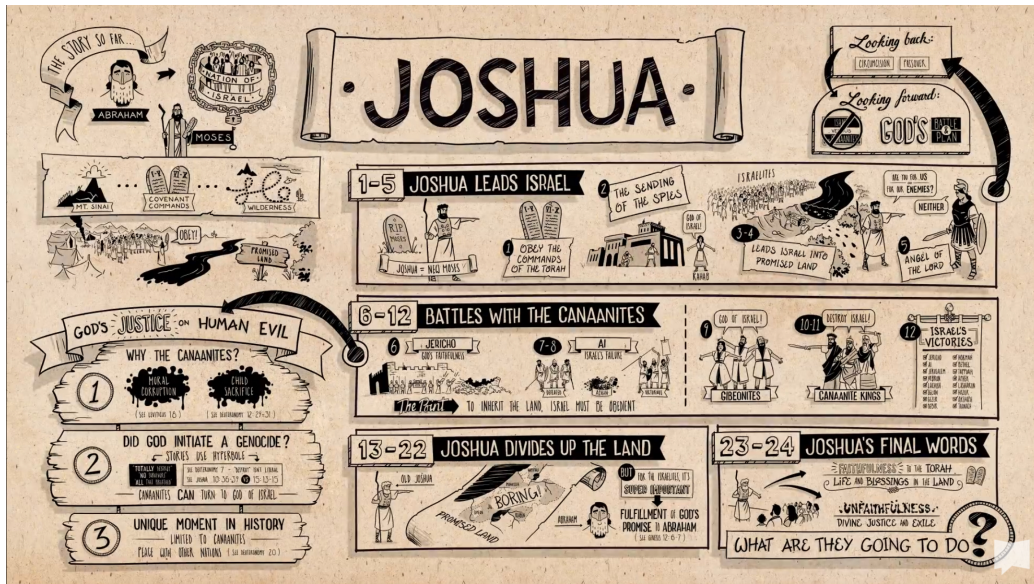


“Entering into New Beginnings” - Part 3

Joshua 2–3; Genesis 12:1–17:27; Isaiah 40:27–41:16; Matthew 1:1–17



Abraham's Promise

Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7

The Call of Abram

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Moses Command (Obey the Commands): “Do not acquire the people’s practices and gods”

Deuteronomy 12:1-32

The Lord's Chosen Place of Worship

¹ “These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ² You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³ You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. ⁴ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. ⁵ But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, ⁶ and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. ⁷ And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

⁸ “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, ⁹ for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹⁰ But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, ¹¹ then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. ¹² And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. ¹³ Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, ¹⁴ but at the place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you . . .

Warning Against Idolatry

²⁹ “When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, ³⁰ take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?’—that I also may do the same.” ³¹ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the Lord hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

³² “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Joshua:

Chapters 1-5

1. *Joshua = A New Moses*
2. *Obey the Commands of the Torah*
3. *Sends Spies into the Land*
4. *Leads Israel into the Promise Land over the Jordan River*
5. *(Transitions) Looking Back as God’s Covenant People (New Generation - Circumcision (Heart) & Observe Passover)*

Looking Forward – Encounter with Mysterious Warrior – Angelic Commander of God’s Army:

- Are you for Us or For Our Enemies – Neither – the Fact of the Matter is are you for God or Against God?

Chapters 6-8

6. *Battles with Canaanites (Contrast)*

- Gods’ Faithfulness

God is the one who will deliver his people, God’s people just have to Trust & Wait

- Israeli’s Failure

Humble Repentance Gains the Victory

To Inherit the Land, Israel Must Be Obedient and Trust in God’s Commands. They do not get special treatment.

7. *Why does God declare War?*

Why the Canaanites?

Moral Corruption – Leviticus 18

Child Sacrifice – Deuteronomy 12:29-31

Did God Initiate A Genocide?

Totally Destroy – No Survivors – All That Breathed – Stories Use **Hyperbole**

See Deuteronomy 7 – “Destroy Isn’t Literal

See Joshua 10:36-39 vs. 15:13-15

Unique Moment in History – Limited to Canaanites – Peace With Other Nations – See Deut 20

God’s Justice on Human History – Never to tell you the reader to go commit violence in His name.

Showing God bringing his Justice on Human Evil at a unique moment in history and how he delivered Israel from being annihilated by the Canaanites.

Chapters 13-22

8. *Dividing UP the Land for the 12 Tribes of Israel*

This was the Fulfillment of God’s Promises to Abraham – Genesis 12:6-7

Chapters 23-24

9. *Joshua’s Final Words*

Similar to the Final Speeches of Moses – Two Speeches

Joshua Reminds them of God’s Generosity how he brought them into the Land and Rescued them from the Canaanites, and so he calls them to turn away from the Canaanite gods and be faithful to the Covenant (to the Torah) they made. If they do, it will lead to Life and Blessing to the Land.

But if they are Unfaithful Israel will call down on itself the same Divine Judgment that the Canaanites experienced, they will be kicked off the Land into Exile.

And so, Joshua leaves Israel with a Choice: *What is (are they) Israel Going to Do?*

Opening Story:

Never Lose the Joy of Living

Imagine you were born in 1900.

When you are 14

World War I begins

and ends at 18

with 22 million deaths.

Soon after, a global pandemic

The ‘ Spanish Flu ’,

kills 50 million people.

You come out alive and free

You are 20 years old.

Then, at age 29, you survive the global economic crisis that began with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and hunger.

At 33, the Nazis came to power.

You are 39 when WWII begins and ends at 45. During the Holocaust (Shoah), 6 million Jews died.

There will be more than 60 million deaths in total.

When you are 52, the Korean War begins.

At 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends at 75

A boy born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and disasters.

Boy born in 1995 and now 25 thinks it's the end of the world when his Amazon package takes more than three days to arrive or when he doesn't get more than 15 `` likes " for his photo posted on Facebook or Instagram. .
In 2020, many of us are living comfortably, we have access to different sources of home entertainment, and we often have more than we need.
But people are complaining about everything.
However, they have electricity, telephones, food, hot water and a roof over their heads.
None of this existed before.
But humanity has survived much more dire circumstances and has never lost the joy of living.
Maybe it's time to be less selfish, to stop complaining and crying.

Opening Illustration:

Amazon Dot – Ryland – God is Wanting to Reveal what is in the Package of His Mysteries.

Yeshua is actually a shortened form of **Yehoshua** (יהושע) or Joshua.

English Names like Jeremiah, Jehoshophat, Jonathan, etc., actually begin with **YH (Yeho)** in Hebrew. This is also how the name of God in Hebrew begins—**Yeho-vah**.

The second part of Joshua in Hebrew consists of the root **yasha**, which means to deliver, save or rescue.

Yeshua, therefore, essentially means the God saves.

Pattern Given throughout the Book of Joshua:

The Heart of the King is the Collective Heart of the Entire Congregation of Israel, and that who Joshua was; into the Real World of the People (Prophetic Message of God's People Today).

The Sign of Mashiach . . . The Leadership before Mashiach is the Leadership of Joshua . . . Real Leaders you can relate with, once you can relate to your leader, you become a leader . . . every single Jew is a leader unto themselves, every single Jew is responsible for the entire nation of Israel, that is the leadership of Joshua . . . it is up to us, as a collective soul, that every generation gets less and less and less . . . the ascending of generation . . . needed the leaders of the exile . . . our leaders now are coming to relate to the people, like Joshua.

Torah given in Desert that anyone can access it, in an ownerless place. The Torah was not just given to the Jews, but to all mankind. Jewish a different people. The Principles were given by God first, then with a perfected vision, only then would they have entered into the Promise Land. Only they could be the light of the world, perfect the world, a light to all societies, only possible if they are in a relationship/dialogue with God.

The First Book of Prophecy is the Story of inheriting the Land of Israel . . . that is how we are introduced to prophetic writings, it is how we are introduced to the potential Messianic area, we received the Torah from Moses, he brought us until the end, now we are about to enter literally into Paradise, how does it begin, it begins with the Land of Israel . . . Duet 11:12 . . . It is a Land that God is always seeking after . . . a land the God's eyes are always on it from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year . . . to the exclusion of all other Lands. The Land of Israel is the Portal to God . . . the Message to every Generation. Living in the Land of Israel is the sum total to all the commands of the Torah . . .

The Commandments of the Torah . . . Mitzva means (a Root – Savta to **Join** related – Savet means Team to **Partner** with) a tool that God gave us to connect us to Him, a physical way to connect to Infinite to Connect with the Spiritual . . . infuse the physical with the spiritual. That we plug into and connect to God. Israel . . . the only place where there is no static . . . and immediately revelation comes to you.

. . . The Entire Secret to Inheriting the Land of Israel (keeping the Commands) . . . Is to Listen to God . . . If we will tune our hearts into Listening to what God wants for us . . . that will be our Success . . . our Integrity with God is Listening . . . that is the Pattern that God is giving us.

Entering into New Beginnings

Joshua 1:10-3:17

Joshua 1:10-18

Joshua Assumes Command

¹⁰ And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹ “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’”

¹² And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, ¹³ “Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this

land.¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, **but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall HELP THEM,**¹⁵ **until the Lord gives rest to your brothers** as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

¹⁶ And they answered Joshua, “**All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.**”¹⁷ Just as we **OBEYED** Moses in all things, so we will **OBEY** you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses!¹⁸ **Whoever REBELS AGAINST YOUR COMMANDMENT AND DISOBEYS YOUR WORDS, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.**”

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #1 – Genesis 1:1-4 / Joshua 1:1-2

By Answering and Standing in the Testimony of our Abiding commitment to Follow and Fulfill the Calling of God to cross over from the promises of this world to the promises of God, to enter into a Land Flowing with Milk & Honey, regardless of its opposing Occupation, and begin Conquering what God has Given us in fulfillment of His Purposes, which still stands, by merely obeying the Commands of God, that God might be made evident through our pursuit of Holiness.

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #2 – Genesis 1:14-19 / Joshua 1:3-4

By Setting and Establishing God’s Appointed Times as the Divine Light in our daily journey to rehearse and teach the world, in darkness, of the Marvelous Light of God’s “*Redemption of Mankind*” and “*Rest & Refreshment*”, before He had even created man, and even before man had even fallen, and needed God’s Redemption; ultimately walking in the perfect plan and purpose God created from the beginning of time for the Redemption and Salvation of all things, being proclaimed through the Light of the World, God’s Chosen People.

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #3 – Genesis 1:26-28 / Joshua 1:5

By allowing God to BREATHE His identity in a name change and destiny, from singular, separate from God, to now plural, united with God, changing us from “Disciples” to “Disciple Makers”, Fruitful, creating us one, and then split into two, thus, man and woman cleave to each other and become one; a photograph or making a photocopy as the image of God.

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #4 – Genesis 2:1-3 / Joshua 1:6-7

The Seventh Day, God Rests

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #5 – Genesis 2:15-17 / Joshua 1:8

I will make a **Helper** fit for him.

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #6 – Genesis 4:2-7 / Joshua 1:9

If you **do well**, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouched at the door . . . **BUT YOU MUST RULE OVER IT.**

Where we left off last week:

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #7 – Genesis 5:21-27 / Joshua 1:10-18

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered **Methuselah**. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered **Methuselah** 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

²⁵ When **Methuselah** had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶ Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Thus all the days of **Methuselah** were 969 years, and he died.

Matthew 24:36-51

No One Knows That Day and Hour

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of **Noah**, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when **Noah** entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants^[d] and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

so will be the coming (the sign): the sign that was given to Noah was the death of the Grand-Father Methuselah, meaning, “When He is Dead it shall be Sent”.

Noah Builds the Ark

How are we Called to Enter into New Beginnings?

POINT #8 – Genesis 6 / Joshua 2

By Building our Ark of Salvation and Redemption through our Walk and Faith with Jesus Christ, Ready for the Coming Judgment, Salvation, and Redemption of God.

Joshua 2

Rahab Hides the Spies

¹ And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there.² And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.”³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.”⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.”⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.”⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof.⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.”¹⁰ For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction.¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.¹² Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.”¹⁴ And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.”¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall.¹⁶ And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.”¹⁷ The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear.”¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household.¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head.²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.”²¹ And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.²² They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing.²³ Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them.²⁴ And they said to Joshua, “Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.”

The Blue Print of God's Plan of Redemption of Mankind throughout Biblical History, and a foreshadowing of the Timeline during the 2nd Coming of the Messiah:

Noah Builds the Ark

1. Scripture tells us that Noah, a ninth-generation descendant of Adam and Eve, was a righteous and upright man. **G-d informed Noah of his plans** to eradicate mankind due to their evil ways, and instructed him to build an ark, in which he and his family were to take refuge.
2. **G-d always provides a Renewed Covenant to reunite (“Return”) into Right Relationship with G-d:** Joining them in the ark would be a select few creatures of every species (other than fish, that survived the Flood unscathed): two from every non-kosher animal, and seven (or fourteen⁴) of every kosher animal.
3. **G-d is Long Suffering, desiring that None Perish, providing an opportunity for all mankind to have an opportunity to “Return” to Him; and Providing a Rapture or Covering from the Wrath of God for Salvation:** The ark took Noah no less than 120 years to build, allowing plenty of time for onlookers to query his actions, be told of the impending calamity, and change their ways. Unfortunately, such repentance never came to pass.
4. **G-d has provided the Way for Salvation and Redemption before Man was even Created, and continues to Reveal and Uncover that Salvation and Redemption throughout the course and history of mankind, that None Should Perish:** The ark took Noah no less than 120 years to build, allowing plenty of time for onlookers to query his actions, be told of the
 - The message proclaimed is the gospel ... the “good news” of how to make peace with God. This takes us back to the story of Noah who released a dove (Jonah) three times (Genesis 8:8-12). The first time the dove returned to Noah, the second time the dove brought an olive branch back to Noah and the third time the dove did not return. The olive branch that the dove carried in its mouth was the symbol of peace, the same message that the Holy Spirit is speaking through the mouths of Christians.
 - In the story of Jonah, God sent Jonah (dove or Holy Spirit) the first time and he experienced three days and nights in the belly of the fish. This is indicative of the Lord Jesus Christ, who had the dove descend upon Him at His baptism, declared that the Kingdom of God was at hand and spent three days and nights in the grave.
 - God sent Jonah a second time and he preached to the gentile city of Nineveh “*Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying ...*” (Jonah 3:1) This is indicative of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Church

at Pentecost. The message that has been preached for the last two thousand years has primarily been to the gentiles.

- **God will send the Holy Spirit (dove or Jonah) the third time. We see this beginning to happen immediately prior to the sounding of the seventh (last) trumpet in the book of Revelation:**

And they said to me, “You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.” **Revelation 10:11**

At that time the **two witnesses** and the 144,000 Israelites (this number is symbolic of the whole body of Israel) who have been **sealed** preach the **truth**.

Revelation 21:17 “He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement (i.e. 144 symbolic of the whole body of Israel, 144,000, identified by human measurements), which is also an angel’s measurement.”

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

¹⁹ Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Revelation 22:9–10 “⁹ . . . ‘Come, I will show you **the Bride**, the wife of the Lamb.’ ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and **showed me the holy city Jerusalem** coming down out of heaven from God.”

Two witnesses: *(The two witnesses are Elijah and Moses)*

³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶ They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. ⁷ And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit^[a] will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically^[b] is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.” **Revelation 11:3–12**

Matthew 17 – (Jesus gives us a snap shot of the two witnesses at his Second Coming)

The Transfiguration

“ . . . ³ And behold, **there appeared to them Moses and Elijah**, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” . . . ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “**Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.**” ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ¹¹ He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.”

- The three-day walk through Nineveh is prophetic in that it will take three 1000-year days (“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day,” **2 Peter 3:8**) to reach all the gentiles.
- **On the first day** that Jonah preached, the gentiles repented then he went out of the city and built a shelter. **This is indicative of the initial preaching of the gospel by Christians when gentiles repented and were reconciled to God.**
- **On the second day** God caused a plant to grow up to shade Jonah from the heat of the day. **Christians no longer suffered extreme persecution.**
- **On the third day** Jonah’s plant withered. **It serves as a warning sign to Christians that they are losing compassion for the lost.**

God Gives Second Chances

Like the Israelites, some of us might go through periods of our lives where we descend into sin or fall away from the Lord, but **God promises the hope of restoration and renewal if we will agree to come back into His presence in repentance to find forgiveness.**

5. **G-d is continually giving opportunity to Set People apart from the Wrath of God, towards His Purification, that He might have Fellowship with Mankind for the Unification and Future Betrothal of a Holy Bride:**

Deluge of Purity

At first glance, the Flood appears to have been an act of cosmic wrath. But *the Rabbis* teaches that the foremost energy that guides the cosmos is that of goodness and compassion (*chesed*). Wrath is incompatible with this spiritual posture. There is clearly something much more sublime in the account of the Flood.

Rabbinic teaching describes the Flood as a cleansing process. The waters of the Flood are like the waters of a ritual bath – a *mikvah* – where the waters spiritually cleanse the one who enters it. The world similarly received a spiritual cleansing, setting the course of history on a course of hope and purpose. And just as a *mikvah* must contain 40 *seah* (or in English just over 66 gallons), so did the rains of the Flood last for forty days.

6. **G-d has given us a Mission, until our Full Redemption, to Feed Mankind, not with Bread Alone, but by Every Word that proceeds out of the Mouth of God:**

Life in the ark was no picnic. The Midrash relates that throughout their year-long sojourn in the ark, Noah and his sons barely slept, as they were completely preoccupied with feeding the animals and birds. Each animal needed to be given its specific nourishment at an exact time during the day.⁹

7. **G-d has provided through His teaching and instruction for Mankind to Enter into and Experience the Future Redemption of G-d:**

How did the ark manage to contain hundreds of thousands of species of animal life, not to mention the food necessary to feed them for a full year? The ark was miraculous in nature, allowing for a shipload far beyond the ark's dimensions.

This also explains how carnivorous animals were able to coexist with their prey. Chassidic teachings explain that **Noah's ark evoked the time of the future Redemption**, when “the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall crouch with the kid.”

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The Flood: A Timeline

The following is a chronology of the Flood, as indicated by the dates and time periods given in the Torah's account:

Cheshvan 17 (mid-fall): Noah enters ark; rains begin. (i.e. November 4, 2020)

Kislev 27 (early winter): Forty days of rain end; beginning of 150 days of water's swelling and churning.

Sivan 1 (early summer): Water calms and begins to subside at the rate of one cubit every four days.

Sivan 17: The bottom of the ark, submerged 11 cubits beneath the surface, touches down on the top of the mountains of Ararat.

Av 1 (summer): The mountain peaks break the water's surface.

Elul 10 (late summer): Forty days after the mountain peaks become visible, Noah opens the ark's window and dispatches a raven.

Elul 17: Noah sends the dove for the first time.

Elul 23: The dove is sent a second time, and returns with an olive leaf in its beak.

Tishri 1 (early fall): Dove's third mission. Water completely drained. – **The Feast of Trumpets**

Cheshvan 27: Ground fully dried. Noah exits ark. (i.e. November 14, 2020)

The total time Noah spent in the ark was 365 days (one solar year; one year and 11 days on the lunar calendar).

9. **G-d has Given Us His Great Commission to “God . . . Make Disciples”:**

Genesis 9:7

And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

10. **G-d has Given Us His Forever Covenant that He has Overcome the World, if we would only Rest in His Promises/Covenant:**

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹**I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.**” ¹²And God said, **“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”**¹⁷God said to Noah, **“This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”**

Covenant

Two Elements

Contractual (You do this I will do this)

Unconditional (Commitment)

Actualize it in life: **“Remember”** (God is going to identify with the nature of humanity (not to destroy us again), and our obligations with God that have consequences.

Always bring to Action, trigger to redemption from God's perspective, and a trigger to right action from a humans perspective.

The Righteous is not what saves the World, but rather the Righteous Reminds us what the World is all about.

The following timeline of the Old Testament has been compiled with the assumption that the genealogies are literal and complete. If so, God created the world about 6000 years ago. All years are approximate.

1,650 Years (1,700 years)

Creation to the Flood

185 Years

The Flood to Abraham

1,835 Years (1,800 years)

Creation to Abraham

940 Years

The Flood to Joshua

2,344 Years (2,400 years)

The Flood to Jesus

635 Years (600 years)

Abraham to Moses

2,159 Years (2,200 years)

Abraham to Jesus

1,524 Years (1,600 years)

Moses to Jesus

1,989 Years (2,000 years)

Jesus to Present

God sets a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant (**ot brit** / **אוֹת בְּרִית**) with all people of the earth: “*I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*” **Genesis 9:13**

2 Peter 3

The Day of the Lord Will Come

¹ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.⁴ They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Final Words

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

This is not the only covenant that God has made. Other covenants were to follow, and each one comes with its own particular sign (**ot**). The sign of the Abrahamic covenant is circumcision of all male infants on the eighth day. The sign of the Mosaic covenant is the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath. – **A Renewal of Covenant, not a New Covenant!**

Yeshua said that the great hallmark of faith in Him — of having the Torah written inside our hearts and minds in the Brit Chadashah (“A Renewed” (New) Covenant) — is love:

“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (*John 13:35*)

Jeremiah 31:31

The New Covenant

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **NEW** covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

New (chadash (2319) – new): a new spirit (“²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God,” Ezekiel 36:26-28); fresh, new thing.

From chadash:

Fresh, new thing (chadash (2318) – to renew, repair): renew (5), renewed (1), repair (1), restore (3), restored; Make anew; to be new; causatively; to be rebuild; bring back (*bringest fresh (new) witnesses*). i.e. Psalm 103:5 *thy youth reneweth itself, like the eagle*.

While Noah saved himself and his family, Messiah Yeshua is the Saviour of the world.

The Coming Judgment

Just like the flood in the days of Noah, in the end times, judgment will come suddenly (*Matthew 24:36–41*).

But those who know the Lord need not fear, for He will provide a safe shelter, a teivah, from the raging storm of tribulation just as He provided the ark for Noah and his family.

The prophet Isaiah wrote,

“Come, My people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.” (*Isaiah 26:20*)

May we emerge from the Ark of God’s shelter in the unity of faith to establish the new heavens and the new earth of peace and righteousness and justice under the rule of the Messiah, Yeshua.

11. **G-d has Forward us that a Future Delusion to Test the Hearts of Mankind to see if they are For Him or Against Him, through One Language, once again, the Mark of the Beast, allowing those who posses the Mark with the ability to Buy or Sale, ending in Eternal Damnation, while those who do not accept the Mark of the Beast, to Trust God for His Eternal Provision, in spite of the Greatest Persecution of G-d’s People, Unmatched to any time ever in History:**

Genesis 11:1-9

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused^[a] the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Week 3 - LECH LECHA (GO FORTH!)

Genesis 12:1–17:27; Isaiah 40:27–41:16; Matthew 1:1–17

“Adonai said to Abram, ‘**Go forth** [lech lecha] **from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you ... and I will bless you.**’” (*Genesis 12:1–2*)

Follow Me and I will show you How God’s World Works, and you will be Blessed!

Our last *Scripture* reading, Noach (Noah), concluded with a genealogy of Shem, Noah’s son. That genealogy ended with Terah, father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. Terah took his son Abram and Abram’s wife Sarai, as well as Lot, son of Haran, who had died, out of Ur of the Chaldeans and headed toward the Land of Canaan.

Instead of reaching their destination, however, they settled at Haran where Terah lived out the rest of his days

In this week’s *Reading*, at God’s command, **Abram carries on with his father’s unfinished mission — to reach the Land of Canaan**, the name given to the Promised Land at this time.

Joshua 3:1-17

Joshua 3:1-6

Israel Crosses the Jordan

¹ Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and **lodged there before they passed over.** ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, “**As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.**” ⁴ Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits (3,000 feet – nearly ½ mile) in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, “**Consecrate** (set your selves apart for God’s purposes) yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” ⁶ And Joshua said to the priests, “**Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.**” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.