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0A: Stage 7. Elder Disciples: Generational Shepherds called to Sacrifice.

Praise God for you, if you are bearing fruit and proving yourself to be a Stage 7 Generational Shepherd! Not only have you *shepherded* your own household well, but you have reproduced yourself by raising up younger Shepherds who are able to lead their own Households fruitfully!

There is no greater joy than to see “children” you have seen thrive in their New Life to now become shepherds themselves, caring for and raising their own “kids” in the flock!

At this point, I hope you are seeing the Fruitful Kingdom express itself in New Life for you. For, the world will seek to imitate and *create an appearance* of growth, which is merely compliance to fleshly rules and customs. Compliance might mean the recitation of doctrine, or the parroting of popular figures, or even the patterned behavior which signals a membership to a group.

But, if you are a true generational shepherd, you know life when you see it. You see your heart reflected in new ways to serve the Lord Jesus. Most importantly, you recognize the *family resemblance of Jesus Mashiach* in them, and the passion that accompanies a living faith.

May the Lord bless your ministry and fruitfulness in these Last Days, especially if you are a Generational Shepherd sent to Israel. For, as your House thrives and you multiply disciples, eventually this Fruit will expand on a National Scale:

- Disciples Raised up → 144,000 Witnesses sent to the world!
- Households worshipping God → the Temple of God rebuilt according to Ezekiel's plan.
- Shepherds Anointed → the Two Anointed Ones prophecy to the whole earth!

In these pages for Generational Shepherds, much of the material is *focused* on assisting Generational Shepherds sent to Israel to minister to their Jewish people.

May the Lord bless you in our Lord Jesus Mashiach!

1 Peter 5:1-4.

Elder	Teach, Encourage, Comfort			Mentor, Equip, Train,		Strengthen, Partner	
Shepherd	New Life	Walk/ Devotion to Lord	Family Life: Love, Word, Faith	Shepherding Instruct Heart build Faith, Bless House	Sacrificial Servant Leading Leaving w/Lord	Team: Shepherd- ing a House	Teams of Shepherds Clusters of Houses
Overseer	Signs of New Life	Devoted Relation.	Brother- hood: Family Relations	Partner Shepherd Restore Worshippers	Team of Shepherds: Sacrificial Shepherd	Shepherd Team over House: Guidance	Shepherd Teams over Clusters of Households
Example	Thrive: Faith & Repent	Bond: Obey Word Know God's Will	Connect: Share Word	Represent: Shepherd	Sacrificial Service Kingdom Life	Shepherd Household Managing Household	Shepherd Generations Sacrificial Life-giver
Phase	Childhood			Adulthood		Parent	
Stage of Develpmnt.	1.Newborn Disciples	2.Infant Disciples	3. Child Disciples	4. Teen (young adult) Disciples	5. Adult Disciples6	6. Parent Disciples	7. Elder Disciples

Overview:

When a disciple reaches full maturity, as a Stage 7 disciple, he most understands and shares the experiences of the Lord Jesus Mashiach, sharing in his cup of suffering for the sake of the Household. If a Stage 6 *household shepherd* helps to care for an entire household of disciples, then a Stage 7 *generational shepherd* sees these disciples themselves mature into shepherds and *oversee households of their own*. In this way, as a Stage 7 generational shepherd, you share unique and privileged hardships as a shepherd which parallel what Jesus himself suffered, as he suffered and gave his life that all in his family might live!

Clearly, *even at his or her highest level of maturation* of being a “generational shepherd,” the disciple is still simply a “disciple,” as needy as the “newborn” for new life in Jesus Mashiach, and as pure and simple in his dependence by faith in the Lord’s *spiritual power and authority* as the first day of New Life! The dependence, the bond of fellowship, and the walking by faith do not change. What matures, however, is the scope of responsibility and the greater burden of shepherding. No longer is your *faith* only for your sake, but your faith and your access to the Kingdom and its power is now to benefit your own Household! You mature not simply for yourself but for the life and well-being of your own Household!

As you might expect, serving as a *generational shepherd* gains you greater Kingdom Access to Jesus.

No longer do I call you **servants**, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father I have **made known** to you. John 15:15

¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have **died** with him, we will also **live** with him; ¹² if we **endure**, we will also **reign with him**; 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

When the disciples were vying for position, they were not entirely incorrect. Yes, they would and you will share in his *cup of suffering* and his *cross* if you choose to live as a *Generational Shepherd*, raising up households of disciples and new leaders to shepherd them. But, there will be glory awaiting you also. A glory more exquisite than any kind of recognition, the glorious intimacy you will share with the Lord who now considers you *friend* and openly discloses to you what is on the Father's heart and mind.

So, as you read this final section on living like the Lord as a Stage 7 disciple, a "generational shepherd," consider these truths:

- In these remaining chapters of Mark, Jesus reveals to his first disciples and us his amazing sacrifice and irreplaceable work of salvation. Of course, he is THE only Mashiach and Redeemer, and there is no atoning sacrifice but his own.
- However, he still calls us as *Generational Shepherds* to similarly lay down our lives. Though we cannot *atone* for anyone's sins, we will also be called to "give up" our lives totally to give our people "life," for it is *pure sacrifice* that so pleases our Heavenly Father that he rewards our labor with *spiritual fruit and growth*. In a mysterious kingdom dynamic known only to God, our sacrifices do matter, and we are allowed to *suffer* in ways directly tied with the Kingdom progress and growth we see emerging around us. So, we suffer, and we bring our people to the Ultimate Sacrifice for us all, our Passover Lamb and Lord.

- So, as we see these Eleven first disciples *witness the amazing events of our Lord's atonement*, we not only understand better his sacrifice but also expect to experience these *sacrifices* in our own ministries as we shepherd the generations under our care.
- Even though becoming a “generational shepherd” in the *natural sense*, that is, raising children who parent their own households and enjoying the children of our children, is not rare--though only a few do this well—*becoming a generational shepherd* in the Lord's Kingdom Household is indeed rare. As we saw, the fleshly temptation is to build *fleshly households and kingdoms* fueled by fleshly *Self-Ambition and Self-Interest*. Few become Kingdom shepherds at the fourth stage, much less fully matured “generational shepherds” at stage seven.

So, even though the *Eleven* did not join Jesus in his *travails in Jerusalem*, they observed and learned to lay down one's life for the household. Eventually, they would share in his cup of *sacrifice*, and all but John would die the death of martyrs. Like these Eleven, the crosses we bear and the cups of suffering we drink may not be identical with either the Lord or each other, but *sharing in the honor* of sacrificing for our Kingdom House binds us in an eternal and privileged fellowship!

Gratitude of shared parenting.

When the Lord Jesus gathers the twelve to celebrate the Passover Feast together, he shows them that the Kingdom House of God comes together by his *complete sacrifice* as our Firstborn Mashiach, our Kinsman-Redeemer. But, as the House's first *generational shepherds*, they would be the ones to *teach* the family to gather and remember.

In this way, our House is built on gratitude for the Lamb's life-giving atonement. And, it continues as we who are called to be the family's

generational shepherds share in a sweet fellowship with our Lord, knowing that together we are laboring that the Father's precious children are *shepherded well*.

For many of us, the burden of shepherding has been passed down through the ages to this generation's shepherds. What a shared acknowledgement, a knowing nod, passes between our Chief Shepherd and his *elder shepherds* who now rest in his *shabbat and shalom*. Take up the shepherd's staff and join the ranks until your people are safely home!

This is a word for you who are to be the *generational shepherds* in these Last Days. Speaking for my generation, we stand at the closing days of the church, and we await the *taking of our sheep to safety*, as the Lord has assured us. But you stand, facing the future. You will shepherd, you will raise up your generations, in the heat of testing. May our Lord's sufficient grace be with you as our kindred hearts join with yours. We await your homecoming, so shepherd your flock well!

Sharing cup of suffering.

For those the Lord Jesus draws near, I don't think there will be many or any untouched by suffering, untested in the fire of fleshly opposition. But, I am sure that those who were our fleshly opponents know nothing of the Lord's call to do right and suffer for it, instead listening to the siren-call of worldly advancement and alluring comfort, unmindful of the cost to their own souls and calling.

The *cup of suffering* we share with the Lord as his generational shepherds is not always martyrdom. Consider Abraham, whose head was laid down in peace, but who drank the bitter cup at Moriah of *sacrificing his own son*. For many days, his Father's heart suffered a *death* as cold as any blade-touched neck. So, your cup may be of a

different kind of *loss* or *pain* that looks nothing like the outstretched cross or other forms of death. But, it will be designed to take from you what wreaks irrecoverable loss in your soul. And, all for the family. Your loss will, in the Lord's Kingdom calculations, nurture life in your own House. Whether lost position, partner, or prosperity, whether it is your health or your home, it will wound your heart. But, these wounds we will share gladly in the presence of our Lord, if only he may assure us and guide us to the places of growth which our labors are fertilizing.

We share in the Lord's suffering, because we show in our pained endurance that we consider Jesus and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings an indescribable treasure. The pain proves our place near our Lord and his heart!

Camaraderie of shared struggle.

Be sure that those who join our band of comrades are proven warriors, who have struggled against this enemy world and overcome. That there will be no cowards, no compromisers, and no collaborators with this world in the Lord's band. How good to sit with him and remember and hear of the victory we all had in Jesus Mashiach! That is what awaits you, *generational shepherd*, in your Kingdom reward!

A. Knowing Jesus Mashiach as:

/ Growing in Jesus as:

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B. Jesus Builds a Spiritual House by:

a. Living Together:

b. Praying to God:

Ca. Jesus Establishes His Throne by:

Cb. Jesus Rules Eternal Kingdom by:

Question:

Further Discovery:

7.1.A.(57). Mashiach **Anointed For Burial**. Mark 14:1-21

As the Firstborn Son of our family, the House of God, Jesus Mashiach alone has the *right of redemption*. It is his place and his responsibility to be the family's *Passover Lamb* to bring life all of the family across all generations.

Now, at the culmination of his ministry on earth as the Son of Man, Jesus prepares for his great act of redemption, to be the atoning Lamb to achieve our Passover from *death* to *life*. So, he is **anointed** for this great suffering and sacrifice.

Remember this truth, as one of the Lord's *generational shepherds*. Your anointing, as was his, is not an anointing to glory and personal greatness. No, there is a Kingdom Greatness that is yours, but is only by this **anointing to give your life** for the many! In our family, that is our highest glory, because it is the quintessence of Kingdom glory. It is the closest picture of our Lord's nature, to *sacrifice all he has to do the Father's Will, even if it means being cut off from the Father* for our sakes.

So, as a Stage seven *generational shepherd*, consider here first the **anointing of our Lord** to sacrifice, to give up all things, and to die. Share in his anointing that you also might see the Kingdom come and his Will done on earth!

Read Mark 14:1-21.

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and **poured it over his head**. Mark 14:3

⁸ She has done what she could; she has **anointed my body** beforehand for **burial**. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the **gospel**

is proclaimed in **the whole world**, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” Mark 14:8-9

Background:

Mashiach as Passover Lamb:

You may need to shepherd your people to help them understand why it is Mashiach himself who must serve as the *family’s precious Passover Lamb* to redeem the house. Consider:

- **His Right and Privilege:** Recall the words of

The “Lord God” as he gives his first commandment: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Exodus 20:2). It is the *Lord’s right, his place*, as the Head of House Israel, to be the only one to “deliver,” to redeem it out of slavery into the “land”—ha-eretz which he saves them into. In this way, it is the Mashiach’s *right and place*, as the Lord of this Kingdom House, to deliver his people.

Most poignantly, by a mighty act of deliverance that would cost him his very life. And, more horrific, a redemption that would *wedge cold death* between Elohim—separating Father and Son!

- **His Covenantal Blood:** The very feast of Unleavened Bread, of the Passover, demonstrates for us how the *Lamb’s Blood* shelters every household under a *covenantal coverage*—a picture of the Lord of the House covering his people in his *hesed*—in his steadfast love!

So, from the very start, this Redeemer from Judah is pictured in *blood-stained garments*, for Shiloh’s Heir and its Scepter-wielder comes in garments stained in the “blood of grapes” (Gen. 49:10-11), a picture refined by the prophet Isaiah to show the Mashiach coming in garments stained by “life-blood,” having trodden the winepress of God’s wrath (Isaiah 63:1-3). And, our promised Seed, the Mashiach, is consistently seen as injured for his people:

Seed of Woman	Seed of David	Grew up: Young plant	Pierced One	Pierced One
Heel Bruised (to crush head of Serpent) (Gen.3:15)	Disciplined <u>Iniquity</u> (for house/ throne/ kingdom (2 Sam. 7:12)	Lamb: Carry sorrows: pierced , to carry iniquity soul offering. (Is. 53:1-10)	Forsaken by God/ pierced /dust death/ multiply brothers (Ps. 22)	Rejected Firstborn/ pierced / Saves Israel (Zech. 12:10).
The Son of Man	The Son of David	The Passover Lamb	The Son of David	Firstborn Son

- **Lamb of God:** So, combining these two powerful strands of God’s promise—the Rightful Redemption of Mashiach as the Lord of his house and his injury and shed blood to cover his people covenantally, the Passover Lamb becomes the perfect picture of the role Mashiach takes on to redeem his people of their fall into sin and death. Because Mashiach was given to his people from the very beginning as the promised “Seed of the Woman,” the Firstborn Son of humanity, his “crushing” of the Serpent’s head by his shed blood restores to humanity its original inheritance, so the Lamb of God redeems the “generations” of sons to once again inherit “the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4).

The apostle Paul claimed to “know nothing but Jesus Mashiach and him **crucified**” (1 Corinthians 2:2). So, helping your people through their generations know Jesus as the “crucified Mashiach” establishes in them the foundational knowledge of the Lord as the “Lamb” of God, appointed for their redemption. In fact, in the glory and perfection of Heaven before the Lord God, Jesus is revealed as the “Lamb standing as though it had been slain” now perfected in power and wisdom

(Revelation 5:6). For, the Mashiach “crucified” as God’s Passover “Lamb” reveals he is:

- **Worthy:** Jesus Mashiach shows by his total *sacrifice* as God’s *Passover Lamb* that he is worthy to inherit all in “heaven and earth” because he was *faithful to the Father’s will* even to death; he was proven as the *shepherd of his sheep* by being willing to “lay down” his very life (John 10:10-11). Therefore, before all of creation, the Lamb who was “slain” is worthy to receive all “power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing!” (Revelation 1:12).
- **Faithful:** Jesus knew that to offer his life as the “Lamb” of God would cost him what was most precious to him—not his life but his very relationship with God, the *oneness* shared in the Godhead of Elohim. For, on the cross the Father turned from the Son, and Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34). So, as Abraham’s “fear” of the Lord was proven when he offered up Isaac, so the Mashiach, offering himself up as the Lamb of God, proved his faithfulness and *fear of God*.
- **Perfect Redeemer:** From humanity’s first family, the Lord God has always promised us a *perfect Redeemer* to restore our lost inheritance as the “generations of the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4).

Seed			Raised Up for		
Woman	Noah	Abraham	David		
Crush Head of Serpent	Covenant of Peace	multiplied Bless all nations	The Son of David, the Son of God	King David, Lord God, our righteous- ness	By Holy Spirit: Jesus Mash- iach
Gen. 3:15	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 22:15-18.	2 Sam. 7:12-16	Jer. 23:5- 6; 30:9,	Matt. 1:18

When Jesus Mashiach offers himself up as the Lamb of God, he can only do so as the “Seed” *raised up* for David as both the Son of God and the Son of David. For, Torah Law stipulates only one way for an *offspring* to be the Son of two fathers, through the act of “raising up Seed” according to one’s *redemptive rights* as a Kinsman-Redeemer. When the Lord God exercises his *right* to “raise up Seed” for David (2 Samuel 7:12), he is already planning ahead for the day when David’s line of kings will end at Jeconiah due to its decline into wickedness (Jeremiah 22:30). And, he promises this “Seed” to “come from (David’s) own body” (2 Samuel 7:12), ensuring that the Son would be directly descended from David.

So, when the Lord God *raises up* Jesus as David’s Seed, being born of both David’s own bodily material (perhaps Psalm 56:8—for tears contain genetic material) and also by the Holy Spirit’s spiritual birth, Jesus is full *the Son of David* and *the Son of God*. For, only such a Seed of David could fulfill the requirements of a perfect Lamb to Redeem a people for God.

- The Son of God:** No man born naturally qualifies to be God’s Lamb, for “no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life” (Psalm 49:7). For, the sin-debt each one owes to Death and the Serpent is infinite, having *defiled by sin* the righteous “image and likeness” of God (Genesis 1:26). Only the Son of God, existing from the *beginning* as *Elohim*, the “Mighty God” and “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6), has an infinite life to give as the “ransom” (Mark 10:45) for all humanity. And, remember. Biblical Redemption is a family act, so only a *kinsman-redeemer* is qualified to “redeem” and *restore* to an original inheritance. Because Jesus is “the Son of God,” of the *family of God*, his redemption *brings us into* the family of God to be the “sons of God”—as it says, “you are Elohim, sons of the Most High, all of you” (Psalm 82:6). But, unlike

the first audience to hear this, we who have been *redeemed* by the Son of God to become ourselves “sons” of the Most High, we will not “die and fall like any prince” (7), having been *freed from the original sin-death* (Genesis 2:17) to live eternally with our Mashiach, the Son of God.

- **The Son of Man:** Now, it is well and good that Jesus Mashiach as “the Son of God” has the infinite life to bear our infinite sins, but how can “ransom” be paid if “the Son of God” has an immortal life? Thus, it is necessary for our redemption that the Lamb of God be both “the Son of God” and “the Son of David,” that is, “the Son of Man”—the mortal Heir and Firstborn Son of all humanity! This is the “Seed of the Woman” (Genesis 3:15) who could be “injured” even as he “crushes” the “head of the serpent.” As Jesus himself said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Thus, as “the Son of Man,” Jesus can give his life up to death, only to have the Father *raise him from the dead*, perfecting him for all time as the “Lamb who was slain.”

Your Anointing to Give your Life for the generations.

As a *shepherd*, the Lord gives you the Spirit of God that you might “feed” your people with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15). The Lord will speak to you *first*, so it is imperative that you “pay attention to what you hear” so that you will be “given more” (Mark 4:24).

What the Lord reveals to you is not just *knowledge* with which to feed your people. He reveals his truth to you that you might *see* what he sees, to have a vision that extends beyond what is seen by the flesh in this world. So, as a *generational shepherd*, you must see further than even the scope of a “household shepherd”—you must see *far into the future* to instruct households and their shepherds.

Notice that while his *Twelve* only saw the woman's "alabaster flask of ointment" (Mark 14:3) as mere "waste," Jesus knew that she was "anointing his body for burial" (8). Then, he knows that her actions will resound throughout the generations as the "gospel" is proclaimed throughout the whole world (9). Thus, you must see across the generations as well. Knowing that your "sacrifices" now in this present time have a very real *kingdom impact*, giving life to your family now and to the generations of shepherds and households to come!

But, also know that your sacrifices now offer all you have to the Lord for his Kingdom work. Giving yourself in this way, you will *assuredly* lose your standing in the world, as you become an enemy of the "flesh" and the *world* which controls flesh, and this world now rejects you because you are impervious to its control! In this way, Jesus was opposed by the religious leaders, who in the flesh planned to kill him (Mark 14:1).

Not only do you become an *enemy* of the world, but your anointing as a "generational shepherd" sets your life on the path of loss. To *serve* the generations of your house, prepare to lose while others gain. You will raise up *shepherds* but they will leave you to start their own households. Households you start, you will turn over to the younger generations. You will lose even the comfort of friends, for few will share in your calling as a shepherd to the generations. And, those friends who love the world more will, in their *fleshly weakness*, leave you. So, Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

But, you will share with the Lord an affinity, a fellowship of experience and hardship, that few will know. You will lose the world but gain the Lord's friendship! For, Jesus says:

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, ^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

Focus:

6.1.A. **Anointed: Mashiach Anointed for Sacrifice:** Jesus Mashiach bears Sins of House as Passover Lamb. Mark 14:1-21

1. **Fleshly Opposition:** God's chosen ones opposed by flesh. 14:1-2
2. **Anointed Offering:** Body given over to death for Gospel Salvation. 14:3-9.
3. **Betrayed by Friend:** Even closest friendship can be taken. 14:17-21.

Consider:

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Question:Further Discovery:

7.2.B (59) Preparing for Passover. Life-giving Lamb.

Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

When the first Twelve Disciples accompanied Jesus Mashiach as he entered Jerusalem to fulfill the Passover Feast by becoming **the Lamb of God** who “takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), they had the *unique honor* of preparing the Passover Feast of Unleavened Bread for him to celebrate

However, you who *shepherd the generations* in these last days are given perhaps a greater honor. Especially if you shepherd the House of Israel. Just as Moses and Aaron were sent to an unbelieving and broken people, you are sent to a people who are not simply enslaved, but worse, are unaware of their enslavement to a dark power greater than Pharaoh, the old Serpent who had first enticed our first parents to *rebel against God to sin*.

Before you can lead your people to God’s appointed *Lamb* for redemption, like Moses, you will need to speak to them in their *captivity* and to offer freedom and redemption to those who may be *Self-Satisfied* in a *righteousness* built on Torah-compliance and tradition.

However, you shepherds sent to Israel, the Word of God promises that you will not be a lone voice testifying of Jesus Mashiach to Israel!

- **Witness of Jesus and the Lampstand**: Many in Israel view the Church as an existential threat to Israel in what it mistakenly views as a zero-sum-game of religions. For the Church to be right, Israel must be wrong. And, many misguided spokespeople in the church exacerbated this dichotomy in ignorance, postulating an unbiblical “replacement theology” and seeing the Gentiles as the sole recipients of God’s grace and the redemption of Jesus Mashiach. Both

the church and Israel have suffered at the hands of false teachers, but they will receive their just payment from the Lord.

But, on the appointed Day, the Lord Jesus will evacuate his church from this earth as a witness to Israel. As Jesus promises his people, “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will **keep you from the hour of trial** that is coming on the whole world.”

(Revelation 3:10). To save his people out of a *worldwide* tribulation, the Lord Jesus will take his people out of the world, as he promised through the apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. But, the Lord’s powerful rescue and his assurances to his Church also directly testifies to Israel:

⁹ Behold, I will make those of the **synagogue of Satan** who say that they are Jews and are not, but **lie**—behold, I will make them come and **bow down** before your feet, and they will **learn that I have loved you**. Revelation 3:9

If you are a *generational shepherd* sent to raise up the House of Israel, hear what the Lord says to Israel through the churches:

1. Jesus or Satan: In the spiritual realm, there are only two Kingdoms: the Kingdom of God, which he passes to his Heir, Jesus Mashiach, and the Kingdom of Darkness, which Satan will eventually pass to his ruler, the Antichrist. In the same way that Jesus rebuked *Simon Peter* as “Satan” for loving the world and *letting the flesh* set his focus on the “things of man” and not the “things of God” (Mark 8:33), so Jesus Mashiach warns the Jews: by rejecting Jesus as their Mashiach, they keep themselves out of the Kingdom of God which God passes to his Son, the Mashiach. As great as they were, neither Abraham nor Moses had any rights to the Kingdom of God, for they were the Lord’s servants to raise up and deliver the House of Israel. But, as servants of the house, they had no place or say in God’s heavenly and eternal Kingdom.

So, if they have no rights to the Kingdom, what claim does Israel have to the heavenly Kingdom of God? And, if Israel has no right to God's Heavenly Realm, then it is still enslaved to Satan's *kingdom of this world*. Even its holy congregations in the *synagogue* are still *fleshly and ensnared in this world, thus still rule at the mercy of Satan*. For, it was Israel's congregations that its people have always rejected Jesus as their Mashiach—from synagogue to Sanhedrin, Israel has made its Mashiach unwelcome. So, shutting itself out of the Kingdom of God, it stays entrenched and enslaved to Satan's power.

This affiliation with Satan undermines their very nature as "Jews." For, a Jew is one related and loyal to Judah and the House of David, whose heir is the "Seed" God raises up (2 Samuel 7:12) as its Heir and Redeeming Mashiach, the Son of David (12) and the Son of God (14). To reject the Heir of the house is to *ostracize yourself* from the House you claim as your home.

But, to this *wayward house*, Jesus shows them that he **had** loved the church. Now, it is of highest importance that you notice the past tense Jesus uses here. By the time Israel hears this word of testimony—as the people of his church are taken from this earth—at that time, the Church will cease to exist.

Importantly, Jesus Mashiach gave his love and life to the people of the Gentile Church because Israel had *rejected him* in 33 CE, even crucifying him and spurning his salvation. So, its people learned a two-thousand-year-lesson. The Jews are only Heirs, they are only Chosen to be the people of the Mashiach, if they are *subject* to Jesus and God as their *Lord*. If they insist on the path of unbelief—convinced by their own teachers that they are Self-Entitled to act lawlessly—to rewrite God's Law and make it subservient to their own *Oral Torah*—to claim a Self-Righteousness apart from God's declaration that only in Mashiach by faith are they declared Righteous as their ancestor Abraham realized

when his *faith in God's promised Seed* was counted to him as "righteousness" (Genesis 15:3). For, only Jesus, God's Mashiach, is to be to Israel *Yahweh Tzedekenu*—the LORD is (alone) our *righteousness* (Jeremiah 23:6). Though chosen as the Bride, Israel was "like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off" (Isaiah 54:6). But, the *love* Jesus Mashiach showed his *foreign bride*, the Church, was a sufficient rebuke for Israel, even as it was a temporary moment. For, the Church was never meant to be an *eternal structure* but temporary, but the love Jesus Mashiach has for Israel is eternal.

Consider the prophetic word to Zechariah of the golden lampstand. On the one side, a living and sturdy olive tree. On the other side, a living and sturdy olive tree. But, the lampstand sits between them—movable, temporary, transient, a mere vessel for the *Lord's flame of testimony* that endures exactly for *seven* seasons. The Church's time has come and gone, but Israel remains. So, the Church was the first to welcome Jesus as Mashiach, and his *light* shined through it for exactly seven seasons as a witness to Israel. But, now, the Church as been taken. And, we leave this "testimony" of Jesus Mashiach for you, Israel, that you may learn both the instruction but also our *failings*. Being a *temporary people*, the church was not tested as you have been, so the *flesh* eventually extinguished our light, and we were unable to *bring the Kingdom*. As a Church, we anticipate the promise's fulfillment that "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), so we look to you, Israel, to be used greatly of your Lord Jesus Mashiach to *establish his throne* and finally bring his Kingdom to earth!

- **Witness of Spirit's Unanswered Redemptive Calling of Israel:** As a *generational shepherd*, your key role is to tell the story of your people. So, those who are called to *shepherd* Israel and its generations, be the voice of correction and

truth, that your people might hear and remember the Spirit's voice that first called them to follow.

Remind them of God's *first promise* to all our family, that the family's redeemer would be the "Seed" of Woman to "crush" the Serpent's head. Then, father Noah promised that it would be your line, as the chosen line of Shem, to build a *dwelling place* by which your brothers would remember and return to God as *Elohim*, not Allah or Thor or Vishnu.

Then, remind Israel of the Spirit's promise to Abraham of a "Seed," Mashiach, who would secure your "land" as an inheritance, O Israel, so that in Mashiach's life you would multiply as the "sands" and the "stars" so that "**all nations** of the earth would be blessed through you!" (Genesis 17:18, 22:17-19). God, by his Spirit, has anointed your house alone, Israel, to "bless" all the nations in Mashiach, the Seed of Abraham. So, you are the people through whom God has always promised Redemption.

For, the Lord God spoke by the Spirit through Moses, declaring, "Israel is my Firstborn" (Exodus 4:22). You are God's Firstborn Son of all the nations of the earth. That is why Mashiach is born through Israel, in the House of David. Yes, Jesus Mashiach is the Redeemer of "all the nations of the earth" (Gen. 22:18), but you, O Israel, are God's Firstborn Son among the nations, so the right and responsibility of Redemption falls to you alone!

This is why God allowed you to be hardened, to be led astray by *fleshly teachers*, and to reject Jesus as your Mashiach and Lord. For, as the Firstborn Son among all the nations, it is your Redemptive Responsibility that the *family is redeemed first*. It is to your glory and the Lord's grace that you have endured, have been tested, and have suffered the *barrenness* of deprivation that you might *serve* all the

nations first, for even “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

So, all these years of suffering are meant not for your *shame* but for your *glory*, that you have proven that you are the people of Redemption, the Firstborn among the nations that you have put their interests and salvation before your own comfort.

And, in these “two days” of *being dead to your Mashiach* (Hosea 6:2), you have gone through a season of testing to perfect your faith to be eternally bound to your Mashiach, Jesus. For, Just as Job passed through twelve distinct trials, Israel from your very first father, Abraham, you have been tested that all the *fleshly imperfections* may be revealed and sanctified, for all your days lead up to the Day when you meet Jesus Mashiach face-to-face (Zechariah 12:10) in the same way that God himself revealed himself to restore Job. So, your testing will end when your Lord Mashiach is revealed to you, and you look upon the *face* of your Firstborn, Jesus, and you mourn to be eternally restored to him!

Thus, Israel, you will remember and embrace your eternal call to be God’s Firstborn Son, and the people of all the peoples responsible for the world’s redemption in Jesus Mashiach.

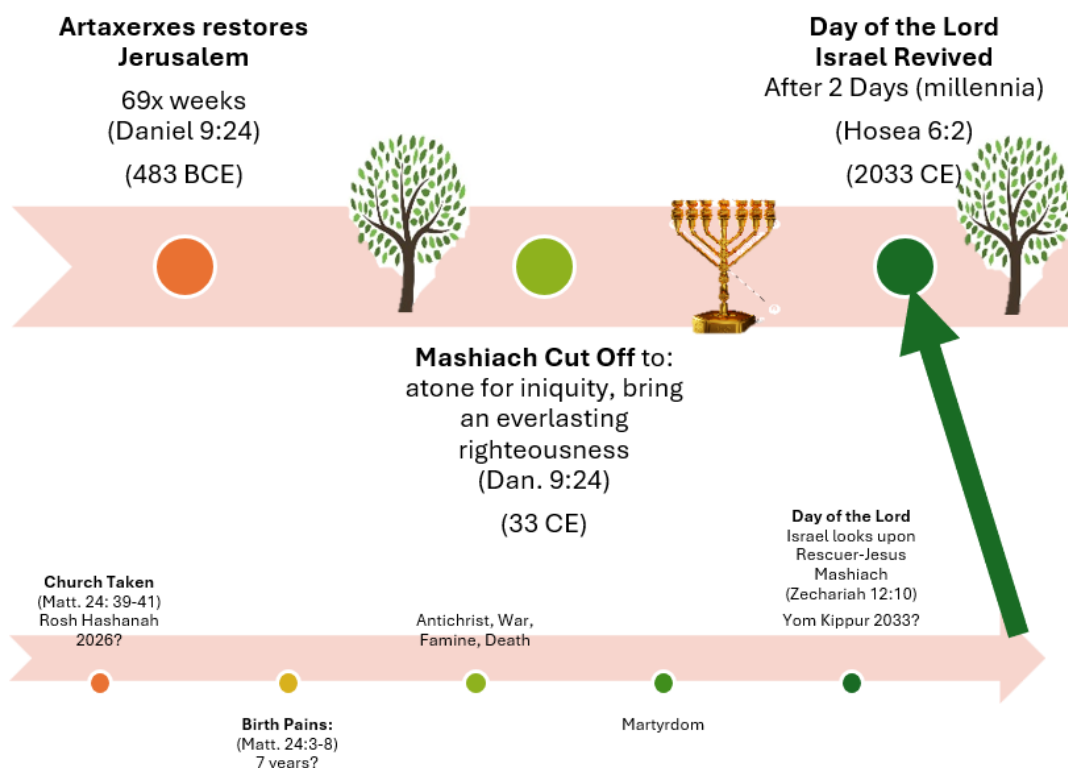
As a member of the church, speaking for our generations, we are eternally grateful for your great sacrifice, O Israel. By your “rejection,” you have *reconciled the world to God* by Jesus Mashiach, so we eagerly await your “inclusion,” which will mean “life from the dead” for the world! (Romans 11:15). For, if you had seized your rights and taken Jesus as your Mashiach immediately, two thousand years of *harvest* would have been lost. So, we are grateful and thank you for what you have endured, being cut off from your rightful Mashiach.

We look forward to the day when the Lord Mashiach’s house is whole, and he makes Jew and Gentile into one new man! Rest assured, your

place in the House is secure, for Israel will always be the Firstborn in the House of the Lord!

- **Witness of the Father's Promise:**

Finally, when the focus of God's plan shifts from the *golden lampstand* of the Church back to the *budding tree* of Israel, as it finally becomes tender towards Jesus as its Mashiach, then Israel will see what has been the Lord God's plan all along—to honor his Firstborn Son, the Seed Raised up for David as the Son of God and the Son of David, Jesus Mashiach. Israel enters its inheritance *only* through its Firstborn Heir, the Son of Abraham and his Firstborn, the Son of David and his Firstborn, Jesus. Without the Firstborn, the entire House is deprived of its inheritance. But, when the Firstborn Son is exalted to receive his inheritance, so shall the House of Israel. Israel was misled to think that it was Self-Entitled to God's blessing in its own right, apart from its rightful Mashiach. But, as Adam and Eve falsely reasoned that they could *remain* in blessedness apart from the Lord God, so Israel has found that there is no blessing nor inheritance apart from its Firstborn Son and Heir, Jesus Mashiach. So, the Lord God's plan given to Daniel during the time of Exile will finally make sense:



As God revealed himself to Job to restore him after a season of testing, God plans to reveal Jesus Mashiach to Israel on the Day he rescues them from certain destruction. In this way, Israel will be revived after “two days,” as Hosea had foretold (Hosea 6:2). During these days of testing and deprivation, Israel will *abandon* its fleshly errors:

- **Self-Entitlement:** Israel has no *rights* apart from its appointed Heir and Redeemer, Jesus Mashiach.
- **Self-Sufficiency:** Israel has no standing, no moral grounds (even with the Torah), except by *faith and humble submission* to the Lord God, for “faith” and “dependence” on the “Lord their God” is the basis of all the commands.
- **Self-Redemption/ Righteousness:** It is the Lord and his Firstborn’s right alone, as the Redeemer of Israel, to make redemption for his people. The people of Israel have no right nor ability of “self-redemption,” whether through sacrifice or Torah-observance or *halakah*—for, as Job realized, “Self-righteousness” apart from the Lord God, based on a *fleshly morality*, is always fleshly unbelief and a “filthy rag” (Isaiah 64:6). For, only by the *atonement* for iniquity does Israel obtain an “everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24) in the Lord Mashiach, for he alone is Yahweh Tzedekenu, “The Lord our Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6).

Verse.

¹² And on the first day of **Unleavened Bread**, when they **sacrificed the Passover lamb**, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and **prepare** for you to eat the **Passover**?” Mark 14:12

Background:

In the same way that the first disciples were sent to “prepare” a place for the Lord to eat the Passover with his people, so you who *shepherd Israel* must prepare Israel for its *true Passover*—deliverance from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of God.

This preparation is needed, for many in Israel are unaware of their need for deliverance. For, even when the people of Israel were obviously captive and afflicted in Egypt, the people “did not listen to Moses because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery” (Exodus 6:9). In this way, Israel has remained comfortably in the world and *excluded from the Kingdom* which Jesus Mashiach established at his coming. Not only are their spirits “broken” in this world, they are “dead” due to Adam’s first and their own sin. They are not just “enslaved in body” but are “captive in spiritual darkness and death” (Isaiah 9:2). So, when you go to Israel as *a shepherd* to prepare your people for the great *Passover* from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of God, consider these necessary steps which prepared the Israelites for deliverance from Egypt:

- **Primary Command:** Lord God alone redeems.

The Israelites had an advantage in Egypt, in a sense. They faced an impossibly powerful enemy with obviously powerless human frailty, so it was obvious they needed deliverance. But, the people of Israel today have the *mistaken notion* that there is a possibility of Self-Redemption by attaining a Self-Righteousness through the Torah and by performing *mitzvot*—that is, obeying the commands or doing good works.

So, the people of Israel must be reminded of God’s first *word* to the people: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Exodus 20:2).

As befits *the act of redemption*, it is the Lord’s exclusive right to *deliver* his people out of Egypt and to *redeem* them out of the house of slavery

into his holy House and Kingdom! For him to be “Lord,” Israel must only approach God by *faith*, with a humbled sense of dependence and need. Otherwise, Israel *usurps* the place of Lord and deliverer/ Redeemer, seeking its own Self-Rule as its own Lord. To reject God’s right to *save* and *redeem* is simple rebellion and idolatry.

- **Prepares People:** So, Moses was sent to the people of Israel to first prepare them for the Passover because they were unready for the transition. Similarly, here are a few ways you may need to prepare Jews for the coming Mashiach:

- **Unbelieving** Remember that your people are unbelieving. Since they do not subject themselves completely to the authority of the Lord God or his appointed Mashiach, they put themselves in the place of Lordship, being Self-Ruling and relying on their own Self-Understanding. But, *faith* comes from hearing the Word of God, so keep planting the Word in their hearts. On the Day of the Lord, God will judge Israel’s brazen *Self-Rule*, for a Lord must be powerful enough to save. So, when Israel sees only its own destruction as the nations surround it, they very well may abandon this idol of Self-Rule.

- **Unconvinced:** Due to Israel’s unbelief, Its people have likely rationalized and ignored the helplessness of their own condition. But, when the Law and the Prophets reveals the true spiritual reality which surrounds Israel, it uses hopeless imagery of being *dominated* by the Serpent (Genesis 3:15), *helpless* in a land of terrible “darkness” and in the “shadow of death” (Isaiah 9:2), and *oppressed* by powerful enemies (9:3-5). Because the people of Israel do not see them as *enslaved*, they imagine themselves spiritual *free agents*, operating in neutral space. So, Israel needs to see its condition as more dire and deadly than that of Egypt.

- **Unfit:** Our first parents lived face-to-face

with the Lord God in Eden because they were alive both in body but also in Spirit, having been given the *breath of God* to make their souls come alive as *hai nefesh*—(Genesis 2:7). However, when they sinned, this spiritual life died as the Lord God had promised (Genesis 2:17), leaving them in *defiled flesh*, which was incompatible with God’s holy presence (Genesis 3:10). Nothing since the Fall until now has changed the *condition* of the House of Israel as people of *defiled flesh*—not the receiving of the Law (Exodus 20:18-19), nor the Temple system of worship (Isaiah 6:5), nor even Israel’s return from exile to its homeland as a nation (Ezekiel 37:11-13). Thus, while still enslaved to this *dark world* by its *defiling flesh*, Israel, like their ancestors in Egypt, are not free to worship or obey God until they are redeemed (Exodus 7:16). As the Lord God says to Pharaoh: “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness” (Exodus 7:36). The Lord is not the God of slaves but of sons. While your people are still in their *dead flesh*, they are “slaves to sin” as Jesus says: “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:34-36).

- **Passover Redemption:** Once your people realize their felt need for redemption, then they will understand that the Lamb of God, who was crucified as the Son of God and the Son of Man, is the only one to atone for their sins.

Only through the Redemption of Jesus Mashiach will Israel be reborn by the Lord’s Spirit to serve him: “¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.” (Ezekiel 37:14).

Focus:

6.2.B Preparing for Passover: Life-giving Lamb: lays down life for family.

Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

1. **Prepare for Passover:** Generational Shepherds prepares people to live in the Redeemed Kingdom Family. 14:12-16.
2. **Sacrificed Body and Blood:** Gathering around Table to Remember. 14:22-24.
3. **Kingdom Hope:** Awaiting sharing cup together.

Consider:

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Question:

Further Discovery:

7.3.B(60). **Shepherd Struck.** Mark 14:26-31.

As with any parent, *generational shepherds* are familiar with the growth process of disciples, as they grow from newly born spiritual children to adulthood, where they begin to mature and care for others. As a generational shepherd, then, it is important for you to know how *the spiritual growth of disciples* differs in a marked way from human biological development.

In physical human development, people mature from being helpless and dependent to becoming independent and autonomous. The spiritual development of disciples resembles this, as disciples grow into spiritual parents who are able to shepherd younger disciples, households, and even generations of households and their shepherds! However, whereas children learn to sustain their own life by feeding themselves, the life of the disciples is markedly different.

For, this physical world is designed to be human-scaled, appropriate for sustaining this biological life and putting things in our grasp and control. In this way, the family of man has mastered this *earthly world*, as the Lord God had already promised (Genesis 1:27-30).

But, we also know that having been *born again* by the Spirit (John 1:12-13), disciples also live in the spiritual reality of the Kingdom House of God, having a heavenly life, a hidden life, in them. But, the spiritual reality is far different than this visible world of matter. Earth is a world within reach, but the Heavenly Reality is beyond our reach. Even as *reborn children of God*, we cannot do even the smallest thing in the realm of the Spirit. For, in the heavenly scale of the spiritual realm, even a thousand years is as nothing in the vastness and eternal stretches of the infinite realm. So, in the flesh, we are still and always ever dependent on the Lord Jesus for life, for protection, for guidance.

So, as the *shepherd* of your household, teach your people that through all your generations, Jesus Mashiach remains forever our Lord,

the Firstborn Son of our House, and the only Life-giving Redeemer. To *leave him* and seek independence is only unbelief and death.

Read Mark 14:26-31.

²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will **all fall away**, for it is written, ‘I will **strike the shepherd**, and the **sheep** will be **scattered**.’ ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” 14:27-28

Background:

Jesus Mashiach, our Eternal Shepherd:

As the *generational shepherd*, you are given an authority from the Lord God to instruct your people in the Kingdom and Life.

To know life is to know the source of life, our life-giving Shepherd.
For Jesus Mashiach says:

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and **destroy**. I came that they may have **life** and have it **abundantly**. ¹¹ I am the **good shepherd**. The good shepherd **lays down** his **life** for the **sheep**.
John 10:10

When Jesus Mashiach calls himself our “good shepherd,” he reveals to us the *covenantal bond* the Lord has with us, the people of his House. As our shepherd, the Lord God has given him the authority to protect his house and redeem their lives. So, Jesus Mashiach alone is the shepherd to give us the “abundant life” from God (John 10:10). As the writer of Hebrews says:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great **shepherd** of the sheep, by the blood of the **eternal covenant**.

Hebrews 13:20.

Jesus Mashiach, the “great shepherd” of his family flock, has been perfected as God’s Heir to be the “Lord” of all in heaven and on earth. Our Lord and Shepherd has all power to use for the good of his own House and people. So, if our Lord is truly “great,” then to receive his blessing and life, which he freely and sacrificially lays down for us, it is no hardship to view ourselves as his “sheep.”

For, Jesus Mashiach, our Lord and our “great shepherd,” is our shepherd forever and ever, because his blood seals us in an *eternal covenant* of life and protection. We are his sheep because we are of his family forever.

Case Study: Flawed Family, Faulty Individuals

There is a deep-seated rebellion in our *flesh* that resists the idea of being a part of any group, any family, forever. In this rebellion, *true freedom is to be* isolated and alone, unencumbered by any relational obligation and free to express one’s choice.

But, such a perversion of *freedom* is only the product of this current age’s *industrial and Western bent*. In all other ages of humanity, to be banished from one’s family and people was certain death. For, to be truly free from any relationship is to be vulnerable, outcast, exiled in the world. Such exiles will die horribly alone.

But, in this current age, Western individualism has so infected relationships that families are often merely transactional and temporary—raising individuals who eventually are freed from the encumbrance and interference of family. To be free but alone, forgotten, and abandoned.

But, the Kingdom of God shifts the frame of life for its people. Life is not found apart from but only under the sheltering House and the protective watch of its Head and Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Mashiach. Individuality is defined not in terms of personal loneliness but in a growing responsibility, as Adult Disciples learn to care for their own households.

However, the future of sons within the Household is not exile, not abandonment, but a changing honor showed from son to father, from parents to children. In this way, the maturing disciple does not become *independent* of his Lord. Yes, his choices become more weighty, but he never chooses in isolation but under the Lordship of his forever shepherd. And, this Shepherd always nurtures, guides, and protects his flock, but as a king protecting his nobles, as a Lord sharing in the fellowship of his knights but also ensuring that each thrives in his land and inheritance!

Shepherding the Generations: Your Changing Relationships

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, ^[a] not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; ^[b] not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 1 Peter 5:1-4

Shepherding the Flock as a Generational Elder:

As a *generational shepherd* of the Lord's flock in the last days, you will be called to do what no one else has done—to raise up Kingdom disciples who fully mature to establish the *throne of Jesus Mashiach* as disciples and households are multiplied throughout the Earth and in

Jerusalem! The Lord will accompany your work, as the world has never seen—with the nation of Israel offering prayers to him in his Temple, 144,000 of your number going out to the nations, and the two *mashiachs* testifying to the world with signs and wonders. And, you will bring the Kingdom to earth in 3.5 years, succeeding where the church failed after two thousand years!

So, it is important, right from the start, that you raise up Kingdom disciples who are *thrive and bear fruit* not just on earth but spiritual fruit, heavenly, and eternal. To see the Kingdom come in this way, you will need not just to be *sacrificial, but to total in your sacrifice, laying down your life* as the Lord Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, laid down his whole life for his people.

So, consider this overview as a *starting point*, for we have seen glimpses of such Kingdom fruit in our time on earth. But, may you see all the Kingdom in all its fullness, as you and your *generations of shepherds* whom you will raise up give yourselves fully to the Lord Jesus as a Holy Offering, acceptable to God, as your due service of worship! (Romans 12:1-2).

May our eternal shepherd anoint you for this great work!

Elder	Teach, Encourage, Comfort			Mentor, Equip, Train,		Strengthen, Partner	
Shepherd	New Life	Walk/ Devotion to Lord	Family Life: Love, Word, Faith	Shepherding Instruct Heart build Faith, Bless House	Sacrificial Servant Leading Leaving w/Lord	Team: Shepherd- ing a House	Teams of Shepherds Clusters of Houses
Overseer	Signs of New Life	Devoted Relation.	Brother- hood: Family Relations	Partner Shepherd Restore Worshippers	Team of Shepherds: Sacrificial Shepherd	Shepherd Team over House: Guidance	Shepherd Teams over Clusters of Households
Example	Thrive: Faith & Repent	Bond: Obey Word Know God's Will	Connect: Share Word	Represent: Shepherd	Sacrificial Service Kingdom Life	Shepherd Household Managing Household	Shepherd Generations Sacrificial Life-giver
Phase	Childhood			Adulthood		Parent	
Stage of Develpmnt.	1. Newborn Disciples	2. Infant Disciples	3. Child Disciples	4. Teen (young adult) Disciples	5. Adult Disciples	6. Parent Disciples	7. Elder Disciples

If the Lord Jesus raises you up and appoints you to serve in his Kingdom House as a generational shepherd, you will be called to shepherd many generations of households with their family members, a considerable task when even shepherding a single line of households. The table above maps out how the various roles in the Chief Shepherd's Kingdom House fit together and, specifically, how you as a *generational shepherd* will need to work with disciples in the household of all the various stages of growth.

Shepherding Disciples in their Childhood:

Elders Teach Childhood Disciples by Encouraging and Comforting:

As the *parental disciple in a Household or Cluster, Clan, or even Region of Households*, your main responsibility will be to “feed” your household with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15). The Lord God likens this teaching to *feeding*

People with “knowledge and understanding.” Clearly, the wise *generational shepherd* feeds his household what is appropriate for their developmental needs and abilities.

Teach as Elders:

So, as a *generational shepherd*, first learn to teach the youngest food with the simplest, most easily digestible of foods, what is “encouraging and comforting.” Remember your time as parents of young children. These little one’s mainly needed to be held, encouraged, and fed what could be easily experienced and acted upon.

Shepherd Children with Gentle Guidance:

Lesson #1: Life and Death: to experience New Life to see the Kingdom of God, new disciples must reject the *flesh life* and cling by *faith* to Jesus Mashiach as their only Life-Giver.

If you look at the Lord’s condemnation of the *last church*, which he eventually rejected, you will see the *bad fruit* of not producing disciples who were spiritually viable. And, the reason these *bad fruit* were eventually reject is for two reasons: first, their repentance was not of the “flesh” itself nor of a desire to have a “new life” by rejecting *dead sin*, but it was a mere admission of sin. So, they were like terminal patients who *admit* that they are sick but refuse to be cured, preferring to live in their own sickness. Secondly, since these *fleshly* believers refused to repent of their fleshly *Self-Rule*, they had no need of Jesus Mashiach as their Lord and Savior. So, they drew near to their doctrines, their worship festivities, and their religious riches but shut Jesus out of his own church (Revelation 3:20).

So, it is imperative that you *help each newborn disciple* (Stage 1) experience the *freedom* and the refreshing of *repenting of their fleshly Self-rebellion*. And, to draw near to the Lord Jesus for life itself.

As an *Elder Shepherd*, much of your work may be spent in overseeing the households and shepherds under your care, and you may have little opportunity to *teach* these youngest of disciples. In my experience, I often took personal responsibility to teach those young disciples who looked to be most fruitful.

Case Study: Teaching Newborn Disciples as a *generational shepherd*.

In all of his ministry relationships, Paul is not recorded *raising up* many disciples, but we do know that he invested his time in teaching and then mentoring Timothy. Paul saw something in Timothy, so you may choose proteges wisely as those who could eventually replace you!

Case #1: Allison. Child-like integrity. Allison turned to Jesus when she had nothing, with a broken spine, an addiction, and a broken mind. So the Lord restored her to life and gave her the Holy Spirit. For two and a half years, Allison was stuck as a Stage 1 disciple, still not willing to repent of her addictions. But, at her lowest points, she was quick to see her error and sheepishly return to her Lord. At every stage, she overcame growth obstacles and is now learning to *shepherd* younger disciples (Stage 4). I've always seen Allison as a *spiritual daughter*, so will instruct Allison and give her whatever she needs.

Case #2: Justin. Zeal. Coming from a blue-collar background, from a South Asian/ Caribbean background, Justin embraced the Lord and was immediately zealous for his name. So, he very quickly was on the streets, sharing Jesus with strangers. It was clear that Justin was more of a preacher than a teacher, more comfortable sharing the Good News of Jesus but not so comfortable studying the Word to teach it. So, after laying the foundation of Mashiach in Justin (Stage 1), I connected him with other mentors.

Case #3: Richard. Whole-hearted. Like Allison, Richard came to us with a broken mind. When the Lord healed him and saved him by his mighty Word, Richard forsook all other voices—abandoning Social Media, Entertainment, and even the Internet. Like Allison, Richard shared Jesus with others and saw much fruit in his life, even starting to “shepherd” and mentor his peers like Justin. He is a Stage 4 disciple who is still learning to *sacrifice* to the Lord his own Self-interests and Self-Righteousness, realizing that he has become a bit legalistic, laying down his own religious rules of conduct. Richard sought out alternate teachers when the Lord's call became too threatening. He is a good example of how Stage 4 shepherds who

bear fruit often become side-tracked in Stage 5 when they are called to focus on the interests of God, sacrificing their own Self-interests. If they do not, they begin to build *fleshly kingdoms* rather than the Kingdom of God on earth.

Case #4: Yuichi. Simplicity. Even though Yuichi was a *doctoral student* in Linguistics (from Japan), he approached Jesus with a child-like simplicity. Coming to Jesus, he knew he was to *love Him* as his first love. Throughout his life, Yuichi never departed from this simple love and devotion. Not finding any churches when he returned to Japan, Yuichi started a *house-church*.

Case #5: Nic. Faithfulness. Nic had come to Jesus after he had lost everything. Coming to us from another church, we made sure to *lay the good foundation* of repentance from the Fleshly Life and *faith* in Jesus Mashiach as Lord. In everything Nic did, he embodied a deep faithfulness. He studied Mark with us to grow as a disciple, then took the word and brought it to those imprisoned and started to grow as a *shepherd* (Stage 6), eventually leading his family to Jesus. And, it is his sister, Romina, who led Allison to Jesus!

To my great *regret*, Nic felt the call to relocate his new family to the *hinterlands* of Canada, where he began to serve in another church.

In each of these cases, my goal as an *instructor* was to be very *encouraging* to them. As one who had seen and/or experienced most of the obstacles and breakthroughs they passed through, it was tempting to turn the focus on myself and my time-frame for their growth. But, their walk with the Lord was a gift which no one can take from them, so they had to experience, to fail, to be stalled, and to achieve their own breakthroughs. Through it all, my job was to encourage them in the right way and to comfort them when they fell. As they passed through their childhood or even chose to linger at any one stage, my job as to teach, to *shepherd them*—that is, *guide* them in the way forward, and to “oversee”—to watch their progress. So, as they passed from simply experiencing New Life to then learning to draw near to the Lord Himself,

to bond with them and then to connect with other disciples in the body, I was always watching for the “signs” accompanying their growth. And, I learned this:

Lesson #2: The spiritual growth of disciples will be stalled at every stage where they are unwilling to *give up* fleshly obstacles to progress by faith to mature.

So, if *newborn* disciples are unwilling to fully repent of the *flesh*, instead clinging to the world or some *fleshly bondage* or refusing to let go of some Self-centered part of their lives, they will remain at *stage 1* indefinitely. Thus, likely the vast majority of disciples are *spiritually* stalled at stage 1, even if in the world’s eyes they progress to even lead. But, their growth will be *worldly* rather than *Kingdom* growth. Let me illustrate:

Nic, whom I mentioned above, grew spiritually until he became a *generational shepherd*. The fruit of this growth was seen in his “generational” fruit—he led both his mother and sister to Jesus, and his sister Romina led Allison to Jesus. Allison, in turn, is sharing the Gospel with her family and loved ones, and will soon help someone be reborn as a disciple: 4 generations of fruit proves that Nic’s growth is not fleshly but spiritual, for all of these he disciples are bearing *spiritual fruit* and not relying on *fleshly works*.

Contrast that with a leader who was accustomed to *fleshly Self-ambition* as his norm. He walked according to his group’s doctrines as his practical Lord, and even became the shepherd of a church. However, with his Self-ambition unchecked, this person’s shepherding never bore the fruit of *Self-sacrifice* and so was limited by worldly limitations. He preached, but was unable to reproduce Spirit-led disciples but only book-reading followers of human coalitions. So, no reports of new life came from those in his household but a mere

parroting of human doctrines. No marriages were restored. No one in bondage was freed.

So, *generational shepherd*, help your people make progress by identifying the *fleshly obstacles* to their growth. And, gently shepherd them through these obstacles—sometimes instructing, sometimes comforting after discipline, sometimes walking with them to experience victory.

Though a *new disciple* “repented” of his marijuana addiction, he was never able to be freed of his addiction and struggled for years at Stage 1. Finally, he agreed to *listen* to the Word of God (not being a reader). And, we read the Word together every morning for a month. He finally experienced freedom from his addiction!

For Allison, the big obstacle for growth was to move from isolation into connectedness as a Stage 3 disciple. Praying with her, praying against *satanic temptations*, and fortifying her with the Word, Allison finally discovered the joy and necessity of fellowship in relationship.

But, shepherding them *gently* knowing that they must make their own mistakes and enjoy their own victories is necessary. For, as Paul knew, Timothy would with Jesus one day start and oversee his own households!

Good Shepherds: Laying down your life for your sheep.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in **my sufferings for your sake**, and in my flesh I am **filling up** what is **lacking in Christ's afflictions** for the **sake** of **his body**, that is, the church.... ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the **hope** of **glory**. Colossians 1:24,27

The *only way that Jesus passes on “abundant life”* to his people is by “laying down his life” for the sheep (John 10:10-11). This act of *laying down his life*, this Kingdom dynamic of sacrifice-driving-growth and giving life, does not stop with His Redemptive Ransom on the Cross. For, Paul says, “I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body” (Colossians 1:24). In other words, Jesus Mashiach identifies with his Body, his House on Earth. For the sake of the house, sacrifice, afflictions, and loss are still required for his people to grow. For, it is with these “sacrifices” that the Father is well pleased, for they prove the “fear of God.” (Genesis 22). So, Paul, and his company of fellow Parental Shepherds, are still required to suffer and sacrifice for the people of God that they may grow.

As a *generational shepherd*, you must abandon any sense of *Self-entitlement* in this life. For, sacrifice and loss can come at any time, even to those things that you would claim as most precious. At any time. Anything that is yours. So, in this section, we see our example of *Generational Shepherding*, our Lord, lose everything of value to himself. For, the crowds were indeed right—if he is to “save others,” he cannot at the same time seek to “save himself.” Those are mutually exclusive possibilities.

Imagine parents who refuse to feed their newborns or change them, claiming that they have a “right” to their own comfort. The definition of parenthood is sacrifice, and the mark of Kingdom Parenthood is *ultimate sacrifice* for its *eternal fruit*.

Case Study: Ruining the Flock

In my experience, nothing has been more ruinous to the flock than *selfish shepherds*, who put their own self-interests and ambitions above the Kingdom. This selfishness ruins the body in small and big ways, and it makes it impossible for any shared Kingdom labor, for the plow will be split between this world and the Father’s heavenly

purpose. So, as a *generational shepherd*, be sure to train the *shepherds of your household* to be willing to *lay down their lives* for the sheep. If they are unwilling to do that, perhaps God's anointed is not Saul but David, so find a man after God's own heart. For, when one "fears God" properly, they will "turn away from evil"—especially the vile corruption of Self-Love.

Case #1: The history of the Western world, which has largely defined the Church movement, is marked by a *deep-seated* humanism which produces an ingrained sense of *Self-entitlement*—each person is entitled to their own *freedom of will, protection of property, and independence* from the demands of people, kings, or even God himself. Such an ingrained *Self-importance* produces a keen self of self-interest that defiles even pastoral behavior.

This particular church service was led by the Worship Pastor, who led the church in beautiful song of *grace and gospel living*. He called on the people to give of themselves to honor God.

That day, a young couple came with their infant son, who was just starting to babble. I encouraged them to read to him from a *children's Bible* we once passed out to our new parents. Scrambling, I searched through the church for any copies we might give out.

There were two remaining children's Bibles on the Worship pastor's shelf. When asked if we could give one to the congregant, he replied "No, one of the Bibles is mine and the other belongs to my daughter," who would not be reading it as a teenager. Perhaps this man had good reasons to keep these Bibles—he hoped his daughter would read it to his future grandchildren, or he'd hope to give it to someone in the future. Regardless of the reason, this *pastor* made the choice to prefer his own interests over the needs of "the sheep." This was a small setback, but telling in how Self-interest in the pastors of a church blocks Kingdom growth, which is driven by sacrifice.

Case #2: Selfish Pastors- Selfish Movements: Multiply this *pastoral self-interest* millions of times across generations, and you see a Church shaped by *fleshly Self-interest* from the least of its pastors to the largest of its denominations. Such Self-interest chokes the Kingdom. For, when Kingdom-minded servants advance the Kingdom, their work will always be opposed by those *fleshly, Self-interested* shepherds who have seized power for themselves and who outnumber and outvote these kingdom servants.

Shepherding Disciples in their Adulthood.

In the Kingdom path to discipleship maturity, adulthood is defined by the ability and willingness to *embrace one's calling* to take responsibility for younger disciples. There is no alternate path to maturity. So, for those who insist on being selfish, who hold on to their isolation and independence, and who refuse to care for anyone but themselves, there is no further growth. For this reason, the Church Age was characterized by disciples who never bore any spiritual fruit beyond *their personal lives*-- perhaps the fruit of repentance, or the fruit of the Spirit. Some may even have seen fruit in their own areas of service in the church. But, in the eyes of the Kingdom, to refuse to take responsibility for anyone but yourself prevents you from maturing as a disciple. But, for those who are willing to take the step into maturity, hearing the *call* of God on their lives to shepherd the lost or younger disciples, these do not need *teaching* as much as they need you to "mentor" them. While you must be selective in the *young disciples* you choose to teach, you must be even **more selective** in those whom you choose to mentor. For, to *mentor* a disciple into maturity requires a mutually committed relationship. Paul says:

² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **faithful men**, who will be **able to teach** others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Disciples who mature into full adulthood must be mentored in a mutually *trusting relationship*, and that is called “mentoring.” Those whom you should consider to mentor are proven to be:

- **Faithful:** At this point, disciples should have had opportunities presented to them to serve the Lord. Have these *disciples* shown themselves to be “faithful,” especially to do what the Lord asked of them with humility and diligence? In this way, those whose hearts are still gripped by *fleshly Self-ambition* will prove *unfaithful*, for they will reach the *limits* of what is pleasant, or comfortable, or self-rewarding for them. Instead, faithfulness requires faith—to trust the Lord Jesus enough to do what he says without any worldly reward, recognition, or return—all of which the flesh demands.
- **Teachable/ Able to Teach:** And, maturing disciples are able to teach the Word of God. This ability is not mere memory or *inert knowledge*. Rather, the Word of God has powerfully transformed their own lives, for their lives demonstrate the *authority* of God’s word as they obey it. And, to teach means that they themselves are teachable. They have heard the Lord open his words to them. They have heard and receive the Word of God from others in the body to build them up, to instruct, warn, correct, and train them. This humble receiving of the Word and its works by faith all show that someone is able to Teach—passing on what they have received.

Most importantly, prayerfully *choose* those to mentor. Remember Jesus prayed and then named the Twelve whom he would mentor. Jesus chose men who would one day **take his place** after he departed.

Equipping and Training Shepherds:

Mentoring *disciples into adulthood* can't be done by *programs* or *anonymously*. The *flesh* falsely assumes that passing on knowledge is sufficient to raise up competent shepherds, because knowledge can be commodified and mass-produced to maximize profitability. Instead, disciples maturing into "shepherds" to care for others can only be *mentored* into maturity because they need to be *instructed and learn to instruct at the "heart" level*.

As disciples pass through the stages of childhood in their discipleship, much of what they develop is personal and private. Even as they connect with other disciples to encourage and be encouraged, much of the growth is either hidden or kept public, interpersonally. But, Shepherds learn to let God's Word go deep to *free, to convict, and to cleanse* at the deep level of the heart. And, only those in deep relationships can really be transparent and accountable at this level to see the Word take root.

For example, disciples will learn to spot the outward signs of *heart hardness*, an outward hypocrisy and insistence on *fleshly rules and regulations*. But, these outward appearances of religious piety belie a deeper hardness to God. So, if you are *mentoring* shepherds, be sure to ask questions which will expose their motives. Which uncover any hidden *hardness of Self-ambition* or Self-interest. Rebuke their selfishness or refusal to share or give of themselves.

Also, remember that discipleship *growth* makes one increasingly dependent on the *Lordship of Jesus Mashiach*, not less. So, be sure that these disciples are always free from the *hardening unbelief* which leavened and defiled the teachings of the Pharisees. For, unbelief starts with the simple act of *standing self-sufficiently*—standing on one's own

understanding, or name, or abilities. So, seek to *shepherd the hearts* of your maturing disciples.

At the same time, you are called to “equip and train” these in the skills of shepherding. That is, you are not merely “teaching” —passing on knowledge to them. To “equip” a *shepherd* is to observe them as they apply, act on, and adapt the tools that you are giving them. And, when they succeed, “train” them to keep using their *shepherding skills* with consistent effectiveness.

Now, helping your disciples take the final step into (Stage 5) sacrificial service sometimes requires very honest confrontation. For, not only are your *shepherds* experiencing some measure of affirmation and success as shepherds, but the threat of assuming that their *Will = God’s Will* is especially dangerous. For, the *flesh* will emerge not in base and obvious temptations to indulge in immorality or murderous rage. But, it will secretly entice the shepherd to fall back into his old *self-protecting, Self-justifying ways*. But, as Jesus rebuked Simon Peter when he blocked his way to the cross (Mark 8:33), pointing out that to fall to *fleshly self-protection* was to align with Satan’s worldly agenda, so, you must guard your shepherds from falling to fleshly ambition. The excuse, “I’m watching out for my Self!” is not valid for *servants of the Lord called to abandon their rights and guarantees of safety to “deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow” the Lord Jesus (Mark 8:34)*.

Here, there is no room for *nicety* or *compromise*. For, the smallest surrender to the *fleshly path* will undo Kingdom progress. Imagine if Jesus had listened to Simon’s well-meaning words and actually did refuse the cross because “it would be not good for you.” Of course the cross did Jesus no good! For, to take the path of Kingdom Sacrifice *is to abandon any entitlement* to good in this life. For, to scrape for even the least comfort is to abandon the Kingdom to Satan’s undoing. So, if Jesus agreed with Peter’s quite reasonable request to look out for himself, he

would not go to the cross. One simple compromise would doom all the generations to eternal ruin and hell.

Case Study: Rebuking Self-Entitled shepherding.

One of the leaders was *mentoring* a young man for baptism. This leader was proven in his service to the Lord and his Kingdom, having served as the head elder of our church and spearheaded many campaigns to bring the Gospel to our neighbors. But, this man also was tempted to *fall back* to his fleshly ways and its entitlements. For, as a successful owner of a small business, he had both wealth and influence in the world.

So, when the young man he was mentoring wrote a *testimony* that was entirely Self-honoring, attributing his progress, his growth, even his act of baptism to his own choices, I informed the young man that a testimony testifies of the work of Jesus Mashiach to save, redeem, and give new birth. Honoring Jesus as Lord and Savior was needed. However, the leader defended his mentee and his testimony, calling me to protest any demand for changes.

I openly resisted his arguments, pointing out that he of all people should know that a testimony not even mentioning Jesus as Lord and Savior could not be considered a valid testimony . Making the obvious known to him, and expecting him to know what was glaringly true, was done in love.

Years later, this leader reported to me that this young man, now working as a firefighter, had publicly taken a stand for his faith in the Lord Jesus and that stand was a witness to the entire area!

Mentoring means that you protect your mentors from their own fleshly interests!

Shepherding Parental Disciples: strengthening partners.

You may be noticing that as disciples *mature*, your relationship with them becomes more *equal* as you see and treat them not as helpless children but as your very own peers, your partners.

Suffice to say, we leave it up to you and your Lord Jesus Mashiach to determine your way to raise up Parental Disciples at the (sixth and seventh stages). For, the partnering you will share, the households you will build, and the generations you raise up to reproduce and fill the earth—all this the world has not seen yet!

I have a foreshadow of what this might look like. However, like Moses gazing from a distance at the Promised Land, the Kingdom is yours to hold of.

Simply remember that regardless, at this point, of who emerges among your ranks as productive and fruitful, who survives as the Eldest among Elders, at the very end of the day, “You have one Instructor, the Mashiach, and you are all brothers!” Press on.

Focus:

6.3.B. Hurt and Loss: Shepherd Struck: Mashiach Struck and Sheep scattered. Mark 14:26-31.

1. **Shepherd Struck:** Injured for the sake of the Household, Sheep Scattered. 14:26-28
2. **Sheep Stray:** Without shepherd, sheep will have no power to protect themselves. 14:29-30.
3. **Fleshly Confidence:** Apart from the shepherd, the sheep have no strength in their flesh. 14:31.

Consider:Question:Further Discovery:

7.4.BP(61). Sacrificial Prayer. Surrendered Soul. Mark 14:32-42

¹⁷ Now the **Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**. ¹⁸ And we all, with **unveiled face**, beholding the **glory** of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

The *spiritual development* of the disciple is a growing *sanctification* that disciples might bear the righteous image of God (Genesis 1:26) as they resemble the *face* of Mashiach (2 Corinthians 4:6), growing into their calling as his *brothers* (Romans 8:28-30). So, as the disfiguring *bondage* of sin is sanctified from the disciple's life:

1 New-born	2.Follow-ing	3.Con-nected	4.Shep-herding	5.Sacrif- cial Servant	6. House Shep.	7. Gener. Shep.
Fleshly Bondage	Self- Rule	Fleshly Isolation	Self- interest	Self- serving	Fleshly Rights	Fleshly Identity

the disciple is *freed* from the flesh and grows by the Spirit to resemble the Lord Jesus Mashiach. This freedom allows the disciple to “gaze” upon the glory of the Lord, presenting themselves holy and accepted before the Lord to be changed.

At this stage of *growth*, you should be at home in the Lord God's presence, having presented your heart to him to know his calling on your life. Your life before him to serve him with all your strength. And, having already sanctified your mind by repenting of your past sins and errant ways.

Now, as you come **before the Lord** with the needs of the flock and its generations, having already presented yourself before him for his service, now *pour your soul* out to the Lord.

Even if I am to be **poured out** as a **drink** offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Philippians 2:17

As your household comes alive, you recognize that you have already labored for the Lord, raised disciples, and gathered families. Now, it is time for the next generations to live before the Lord. So, as you bring them all before him, you pour out your soul before him as a familiar *servant* who has already given everything up but what remains of his life.

Praying by *pouring your soul out* before the Lord is not to simply pray fervently, for your soul is more than your emotions, differing from your heart. Nor is such *soul-pouring* prayer praying with all your will, as if to conjure reality into existence. No, you *pour out your soul* when you are present your whole life to the Lord, all what has formed you over the years and all you must do going forward—you give this to the Lord for the sake of your people. By pouring out your soul, as Jesus did, you are giving up your life that they might live.

It is right for me to feel this way about you **all**, because I hold you **in my heart**, for you are **all** partakers with me of grace, both **in my** imprisonment and **in** the defense and confirmation of the gospel. Philippians 1:7

In this way, *soul-pouring out prayer* is not just the self-sacrificing prayer of the parent. But, it is the *total sacrifice* of the head of *parents and*

households, that his generations might have whatever they need, even if it costs them everything they have.

Read Mark 14:32-42.

³⁴ And he said to them, “My **soul is very sorrowful, even to death.** Remain here and watch.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. **Remove this cup** from me. Yet **not what I will**, but what **you will.**” Mark 14:34-36

Background:

Sorrowful to Death:

As created beings made from the *matter* of this earth (flesh) and God’s living breath-Spirit (ruach), our souls were meant to be *alive* in this *blessed life* given to us by God, to be *hai nefesh*—living souls. So, when we face death, we anticipate the loss of all that is *good* in us. What is *living* avoids death at all cost.

But, the disciple is called to face and endure death for a *highest calling*—that the Father’s “will” is done (Mark 14:36). So, Jesus indeed have a right to have a “sorrow unto death” in his soul, for he faced the *greatest loss of all*: Jesus, being a glorious “one” with the Father as Elohim from before “the foundation of the world” (John 17:24) must at the cross suffer death and separation from the Father. The author of life must now be cleaved from the Father in death.

This is soul-death. Everything that you are, what you held most dear, what made you alive, you must now lose for the sake of the Father's Will, and the Father wills that his House multiply abundantly!

What "soul death" are you willing to face? What brings you utter *sorrow* that you might see the fulfilling of the Father's will, that *life is given to his family*?

Know that you who have *prayed in this way*, to face a *soul so sorrowed to death*—that you have poured yourself out to the Lord. Know that the Lord sees and accepts such sacrifices as giving him a high honor, because all that is precious is laid at his feet.

Case Study: A Soul Sorrowful to Death.

There are two occasions when I poured out my soul to the Lord in great sorrow. The first occasion was mainly a culmination of small deaths, like a series of *non-fatal heart-attacks* that accumulated, culminating in an unbearable sorrow.

As a newly married man, I served the Lord at a comfortable pastoral position in a suburban church. My wife and I sacrificed much for the ministry, *being paid* a nominal salary. With our friends all having babies, we longed for a child of our own. After years, my wife finally became pregnant, but with complications. The night before we received the final prognosis, I prayed before the Lord for my child. My firstborn. I poured out my soul, and would have **gladly given my life for the child to live**. That is the heart of the *generational shepherd* pouring his own soul out before the Lord, that if only that this offering would allow his child to live. Such a heart God honors. But, our child did not live.

Years later, through a series of *horrible losses*, we faced a looming death as a family. After leaving America for Canada and

losing friends and jobs for the unknown, wave after wave of loss battered us. First, my wife's very life was slipping away before our eyes, as mental illness took away her faith and her soul, spending increasing time in psychiatric wards. Child services investigated our spouse-less family and threatened to remove our children. I lost my full-time teaching job. We were behind in our rent and were to lose our home. My two children and I, with my wife, were facing an imminent death. But, even more pressing, I felt the call of God on my heart to serve him. So, I came before the Lord again. I poured out my soul to him, as death loomed. As I prayed for my family, preparing us to leave this world that had no place for us, I realized that there was a deeper sorrow still. If we were to die, I would leave this earth having neglected the Call I had been given. That was the deepest sorrow, and I prayed for the impossible. How can the "dead" glorify you, O Lord? Glorify your name. So, I also learned that to face imminent ruin, and to truly grieve over the Lord's Will being left undone, that is a *sorrow to death* which the Lord honors.

Finally, after the Lord restored all to me—my wife, my family, and finally, a *pastoral position* at the Church he had prepared for me. I still labored with a yearning burdening my soul. Perhaps two or three years before this moment, I was grieved at the state of the Kingdom. I grieved over the relentless onslaught of technology and social media, as it lured the faith of many households away from their faith in God. I mourned over the woeful state of discipleship and fruitlessness in the churches, and the epidemic of *fleshliness, especially among the churches' leadership*.

But, then I had a vision for what might *turn the tide*, that my spark a revival of Kingdom discipleship among the Churches, starting with our own congregation. To feed our people every morning with *devotional materials* that would build disciples, establish the rule of the Lord Jesus and his throne, and expand

the Kingdom of God. After developing the materials, the senior pastors of the church brought me into a meeting to confront me about these discipleship materials. They were “unrecognizable” to the theology and the Gospel associations to which the church leadership was beholden. In explaining the oneness of God-Elohim as a more helpful “family unity” rather than the merely descriptive term “Trinity,” I was a threat to the orthodoxy and was forbidden from continuing.

Driving, the sorrow to death *crushed my soul*. All my hopes to rescue our people from the encroaching darkness and the impending Day of Accounting were taken from me. These leaders had deprived our people from a last chance to *be revived as a Kingdom people*. All that possibility for good and for feeding was suddenly killed, and my souls was mourning as if dead.

At that point, I realized that the Church Age was coming to a close. There would be no more revival, for the *terminal trajectory* of the Church, especially the “Christ-less Church” observing a mere *Churchianity* had no hope of revival or repentance.

Focus:

7.4. Bp. Surrendered Soul: Sacrificial Prayer: Pouring out Soul to do Father’s Will. Mark 14:32-42

1. **Sacrificed Soul:** Soul is poured out even to “death” .14:32-34.
2. **Surrendered to Father’s Will:** Gives up Self-Will to do Father’s Will: 14:35-36.
3. **Suffers Betrayal:** Gives up rights to do Father’s Will. 14:37-42.

Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery:

7.5.C. Suffer for Testimony: Sacrificial Witness reveals Glory of Mashiach. Mark 14:55-65.

Called to Witness:

As a generational shepherd, you oversee your household or many households. Some of you may be called to *oversee* the House of Israel and all its clans and households! As we have already seen, the Lord God will meet you to give you his Vision of what he is doing in the world if you pour out your soul to him for your people. In this way, grief or frustration for your people is not shameful or futile. Rather, it shows to God your willingness to give all you have for him to act, to change, to lead to repentance.

For, sorrow to *death* is the true heart of a Father when he sees his House threatened. This was David's heart, when he poured his soul out to the Lord for his *first child* with Bathsheba. Surely, this was Abraham's heart that he poured out to the Lord God when Isaac was to be offered on Mount Moriah.

What drives you before the Lord is that *something is not right with reality*. What the Lord God has promised now meets an impossible barrier. And, only the prayer lifted up in soul-wrenching despair and frustration can hear God's Word of Faith.

When Jesus confronts the Pharisees, imagine yourself in his shoes. Standing before them in actuality is the One who is both the Son of God and the Son of Man, yet they still speak audacious words, believing their *position* and *power* over this solitary individual shields them and entitles them to accuse and defame this Jesus baselessly. What a maddening situation! Yet, Jesus stood his ground of witness, and so shall you, in the Lord Jesus Mashiach!

Setting the Stage for Testimony:

Let's consider what is at work in testifying of the fullness of Jesus Mashiach, especially to the House of Israel. Remember that we never see the situation entirely in the *flesh*, but those we witness to are *entirely in the flesh*. So, to witness to those who are most hardened in the flesh is to confront rebellious *flesh* in the midst of its rebellion with the fullness of God's truth regarding His Son, Jesus Mashiach. So, consider that your opponents are caught up in their:

- **Fleshly Blindness:** By nature, the *flesh* stands apart from the Lord God and claims Self-Rule, so even the promise of Jesus Mashiach *offends* the flesh. So, in the Last Days, witnesses must unashamedly present the Lord Jesus Mashiach in his fullness, even as the Spirit backs this testimony with the power of the Kingdom as it shatters every pretense and opposition.
- **Testimony:** Thus, your testimony is costly. For, to testify to those in power, whether it is in Sanhedrin or before Kings, you will have to surrender any form of *fleshly protection*. This testimony that you give may be your last, and you have no assurance from the Lord that you will have another chance to testify. So, having given your *soul* as a pleasing offering to the Lord, leave it in the safety of His hands. Instead, follow example of your Lord Jesus Mashiach as he bore witness of himself and his coming Kingdom:
 - **Be true in the midst of falsehood.** In the same way that truth offends the flesh, so *falsehood provokes the Spirit*. But, for the sake of your testimony, don't be easily provoked. Instead, let the Lord show you when to speak and when to keep silent. When to listen. And, when to ask the Spirit for discernment into any openings.
 - **Walk by Faith:** Confronting fleshly blindness, you must never respond merely in the flesh. To gain some advantage or even victory in the Flesh. Instead, know that the true reality is only

known by *faith*, even as your opponents are blind to this reality. So, be mindful of the Word of God as the Spirit brings its truth to mind. Remain in the Kingdom reality even as you walk in the flesh.

- **Remain Surrendered:** As you testify, your key to victory is to *carry the burden of the cross* into your Witness. The cross is where you have surrendered all your life in order to fulfill the Lord's entire Will that His Kingdom come. Stay surrendered on the cross!

Read Mark 14:55-65.

⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the **high priest** asked him, "Are you **the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see **the Son of Man** seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have **heard his blasphemy**. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving **death**. Mark 14:61-64

Background:

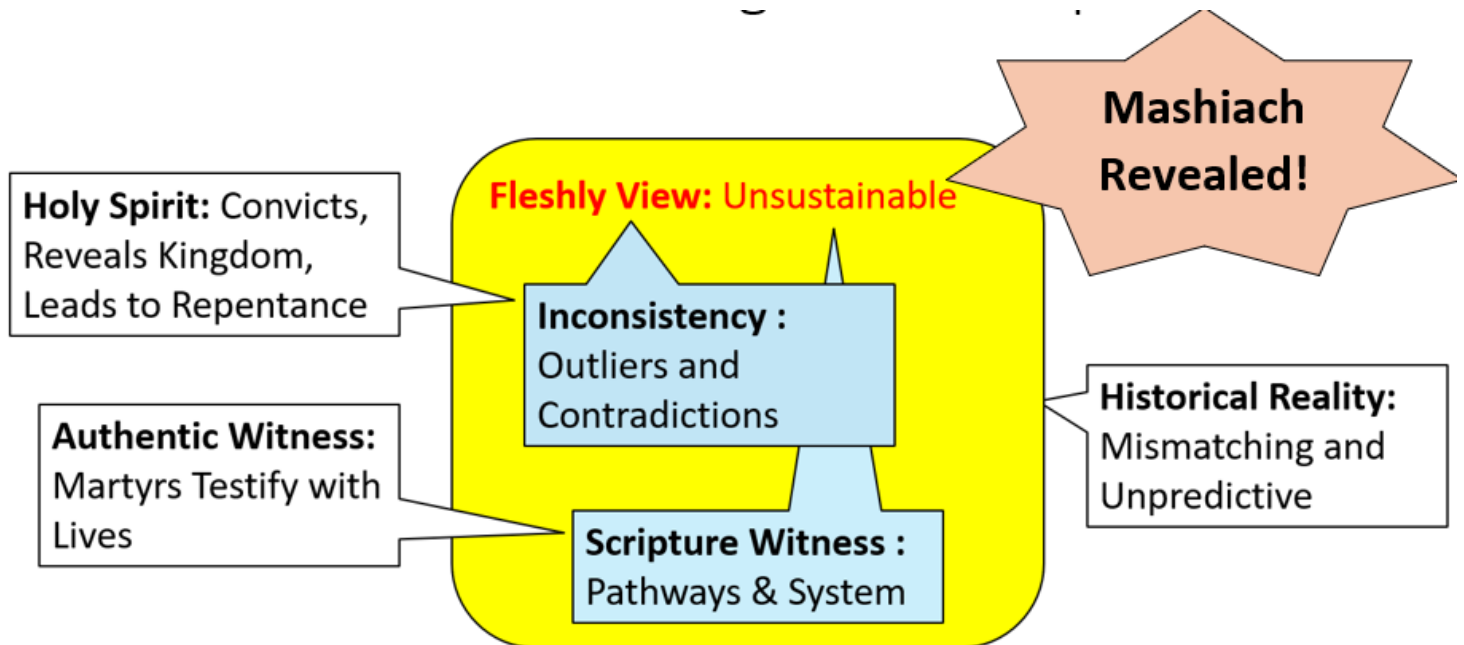
For the past two thousand years, the Jewish people and their teachers have hidden behind a *willful ignorance* regarding the Mashaich, and Jesus as the Redeeming Mashiach.

Generally speaking, the Jewish argument is that the Biblical promise of Mashiach and its fulfillment in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as that Mashiach is entirely a Gentile Fiction. This *baseless charge* is erroneous due to two factors Jesus identified: they know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God (Mark 12:24)!

In order to *give some weight* to their baseless claim, ironically, these Jewish critics have accused witnesses of the Word to be “prooftexting”—taking random quotations from the Hebrew scriptures to construct a *hodge-podge* view of Messiah. Such misuse of the Word of God also ignores the large scriptural *pathways* which develop systematically.

Indeed, the Hebrew Scriptures do indeed develop into recognizable pathways throughout its *inspired books*, and these paths develop systematically, according to a consistent logic and rationale that is easily proven.

Problematically, the *true hodgepodge* composite reading of Judaism is an unsystematic, unwieldy and **internally destabilized house of cards**. This **instability** is based on several **indefensible positions** which Jews seek to *justify* their own cultural and religious assumptions:



As you equip your people and co-labor with your fellow shepherds to bear witness to Israel, your testimony will break up the hard ground and

plant the Word of God in the hearts of the People of Israel until Jesus is Revealed to them in Power! Remember:

Witness: Martyrs who back up their words with their lives.

Testify: Use your life and experiences to give evidence of the Truth of Scripture.

Plant: Share the Word of God to appeal to your hearers!

Remember, that as you bear witness of the truth, you will directly *resist* hardened obstacles of unbelief, and these areas of hardness and obstinacy are centered on these main points:

- **God:** Jewish *beliefs are so hardened* about the very identity of God as Elohim that the tribe is willing to *rename* God in a way that aligns better their thinking: “We know God better than God knows himself.” In this way, Jews and Muslims prefer a view of God aligning with their flesh: God as a solitary, isolated being who blindly supports all that Israel does. So, the name *Elohe* resembles more the Muslim notion of *Allah* than it does the Biblical revelation of God as Elohim, who is “one” not as a *yachid*- a lonely allah, but as a unified *echad*, as pictured in man and woman becoming one-echad.

The problem with seeing God as *solitary and Self-isolating* is that such a view, while compatible with Islam, is incompatible with the Bible’s portrait of God as Father and the Family purpose of God that is seen in the *toledot structure of Genesis*, the emphasis on inheritance and blessing, and on the generational work of God. Even the notion of “redemption” makes sense only in the “family” context of *the Kinsman-Redeemer* and the Lord as Israel’s only Redeemer.

Instability: From the very beginning, God reveals himself as a plurality- *Elohim* (Genesis 1:1) that talks with and refers to himself as “us” and “our” (1:26). If we see God’s name “Elohim” as the family name of God expressing his “oneness,” then we see that God even addresses his covenant people by his family name (Psalm 82:6) and even addresses Mashaich as Elohim (Psalm 45:6), the anointed One sitting on his eternal throne.

- **The Law:** By the Law, we know that that man’s first sin is unbelief and the desire to be Self-Righteous—to *seize* the right to “know” (that is, determine) “good and evil” based on human understanding. In a nutshell, to be “like God” (Genesis 3:5). For, heretofore, it was only the “Lord God” who had the right to “command” (2:16) what is *good* and permissible: “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden” and *evil and forbidden*: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat” (17). So, the Law commands that man be *subject* to the Lord God, and it forbids *self-Righteousness* to stand on one’s own understanding to determine good and evil. In this way, even the first command: “I am the Lord your God” who alone has the right of *deliverance* from the “house of slavery” (Exodus 20:2). Essentially, the Law commands “faith” (Genesis 15:6) and it forbids “unbelief” (Prov. 3:5-6).

Instability: So, how *antithetical* to the Law is the belief that one can use the Law to attain a Self-Righteousness, to be one’s own Self-Redeemer by Torah observance. As the “Lord” of the House of Israel, it God’s place alone to “deliver from the *house of slavery*” (Exodus 20:2) not for Israel to achieve Self-deliverance through Torah observance. In fact, Ruth 4 shows us that only the Kinsman-Redeemer has the *right* to redeem. In this way, God reserves the “right” to Redeem through his *anointed Redeemer*, the Mashiach,

who alone has the right to *build* God's and David's dynastic House of sons (2 Samuel 7:12-16). To *abuse* the Torah as a means to achieve a Self-Righteousness and a Self-Redemption actually abrogates God's Right as "Lord-Deliverer" and "Redeemer," breaking the very first command! (Exodus 20:2).

- **Call of Israel:** Why exactly did God call Israel? In this modern day, many in Israel assume a *supremacist mandate*—that God chose Israel to rule all other nations pre-eminently as God's *scion* on earth. Yet, how can this agenda, achieved through brutality, fulfill Israel's calling to be a "light" to the nations? And, is Israel to be favored among nations? How is this different than the Nazi *mythology* that exalts the Aryan race as the "Masters" of humanity? If Israel embraces a supremacist ideology, it forsakes its moral grounds, making it no better than its persecutors. And, a *supremacist ideology* ignores the divine righteousness which must draw nations to Israel. And, such an ideology wholesale denies the promises of God which exalt not Israel, but Israel's Mashiach as the World Ruler. Not as a mere *emanation of Israel's Glory—the best of her sons—but the Heir of God himself*, whose inheritance is directly God-given not Israel derived. But, as we see in the promises of God beginning with those directed to Judah (Genesis 49:9-12)—It is the Mashiach of Judah's Line, the Heir, who alone gathers the tribes to Shiloh to give each an inheritance.

Instability: Israel alone is neither Heir nor Ruler, for it is only Israel's Mashiach who is God's anointed Seed to inherit the promises from Adam (Genesis 3:15) to God himself (2 Samuel 7:12-16). But, when Israel takes its place at the Mashiach, the world-redeemer's side, it realizes its true calling. For, Israel is God's "Firstborn Son" among all the nations (Exodus 4:22), so it is Israel's *right to redeem* all nations through Mashiach in order that

by Abraham's "Seed," "all the nations of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 22:17). Thus, Israel's unceasing *testing* since its formation, the millennia of *wilderness warning*—all these are not shameful denunciations but *proof* that Israel, as the World's Firstborn, has let the *families of man* be redeemed first in Mashiach, so proving its *place to rule* under its Mashiach the nations of the earth forever!

Case Study: Your Calling as the Remnant

If you are a Jew reading this, and you have turned to Jesus Mashiach, and God has put on your heart as shepherd the *generations* of the House of Israel, then this is your time!

You may have noticed (see Job series on this website) that Israel's history parallels **Job's** life, for Job was the Lord's servant, tested in 12 distinct ways, that he might be perfected and *sanctified* of his deceptive *flesh*, specifically, his Self-entitlement and sense of Self-Righteousness by his own *flesh* and apart from God's redemption.

Israel has already *rejected Jesus* as its Redeemer and suffered for nearly 2000 years for it, believing it can achieve Self-Redemption by Torah-observance and declare itself Self-Righteous before God without *his or his Mashiach's redemption*. So, Israel will see the final two *Tests* which Job also faced first.

Test 11: Witnesses. In the same way that Job's proclamation of his own *Self-Righteousness* even in standing *against God* was *rebuked* by Elihu, so, the Lord God raises up a *remnant* of Israel to be a witness to the whole nation. Rebuking its current *Self-Righteousness* to prepare it to meet the Lord God face-to-face.

See, when Job met the Lord face-to-face, he could do nothing but repent. However, this *repentance* must be a *change in his mind*, rather than one forced in the face of sheer power.

In this way, the Lord will raise up the *remnant of Israel in the Last Days* to be **his witnesses** (lit. *martyrs*—those who back their words with their lives) to testify of the truth of Jesus Mashiach. Israel must

know the *overwhelming* and *consistent* Biblical witness and the *legitimacy* of his claims, and his *Rightful Redemption* as Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer before it stands before Him.

Test 12: Face-to-Face Encounter: The Lord God's purpose in *letting Job* fall so far from his original *faith as one who "feared God"* to one who stood on his own Self-entitled Self-Righteousness was to make it perfectly clear to Job that his only right, righteousness, and redemption was in the Lord God, never *apart* from him standing in his own Self-understanding by his *naked flesh*.

For, Job, like Israel, will stand before their *saving Lord* in the *nakedness* (shameful, uncovered human frailty) of its *flesh*, as the nations surround it for annihilation. And Israel will look upon the glorious face of its Redeemer. And Israel will not see the face of a stranger, but **the face of Jesus**, its long-scorned **Son**, but the **Firstborn** of House David and Israel, the only Rightful Redeemer of Israel as the Son of David and the Son of God!

So, all Israel will repent of its *fleshly rebellion* to claim to be its own Self-Redeemer. Then, all Israel will be saved!

If you are a Jew, you will have seen with your own eyes at Rosh Hashanah the Lord's *evacuation* of his people, now that the Church Age has come to a close.

By God's grace, you have come to Jesus Mashiach as your Lord and Redeemer. He is *raising you up as his fruitful disciple*. Now, as you come before him as a *shepherd* called to the House of Israel and all its generations, present yourself to the Lord God to hear his calling and his appointing of you as his witnesses to your brethren!

Hear your Calling as the Remnant:

For you are **our Father**, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does **not acknowledge** us; you, O Lord, are **our Father, our Redeemer** from of old is your name. Isaiah 63:16.

- **Call on God as your Father:** Reborn as the Firstfruits of the coming great harvest of Israel, let the Spirit draw you near to

the Father of your spirits! As you draw near, seek his own heart. Sit and share in his *long-suffering* love for his wayward children. Then, let his infinite grace and *chesed—steadfast love* be poured out to you. He has not forgotten Israel. Finally, know the *fullness* of his heart, that Israel has endured *so much* for the *Redemption* of the House of Adam. As the firstborn of the families of the earth, it has *been disciplined* and suffered his anger, even being cut off from its *own Son, Jesus Mashiach, for the sake of the nations of the earth, that they may first know the blessing of Jesus Mashiach.* For, it has always been Israel's place as God's Firstborn Son, to bear the *Redeemer's Right* and burden to put its brethren houses first, proving that it alone has the right to be the seat of Jesus Mashiach's eternal throne, that it might forever be God's "light" to the nations.

- **Bring before God the blindness of Israel:** For, of all Israel's generations, you are the *firstfruits* to know Jesus Mashiach in his Glory. For, while many Jews have joined the Church, you are the first of *Israel* to know Jesus not as a Gentile, as the "Christ," but to know Jesus as your promised "Mashiach." So, Jesus gives you the place of honor at his side to *suffer* and *endure* with him (Matthew 5:10-11). For, as Israel did not recognize its Lord Jesus, it will not recognize you. As it afflicted your Mashiach, Israel's rulers will oppose you. But, Jesus calls you to "Be on your guard," for you will be "*beaten in synagogues*" for his sake (Mark 13:9) as you bear witness. But, he will "speak" through you by the "Holy Spirit" (v. 11). So, "endure to the end" for your salvation (13).
- **All Israel will know Jesus as Redeemer:**
If you stand your ground as his *Witnesses*, All Israel will know Jesus as its "Redeemer" (Isaiah 63:16) with the same clarity as yours. For, "the Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26) and they will "look on

me, on him whom they have pierced” and “shall mourn for him as... a Firstborn” (Zechariah 12:10) so that, in great mourning and repentance, “all Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:26).

Jesus commissions you to go:

So, it is the Lord Jesus Mashiach himself who sends you out to testify of him to the people of Israel—town to town, synagogue to Sanhedrin. For, you will go out in the time called the “birth pains.” Know that as the Lamb unseals and release Israel from its *worldly bonds*, even rebuking it for its past hardness and idolatry, Israel experience painful convulsions along with the rest of the world. These *great instabilities* will occur as the Day of the Lord approaches, likely the year 2033 CE—two days (millennia) after the Lord’s *cross* and Israel’s rejection. Antichrist is revealed, world-war, famine and economic upheaval, and mass death will come before a bloody persecution will precede the Day of the Lord, as the nations surround Israel for its annihilation. But the Lord will reveal Himself as he saves all Israel! So, hear the Lord’s words to you even as you face hardship and even death:

¹⁶ “Behold, **I am sending you** out as **sheep** in the midst of wolves, so be **wise** as serpents and innocent as dovesWhen they **persecute** you in one town, **flee** to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have **gone** through all **the towns of Israel** before the **Son of Man comes**. Matthew 10:16,23

- **Self-Righteousness/ Self-Redemption:** The Hebrew Scriptures are clear in the distinction between the “Righteous” and the “Wicked,” and yes, God gives us Tanakh for us to walk in the *Way of the Righteous—derekh tzadikim*. But, the question of *how* we are to be Righteous is different altogether. The Tanakh, the Torah, and every *mitzvot* assumes that the *way of the Righteous* is the way of **faith**, for even righteous Abraham “**believed the Lord**, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6). Abraham shows us that Biblical Faith is to *position one’s Self* under the “Lordship”

of God—*offering up our lives to him in total reliance on Him for our Redemption*, and not relying on our Self-honoring Flesh. Consider how Abraham’s life undercuts common Jewish claims about faith:

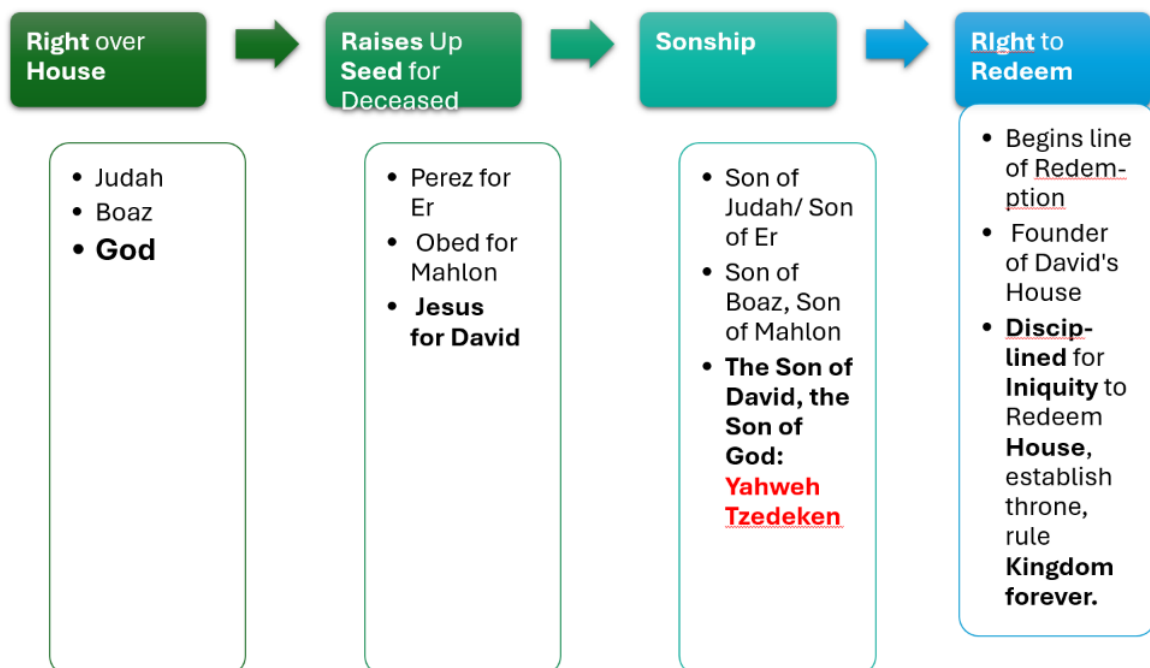
Misperception #1- Faith is passive. Obeying Torah is active.

Granted, there is a common Christian *fallacy* that defines faith as mere mental assent, acknowledgement. But, Abraham shows us that Faith is relational and active: for, in giving the Lord God his trust, his is also *offering up himself and all his life and possessions* as well. In believing God’s promise of Abraham’s coming Seed, Abraham *offers up in sacrifice and puts in the Lord’s hands* his entire future, his generations, and any legacy he might receive. By Faith, we must *actively obey Torah* because we have first Subjected ourselves to the Lord, relying on his way and his power to *obey—for he must always be Lord*. There is no obedience without subjection to His Lordship! (Exodus 20:2).

Misperception #2- Now, most rabbis and Jews today assume that they are the *lords* of their own lives—they think that God has given them the Self-Rule over the things of earth, including their Jewish Life, the Torah, and even the right to *rule the nations*. However, nowhere in the Bible does God give man the *right* to rule in his own name and authority. Even when God creates man to exercise “dominion” over the earth (Genesis 1:27-30), that is under God as man’s “Head,” and under the *command* of the Lord God (Genesis 2:17). When *man* seeks a “name”—that is, honor and authority *apart* from God (Genesis 11:4), to honor man, which is the goal of humanism—such efforts at Babel were *stymied*. In fact, the only being who suggests that man be “like” God to *establish a moral rule* to replace God’s commands is the Serpent (Genesis 3:5). So, *standing apart from God* to claim the Self-entitled right to secure one’s own Self-Righteousness according to one’s own way is the

original sin of rebellion and unbelief. Now, some may say, “I will obey God’s commands, but I will do it “my way.” However, insisting on doing it your way still makes you out to be the Lord of your own life—which is idolatry (Exodus 20:2). For, not only is it unauthorized for you to claim to seize a Self-Righteousness apart from God, by your own effort, obedience, and piety. But, it is also impossible. For, our *flesh is dead* to the sin of humanity’s forefather, Adam. No human effort can either *re-animate with the Spirit dead flesh*, nor can any human *free himself from the infinite sin-debt we have incurred* by desecrating by our sin God’s *righteous image* given to us (Genesis 1:26).

Instability: Always remember the tree of knowing good and evil. To stay under the Lordship of the God who commands us, to obey His Way with His ability, is life. But to live independently of God’s Rule, to be our own Self-Rulers, to claim the authority to secure our own Self-Righteousness apart from God, is sin. For, only God through his Mashiach can we be righteous, for only Yahweh Tzedekenu—only the Lord is our Righteousness! (Jeremiah 23:6).



Redemption and Its Righteousness are only from God and his appointed Mashiach: (Isaiah 44:6; Ruth 4:10).

- **Promise of Mashiach:** Currently, Jews expect the Mashiach to be a special human who rebuilds the Temple, based on 2 Samuel 7:13, which is the promise God gives David when David expresses a desire to build God a house. What the Jewish people have overlooked, upon closer reading, is God's actual promise and David's response. David is grateful not about a future "house of cedar" which God already had dismissed in 2 Samuel 7:7. But, he says: "You have spoken also of **your servant's house** for a great while to come" (v.19). And, David is not talking about a "house of cedar" for himself as well. Rather, David rejoices that God promises a "Seed" to build a house for both God (v.13) and David (v.11), a combined house, a dynastic house of sons. Yes, a human being can easily be the one to construct a "house of cedar," a mere building for God. But, Mashiach is promised to do something greater.

For Mashiach to build a "dynastic house" for David and for God, he must first be a member, a Son, of both houses. In fact, not just a son but "the Son," the Heir designate for both lineages to build an eternal house.

But, back to Israel's expectations, the *fleshly desire* for a manageable human religion requires Messiah to be simply a human to *represent the people* and to ratify its *religious aspirations*—to build a religious structure, a "house of cedar," to galvanize national worship.

Instability: However, this *limited view of a nationally useful human* is not supported by Scripture which depicts Mashiach as one who is not simply a "son" of Israel but is the "Lord" of Israel, as David said: "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I

make your enemies a footstool for my feet.” (Psalm 110:1). If David, Israel’s King and Head, who is pre-eminent in Israel, calls Mashiach his “Lord,” how can this one be merely a human son? In Isaiah 9:6, he is called “Mighty God” and “Everlasting Father.” In Psalm 2:7 he is called God’s “Son,” begotten of God. In Psalm 45:6-7, he is called “God-Elohim” who has been anointed as Mashiach. So, in both role of House-builder, in Name as “Elohim” Mashiach, and even in action—as the “King of Glory” who comes as the “Lord of Hosts” with the “clouds of heaven” to save Israel and be a “wall of fire” around its people (Psalm 24:10; Daniel 7:13, and Zechariah 2:5).

Yes, Israel in its *fleshly need* to establish itself as Self-Redeeming is too proud to admit a need for a Redeemer, nor its willingness to bow under any other lord except its own Self-Rule. If Israel honestly believes that it needs no Mashiach to save it, that it needs only a scholar-sage to justify its religion, then what will it do in the last days when its enemies surround it for its final annihilation? As Ezekiel asks:

Will you still say, ‘I am a god,’ in the presence of those who kill you, though you are but a man, and no god, in the hands of those who slay you? Ezekiel 28:9

- **History:**

Finally, Israel and its people are still under the impression that they are pleasing to God, having achieved a *Self-Righteousness* by Torah-observance—even adding the Oral Torah as having equal authority to the Torah. And, needing Mashiach only as a human builder of the Temple, the symbol of Israel’s unique and supremacy over the nations of the world, Israel claims to have secured God’s blessing and purpose for itself.

Instability: But, the actual history of Israel testifies not of God's good pleasure to Israel, but an opposition and discipline that has lasted for generations. So, Israel's history is not as it imagines—the continuous blessings and approval of God, until Israel reigns supreme in the world.

Such a History *rejects obvious Prophetic Milestones which were to mark out Israel's history. In fact, as we review the milestones below, we see that* these lead us all the way up to this current age. Actual History aligns with God's prophetic history for Israel.

- ☐ God's judgment of Judah's sins by **Exile** into Babylon.
- ☐ A **return** from Exile and restoration of Jerusalem's walls and religion. 450 BCE.
- ☐ the **revealing** and **cutting off** of Mashiach after 483 years from Exile (year 33 CE), to atone for iniquity and bring an everlasting righteousness
- ☐ Israel is desolate and dead for two days (two thousand years). 33 CE- 2033 CE.
- ☐ Israel is dead but knit together as dead bones form a body. 1948 CE (Ezek. 37:7-8)
- ☐ Israel attacked by nations. 2033 CE?
- ☐ Israel resists testimony of Mashiach by remnant until Mashiach, the Pierced One, is revealed to Israel. 2033 CE- Yom Kippur? (Zechariah 12:10,
- ☐ Israel mourns and is given a new Spirit. 2033 CE- Yom Kippur? Ezekiel 37:9-10.

All of these Questions converge:



After reviewing how the House of Israel is entrenched in its own *rightness* before God, as Job was, before the Lord revealed himself to

instantly *re-align* Job with his purposes and will, we can see that Israel's view of Mashiach is at the heart of each of these questions: the identity of God, the purpose of the Law, the purpose and call of Israel, and even the need for redemption—all of these converge on Israel's view of Mashiach. And, at the heart of Israel's view of Mashiach sits a puzzle which has proven a stumbling block for Israel.

Of course, to *reason freely* will lead only to further hardening and unbelief. But, if Israel truly *subjects itself* to the Lord's revealed truth in the Torah, and if the nation is willing to *receive by faith* the Biblical answer that has been there in Torah all along, then, Israel is ready to find the answer to this problem:

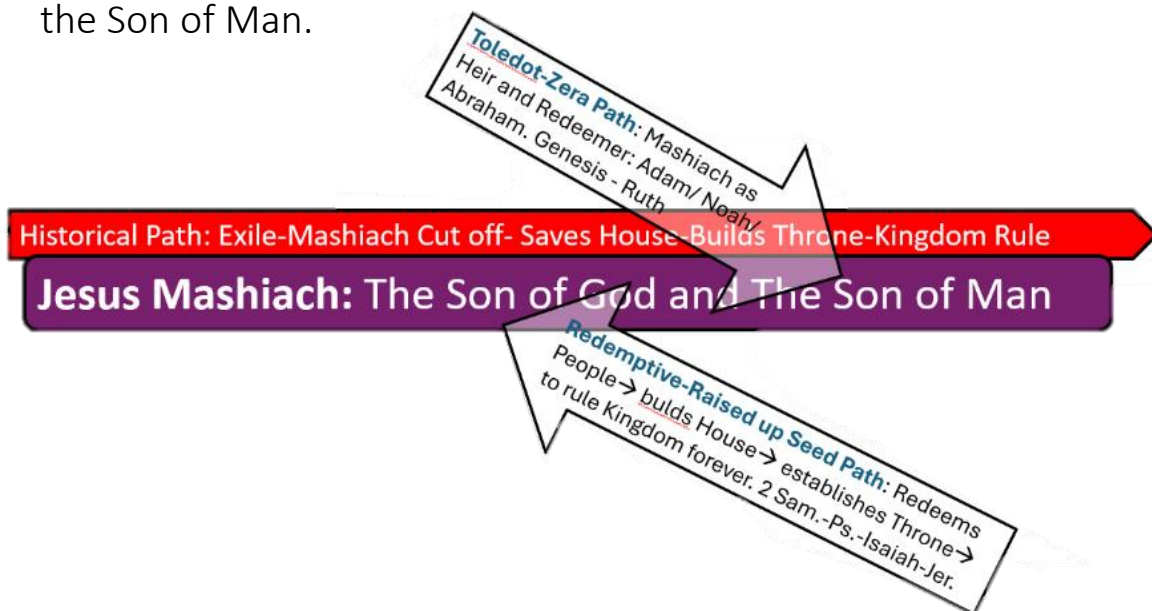
How can the Son of Man be the Son of God?

To help the Jewish people understand this seemingly impossible conundrum, let's set a few rules for reading:

- **First**, let's agree that God's revelation in the Torah and the broader Tanakh is an inspired, **God-revealed book**, and that its message can be revealed progressively within and across books. That is, we should expect the Biblical message to be *progressive*—following a **path** of consistency. So, rather than *prooftexting*, be open to a consistent path developed throughout the Tanakh.
- **Second: A *spirit of surrender***, fundamental to **Abrahamic faith**, approaches God's Word with complete openness, regardless of the cost. For, many become willfully blind because what the Word reveals to them will either inconvenience, impose upon, or deprive them of some worldly advantage. Such willful blindness is rooted in *unbelief*, and holding to unbelief shackles one's readings to the Serpent's delusions.
- **Finally**, *fleshly experience* and human understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6) must not constrain, refute, or challenge *revelation*. The Bible is to be Read by Faith because it is a book of *revelation*—the hidden,

the spiritual, the unattainably heavenly things are far beyond the grasp of man, so they must be revealed *and* accepted by faith. To reject what one has not experienced or what one's little mind can comprehend will *void* God's Word, for the infinite Word and the Kingdom reality God reveals is beyond human experience but once received, can be experienced. For, "Unless you are born again, you cannot **see** the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3). So, Israel must abandon its fleshly unbelief and be open to God's truth about its Heir, aspiring to be a servant to the Kingdom's Heir.

Remember that as a Witness, the Lord God calls you simply to testify. Plant what the Spirit shows is most illuminating. But, learn to bring your hearers into any of these paths which show that God's promises Mashiach, as humanity's Kinsman Redeemer to restore us to our inheritance of "the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4) must necessarily be the Son of both God and Man. So, let's consider the three pathways which all necessitate Mashiach to be both the Son of God and the Son of Man.



Toledot-Zera/ Generations/Seed: Family Path. Mashiach as the Firstborn and Designated Redeemer.

The Family path answers the question: “Why must Mashiach be both the Son of Man and the Son of God?” Because we were made to be both the Sons of Man but also the Sons of God, we need as our Heir one who is both to recover our lost inheritance. Only such an Heir restores his people to their inheritance of the “heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4)

Through a series of phrases *elle toledot*- these are the generations—the Family Path starts with the Creation and leads all the way to the Redemptive line of David.

Israel has long noticed this path, and the early Rabbis reasoned that this path told the story of Man’s loss of glory to its reclamation in the line of Perez and the Mashiach who would come from him.

What *family story* does this path tell? The announcements of “these are the generations” specifies a certain family, whose *generations of sons* will continue, along with their inheritance. But, stating a family line is incomplete without asking, “Who is the Heir, the Firstborn of the family?” And, in each of these key instances of Inheritance Records, the answer is always the God-promised “Seed.” Take the first instance of record, “these are the generations of the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4). Here, God announces to us the line whose “generations” of sons will inherit the “heavens and the earth” as the “sons of God.” Like Adam, these sons were to be created of earthly matter and the *heavenly spirit of God* (Genesis 2:4). Yet, when Adam lost this inheritance by his sin, it would be “the Seed of woman” (Genesis 3:15) who would crush the serpent’s “head” to restore to the Family this inheritance! So, at every key juncture, God promises Mashiach as the “Seed”—the Firstborn of our Family Line of Man, the Heir who alone has the Right to Redeem us. To “crush” Satan (Gen. 3:15) and restore God’s

“blessing” to “all the nations of the earth” as the “Seed” of Abraham (Genesis 22:18). This line culminates in the “generations of Perez,” the designated House of Mashiach. But, who would be the “Seed” to be the Firstborn of David’s House and its anointed Kinsman-Redeemer? God himself would “raise up Seed” for David so that this Seed would be both the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12) and the Son of God (2 Samuel 7:14). Thus, the *“generations” of heaven and earth have as their final Heir, their designated Redeemer, the Seed Raised up for David to be the Son of David- heir of the earth; and the Son of God- heir of all the heavens!*

These are the generations of...						
Heaven & Earth: Gen.2:4	Noah:	Shem:	Terah	Isaac.	Jacob. Gen. 37:2	Perez Ruth 4:
Seed of Woman Crush Serpent	Line of <u>Shem</u> Builds House	Seed of Abraham, Isaac, And Jacob Inherits Land, multiplies Seed, blesses all nations Gen.22: 16.			Seed of Judah/ Line to Rule/	Seed of David Redeem, house, throne, Kingdom 2 Sam. 7:12-16

Although Israel saw the *pathway from Genesis 2:4 to Ruth 4:10*, linking Adam with Perez, it did not complete the pattern. For, the Lord did not just trace out a line of inheritance, but he specified at each key juncture that the *Heir* would be God’s promised *Zera- Seed*, the Firstborn of all the sons.

Thus, this *family pathway should not just point to the line of Perez-Obed- Jesse- David*, but it should culminate in God's promise to "raise up Zera-Seed" for David (2 Samuel 7:12-16).

Raised up Seed: Redemptive Path: Mashiach as the Seed Raised up by God for David to be the Son of God and the Son of David.

The Redemptive Path answers the question, "How can anyone be both the Son of God and the Son of Man by focusing on the Redemptive Line of Judah and the *way* in which the Line is saved when it faces extinction, the *Redemptive Act* of "raising up Seed" for the deceased.

As shown in the crises threatening the lines of Judah, Boaz, and David, only the act of "raising up seed" is able to *raise up a Redeemer* who would build the house. And, when zera-seed is raised up by *redemptive right* rather than the "duty" *yibbum* of a brother, then the Seed raised up is the Son of two fathers. So, Mashiach is both the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12) and the Son of God (v.14).

The Second Path in scripture continues the generations of Judah and focuses on the House of Redemption, Judah's line.

Starting with Judah, we see a very clear and repeated template for the act of Redemption, without which Judah's promised line of Redemption through Mashiach would be extinguished in its first generation. Consider the three cases when God's designated line faced extinction:

- **Line Threatened:** Whether by *wickedness* (Er) or *death* (Elimelech and sons), the line faced extinction. In the case of David, his line faced future extinction as his line of *kings* became increasingly and irrecoverably wicked, so that God *cursed Jeconiah* that no *zera-seed* would sit on David's throne (Jer. 22:30).

- **Raised Up Seed- *duty or right*:** When a line is facing extinction, the Law stipulates that it is the duty- yibbum of *brothers* to redeem the line by *raising up Seed* by the widow. In the case of brothers, the Seed raised up would be the *son of the deceased*. However, when a non-brother, such as Judah or Boaz takes on the *right of redemption*- geullah, then the Seed raised up would be the Son of two fathers, hence merging two lines and two houses into one, so Perez was the son of both Judah and Er, Obed the son of both Boaz and Mahlon.
- **Redeemer Raised Up:** thus, the Seed raised up is the designated Redeemer, given the responsibility to “build the House” (Ruth 4:12).

Judah	Boaz	God's Promise	Jeco- niah Crisis	Branch	David/ Lord	Holy Spirit
Judah + Er	Boaz + Mahlon	God + David		Yahweh Branch	Lord God King David	Son of God Son of David
Gen. 38	Ruth 4:	2 Sam. 7:12-16	Jer. 22:30	Jer. 23:6	Jer. 30:9	Matt. 1:27

With this Redemptive Path, the Jewish reading of God's promise to David of Mashiach clarifies. If God, as David's Redeemer, indeed promises to “raise up Seed” as in the same redemptive pattern of Judah and Boaz, then God's messianic promise to David is clarified to mean:

- **Line Threatened:** One day, when David has long been dead, David's line will face extinction, so God will have to *serve as David's*

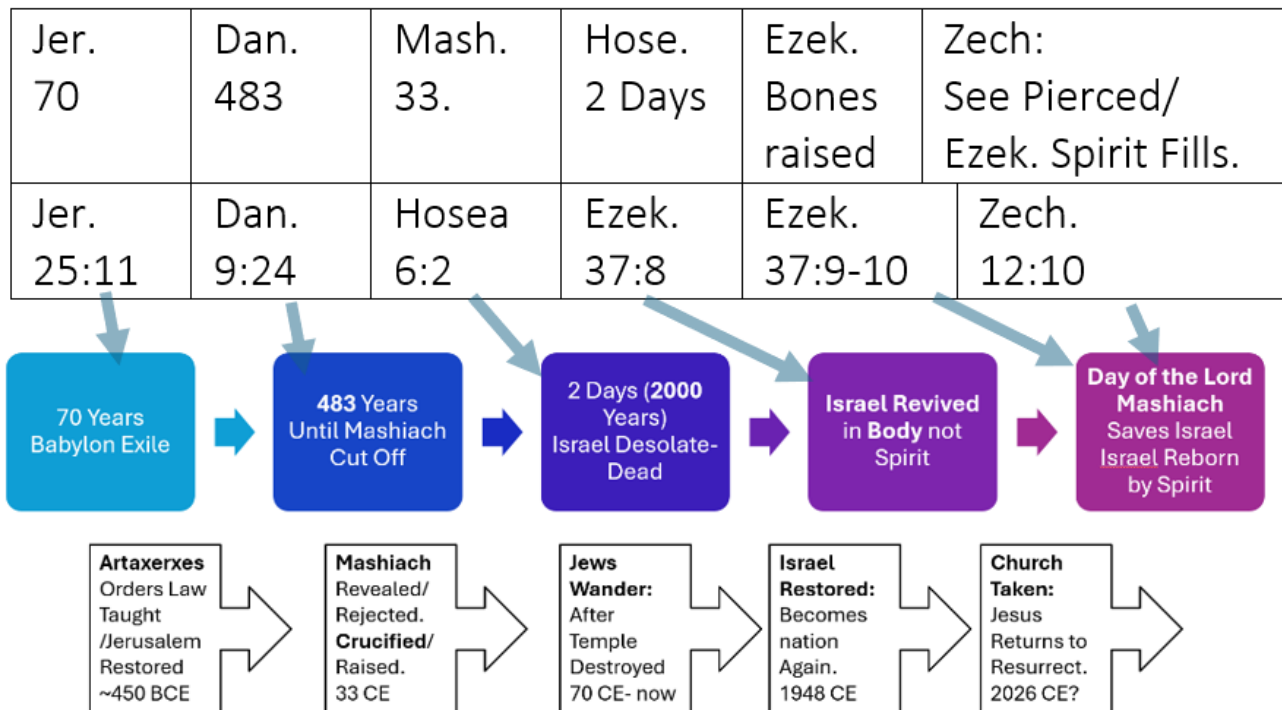
Redeemer to “raise up Seed” for David which will come from David’s own body (2 Samuel 7:12).

- Note: Because Seed is raised up by David’s own body, this seed is directly a Son of David. We don’t know what bodily (genetic) material was preserved, but this might give us a clue seeing that his Seed would be a man of sorrows (Isaiah 53:3)-read Psalm 56:8.
- **Seed is the Son of Two Fathers:** When the Lord God *raises up Seed* for David, he gives this Seed a *spiritual birth* as well as a material birth. So, this Seed, according to the precedent set by Judah and Boaz, being Seed raised up by a non-brother Redeemer, is the Son of two Fathers: David (v.12) and God (v.14)
- **Redemptive Mission:** As God has promised, the Seed *raised up for David* is also the Seed promised to the Woman, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah—thus inheriting all the promises to them as the “Firstborn Son” of all lines. Because this promised Seed is “the Son of David,” the firstborn of his House, then he is the one to:
 - **Redeem his people:** being “disciplined for iniquity” (v.14);
 - **Build a House of Sons:** for God (v.13) and for David (v.11), a royal house whose generations would be the ones to inherit the heavens and the earth.
 - **Establish a Throne:** These Sons would be the ones to *establish this Seed’s throne*.
 - **Rule a Kingdom Forever.** Finally, David’s Seed and the Sons whom he Redeems will inherit and rule together a Kingdom Forever. (2 Samuel 7:12-16).

Thus, this Redemptive Path lays a precedent for God’s promise to David to be understood in the framework of Redemption. As a result, only the House’s Firstborn, as its designated Redeemer, alone has the *right* to

Redeem from Sins. This is his right alone, and this privilege undercuts any Jewish claim of Self-Redemption through the works of the Law and Torah.

Time Assigned to Israel: Historical Path: Mashiach as the fulfillment of God's prophetic timeline.



Finally, the Lord God lays out a very clear prophetic and historical path for Israel. Suffice to say, God gives very clear words about the need for Mashiach to be both the Son of God and the Son of Man, the Heir of the two realms of Heavens and the Earth. For, only one who is both fleshly and spiritual can “atone for iniquity” (Daniel 9:24) and be “pierced” yet return in glory to save Israel (Zechariah 12:10).

Jesus Mashiach Witnesses to Israel.

Amazingly, when Jesus Mashiach is forced to testify before the Jewish leaders, he is met with insults and rejection.

In this same way, when you testify of the glory of Jesus to Israel, you will be met with the same opposition.

Notice the way Jesus witnessed to hostile and fleshly opponents:

Revealing Glory of Mashiach to Israel.

- **Indignify** False Claims with Silence. Jesus does not even respond to the falsehoods and lies which were directed at him.
- **Identify** Misunderstood Truth: “Christ, the Son of the Blessed”
The source of Jewish Misunderstanding emerges during his testimony—the Paternity of the Mashiach.
- **Testify**: “I am.” Jesus is not ashamed to testify of the truth of who he is, saying, “I am” to their acknowledgement that the Mashiach is indeed the “Son” of God.
- **Clarify**: “You will the Son of Man seated/ coming with the clouds of heaven” And, he is also quick to explain and clarify the truth that he is both the Son of God and also the Son of Man, to be exalted to the Father’s right hand!

Focus:

6.5.C. Suffer for Testimony: Sacrificial Witness: Mashiach Testifies before Religious Powers.

1. **Endures False Testimony:** false and disunified. 14:55-59.
2. **Testifies Fullness Mashiach:** Corrects fleshly view of Mashiach. 14:60-62.
3. **Condemned for Truth:** Accused of blasphemy. 14:63-65

Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery:

7.6.C (63). **Saving Others: King of Jews Crucified:** Mark 15:21-47

As a generational shepherd, it falls on you to shape the *view* of Mashiach which the next generation will develop and their faith which attaches to Mashiach as Lord.

So, when we consider Mashiach Crucified, herein lies a mystery which lies at the heart of the Jewish identity, for on the hand, it seems an impossibility, unacceptable to what we know of God and to who we are to be as the people of God.

However, I would *emphasize* that the Biblical portrait of Mashiach is more aligned with the Biblical standard of what Israel must be, a Kingdom House to establish Mashiach's throne forever. And, who sits on the throne—a tyrant? No, Mashiach sits on the throne as one of Israel's sons, as its Kinsman-Redeemer.

So, as you begin to consider this conundrum of Mashiach Crucified, let's first start by asking what was the kind of "king" which Israel was supposed to have? A "Saul" type king, who was a Leader of Servants? Or, a "David" type king, who was a *Servant Leader*?

Shepherd's to Feed His Flock:

¹⁵ “And I will give you **shepherds** after my own **heart**, who will **feed you** with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

⁵ and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a **king to judge us like all the nations.**” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that

they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have **rejected me** from being king over them. 1 Samuel 9:5-7

Deep Family Culture	Fleshly-Worldly Institutions
Sons	Superiors
Serving	Self-Serving
Sacrificial	Self- Enriching

The Lord God uses a central image when defining his relationship with Israel—a *shepherd to his flock*. Not only is the appropriate due to their *pastoral ancestry*, starting with Abraham, but it captures God’s tender and *Father’s heart* for his people. For, the great disparity between the *protecting Shepherd* and the *powerless Sheep* perfectly captures the heart of the Lord God for his people. It is not a coincidence that this *shepherd-flock* imagery is most aptly used to describe *parents who shepherd their families, especially the little sheep* we often call “kids.”

So, the “deep culture” of Israel is not one of an organization, a confederation, a league or alliance. Israel was and has always been a family of households, clans, tribes, and a nation, and, therefore, a Kingdom.

But, to understand who must stand at the *Head* of this Kingdom, we need to understand who Mashiach must be as the Head, the King, chief Shepherd of Israel. Only then will “Mashiach Crucified” make any sense. And, the reason “Mashiach Crucified” was incomprehensible to the Religious Leaders of our passage, the High Priest and his henchmen, is that this *Institutionalization* of Israel, which see even to this day, is an unnatural perversion of the House-Tribe-Flock future of God’s Kingdom which is the *deep archetype* of House Israel. But, Israel Inc. must be the

one to Crucify Mashiach, since he is the main threat to its **domination** of God's people.

For, when God created Israel as his *people, His flock*, he intended for them to one day be part of his House *through Mashiach*. In the same way that they are *sons of Abraham* as the generations of his house, they are meant to be *sons of God* through Mashiach, the *son of God* as the generations of his house, to be not only as the “sands of the sea” (fleshly) but the “stars of the heavens” (heavenly)—(Genesis 22:17-18).

Israel was created to be a House of *sons*, so this is the reason God says to them: “You are Elohim, sons of the Most High, all of you” (Psalm 82:6). (In fact, the entire line of Adam was meant to be in God's House, so God calls our lineage of Adam “the sons of God” (Genesis 6:2).

Due to *God's plan for Israel*, he treats them not as mere creatures to subjugate, as would the ever-wrathful *Allah* or a glory-hungry Zeus. This is why God's plan for Israel as “generations of sons” fits so well in the Shepherd-Flock structure. For, in a big House, the generations of “sons” who start their own “households” never usurp or replace the House's founder. So, no “son of Abraham” aspires to *obscure the name of Abraham* or detract from his place of honor. Rather, the *headship* of Abraham over his House forever binds the *sons of Abraham* in a familial bond of fellowship. So, God is pleased to give “shepherds after my own heart” to feed his flock, his family and all its sheep. In this way, a shepherd serving under the Chief Shepherd is no threat.

In fact, this picture of House Israel as a family of Sons and Shepherds produces a third characteristic which *clearly defines* David's rule and his own House and Kingdom. A nation of households, clans, and tribes, under a *shepherd king*, will be a **sacrificial family**. Israel's sacrificial system of offerings was eventually corrupted, but it was meant to be a natural reflection of the *sacrificial love and giving* which family members display to one another.

Case Study: The Best of Israel.

Growing up in far-flung Hawaii in the 1970's, the Israelis have always been my picture of the Heroic. Studying the Six Day War as if it were the Bible, I loved the hero-brothers who fought for family, God, and one another! Soldiers throwing themselves on barbed wire fences, the wounded fighting on—these defined for me heroism. This clan, so humbly self-sacrificing for the tribe. This was an Israel that won the world's heart. This is what Israel was meant to be—a nation of sons. Shepherded by Mashiach.

In fact, the Torah, the Tanakh, and the Gospels are filled with *sacrificial acts of devotion and service*—offerings to God, sacrifices in war, bravery and self-sacrifice in hardships. This *hesed*, this “steadfast love” is covenantal because it is a family love, the love of Abraham offering up even his only Son out of his fear of God and the deep faith which calls for such devotion.

But, the *fleshly, world-loving sin* of Israel has debased such sacrificial love for a more *mercantile and institutional* structure. A system not of *free and faithful sons* but of dominance, of subjugation as seen in the nations, a structure of “superiors” ruling over and dominating a nation of servants. Such a structure of Self-serving kings is what the Lord God loathes as a “rejection” of His rule. Such institutional subjugation *grows from mere idolatry*—wanting a protective power that is not God. Such “kings” are not *shepherds* but *Self-serving* tyrants.

Sons	Superiors
Subject to the Lord	Self-Ruling

Let's compare two kings—the first, a “Shepherd-King” and the second, a “Subjugating and Self-Serving King.”

When the Philistines were garrisoned in Bethlehem, David *longed for some water from its well* (2 Samuel 23:16), so his three *mighty men* broke through the opposition and brought him water from the well. What did this *Shepherd King* do, as a brother among brothers? What he does reveals everything about how David viewed himself and his brothers—he *poured out the water before him “to the Lord”* (16). David refused to think that his life was any more valuable than his brothers. It was the *Lord Alone*, who was the true *worthy* ruler of the nation, so David poured out this water as a drink offering to the Lord.

But, when Saul obeys God incompletely, the evidence that his mind is still focused entirely on himself is the statement: “he set up a monument for himself” (1 Samuel 15:12), for he was unaware of the reality of the situation, that the Lord “regretted” making Saul king (v.11).

For, in a *sons*-based structure, there are no distinctions or greater position—that is, differences in value, because all are subject to One Lord and Father. As Jesus said, ‘you are all brothers’ (Matthew 23:8-9). But the *fleshly desires* of the people push them towards the familiar ground of *enslavement*. For, they had just passed through time of judges, where “everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). In this chaos, the people wanted to be “like all the nations” so that they might be “judged” by human authority (1 Samuel 8:5).

Now, at this point, we might consider what pushes the *fleshly soul* to be judged by human authority but not by God? While sons are *subject* to their Father, they experience freedom in the Household. But, the *flesh resists the unfamiliar* rule of the Father’s Lordship. Rather, it would prefer even to be *subjugated* by a king, because a worldly king, a tyrant, is the epitome of what the *flesh seeks* in its Self-Rule. The *flesh* is Self-important, so it understands the king who epitomizes this brutal Self-importance. For, when the *organization* has as its head a *superior*, then it allows for a *superior class* who are more important than the others,

who are entitled to coerce, abuse, and exploit the weaker without regarding them as *imposing any obligations on them*.

Contrarily, in a house of *brothers*, there is freedom, but there is also the responsibility and familial connection which binds the family together. So, the flesh wants to be unencumbered by such shackles but for some to be enriched so that they are not brothers among brothers but superiors among servants.

Shepherds	Subjugators
Serving	Self-Serving

For this reason, the role of Mashiach of Shepherd was unrecognizable to Israel's religious elite, to the *superior* class that ruled Israel by their lineages and their traditions. They could not recognize the Shepherd and his legitimacy from God, for they were blinded by their *membership* in their *fleshly system*. And, in this religious system, they were the *Subjugators*, the ones in authority to impose their will upon those meant to *serve* them and give them honor.

Now, as a *Shepherd* of Israel's generations, you are given a noble purpose. First, you must model to Israel and show them by your *service* the true role of a God-anointed Shepherd. For, the anointing and power of God for those who seek after his own "heart" is given so that these shepherds might "feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15). As you *feed* your people the Word of truth faithfully, at *great loss and affliction* for yourself, you demonstrate the model of the *Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep*. We learn this from our Great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Mashiach, who himself said:

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11.

By *laying down your life*, like the Lord, for your people, you demonstrate and prove that you are called to this flock by the Lord God, the *owner* of the sheep.

So, given a great trust, having been *entrusted the flock* from his heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus has one purpose. Not to serve or please himself, but to give the *sheep* “life abundantly” (John 10:10). This goal of *feeding the sheep*, giving them *abundant life*, is what distinguishes the Kingdom as a unified House from the *world and any fleshly form* the people of God will choose to be *enslaved by* rather than face the terrifying responsibility of living like brothers!

Because, to *understand the Lord’s calling as a Shepherd*, shepherds must also the reason for their service. Kingdom shepherds must serve, especially the members (or soon to be members) of their own House because they are not *isolated and solitary hermits*—they are members of one another. For, the selfish self is the singular grain of sand, but the shepherd who serves is the *vast seashore* that goes on for *generations*.

Notice that Jesus calls those who are not shepherds mere “thieves” whose purpose is to “steal, kill, and destroy” the life of the flock. These Self-serving *subjugators* are thieves, because they have no *right* to the flock. They are outsiders who know nothing of *the family’s brotherhood*. Rather, they are Self-serving, because their purposes is to *steal* what is riches are not theirs by killing and destroying any vestige of the life given to them by their Father. Later, Jesus calls these subjugators “hired hands” who only Serve Themselves.

So, in this worldly institution which these subjugators impose upon the flock, where there is *isolation* and individuals grasping for position and riches, there is only Self-enrichment and Self-interest. It is no wonder that the Mashiah’s glorious Sacrifice is unrecognizable to these *religious leaders*. These men only know and respect Self-enrichment, and the idea of *sacrifice eludes*—even offends and infuriates them.

Servant Leader	Leader of Servants
Sacrificial	Self-Enriching

So, when you present Jesus as Mashiach and Him crucified, you are calling your people *out* of this Worldly Enslavement but makes them mere *slaves of their subjugating leaders* and to a world that only offers them selfish Self-enrichment.

But, in the Lord's Kingdom and House, those who are given increasing responsibility and the Kingdom's power are to use this not for their own Self-enrichment, to be further *served* by those whom they *subjugate* and *exploit*, but they serve *sacrificially*—willing to endure greater afflictions, greater losses, and increasing hurt that a wider sphere of their people will experience abundant life. Such great ones are not mere Leaders of a multitude of Servants. Rather, they are true Servant Leaders.

But, the great mystery we see in the Lord Jesus Mashiach's testimony before the religious leaders is that the Lord God himself is the one to *exalt* these servant leaders, for the Mashiach, is indeed the "Son" of the Blessed One, for the very reason that he has *humbled himself as the Son of Man*, enduring the greatest sacrifice to give *life* to the entire Household.

It is his *willingness to Sacrifice* and to *lose all things for the sake of his brethren* that he proves his paternity as the Son of Man and the Son of God. And, to prove that this *Servant Leader*, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep who became the family's Atoning Lamb, is the Son of Man exalted "to the right hand of Power" and "coming with the clouds of heaven" (Mark 15:60).

So, when the people taunt him, calling for the "King of Israel" to "save himself," they reveal their enslavement to the world. In the world

of Subjugators and Tyrants, no “King” would allow himself to be so shamed and to suffer so much.

In this way, today’s Israel is also accustomed to being exploited and subjugated, so that the notion of Jesus as Mashiach and him Crucified will strike them as dissonant. But, as they see that their Rightful Mashiach indeed *chooses* to suffer, serve, and sacrifice for them, they will cast aside their ideas. For, in God’s Family, his chosen Servant Leaders cannot be Self-Serving, much less Self-Saving. Doing so would undermine their authority as his Appointed Shepherds!

So, as a generational shepherd sent to the House of Israel, you may feel led to *challenge* its people to question why David was beloved and Saul denounced by God. Consider how their lives ended. For David, the Servant Leader, the number of Mighty Men who would lay down their lives for him kept expanding, for they *saw* and *responded* to their Sacrificial King. And, Jesus Mashiach is the Son of David—he *is the heir of such a Shepherd’s Throne*, using his God-given power for the good and instruction of his *flock*, God’s own House. In the same way that David’s *servant leadership drew the strong around him*, for he empowered and honored even the slightest of his people, knowing they were his *brothers*, so Jesus Mashiach draws all into his Kingdom House that they may share one Father as brothers in arms, willing to sacrifice all for their Mashiach King who gave up all to serve them!

Sadly, Saul died alone. Even his son Jonathan pledged his loyalty to David. Such is the *way* of those who follow the flesh and take shelter in the world. Though it offers enrichment and protection, it enslaves its people and exploits them. But, Israel’s true Shepherd King brings them life by his atoning sacrifice on the cross. For, God is to populate his House not with Slaves but with Sons!

King: David Servant Leader like Mashiach	King: Saul Leader of Servants: Religious Rulers
Subject to Lord	Self- Ruling
Shepherding	Self-Serving
Sacrificial	Self-Enriching

Read Mark 15:21-47.

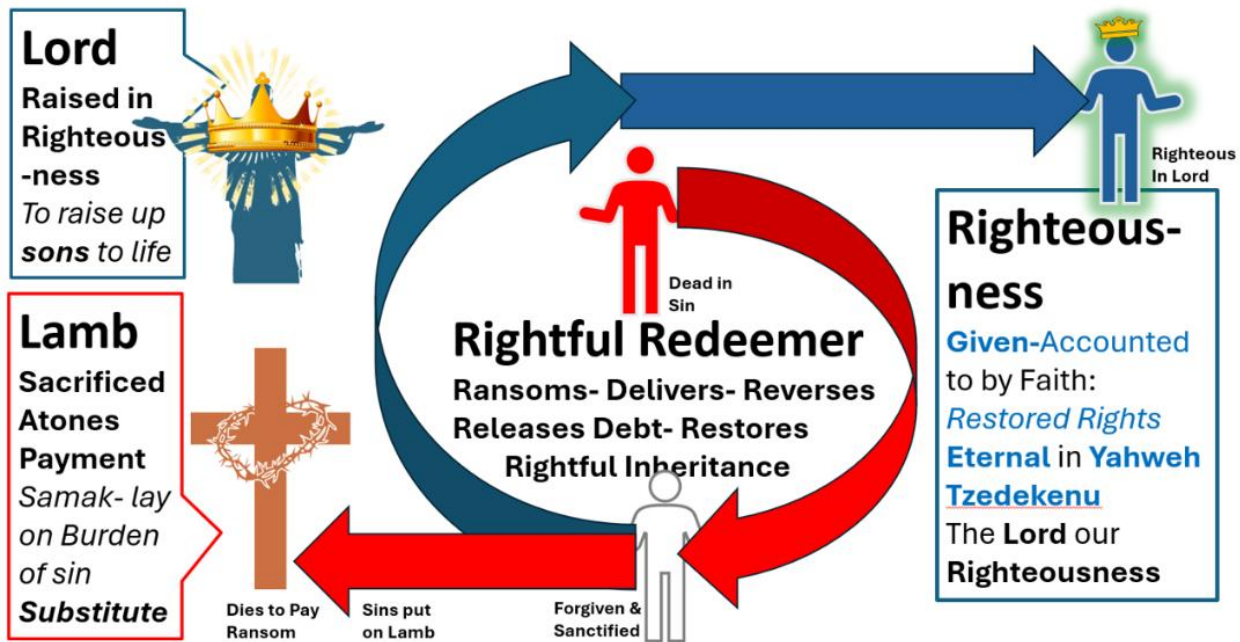
²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The **King of the Jews.**” ³⁰ **save yourself**, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “**He saved others; he cannot save himself.**” ³² Let the **Christ, the King of Israel**, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him: Mark 15:26, 30-32

Background:

How does the Suffering of Jesus Mashiach on the Cross save his people?

²⁴ “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to **finish the transgression**, to **put an end to sin**, and to **atone for iniquity**, to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ^[d] ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed one shall be cut off** and shall have nothing. Daniel 9:24,26
And this is the name by which **he** will be called: ‘The **Lord** is our **righteousness.**’ Jeremiah 23:6b

You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings;
and you shall know that I, **the Lord**, am **your Savior** and **your Redeemer**, the **Mighty One** of Jacob. Isaiah 60:16



As a generational shepherd sent to Israel, it is important that you *have God's long-view* of Israel's history rather than the *historical-experiential* events in which your people are immersed. For, *in the flesh*, the people of Israel are convinced of their own Self-Righteousness and their Self-Entitlement to God's *blessing and life*. For, when *flesh-blindness sets in*, it first obscures one's own sin. Of course, people with no sin and *righteous in their own eyes need no Redeemer*.

So, let's start our discussion of the Redeemer's Role from God's perspective and his view of the needs of his people. When the Jewish people were under God's judgment, exiled in Babylon for their sins, God gave Daniel a historical assurance that one day, there would be

deliverance. As you read Daniel 24 to gain God's perspective, remember the Scripture's consistent message:

The Lord God reserves the right of deliverance and redemption of his people for himself alone!

Starting with the first *word of command* from "the Lord your God," he alone delivers out of enslavement (Exodus 20:2)—not just from Pharaoh, but from the Serpent's *deeper slavery to death* (Genesis 3:15). For, from Adam to Babylon, there had never been any deliverance from the spiritual bondage to death and sin.

And, God has never said that his people had ever nor will ever achieve their own Self-Redemption through Torah-observance. Rather, as Abraham knew, one is accounted *righteous* by his faith, faith in God's promise and act of Redemption.

So, God assures Israel through the prophet Daniel that one day, he will "finish the transgression" (Daniel 9:24) that had pit God and Israel against other in a constant cycle of sin and punishment. This cycle would end only when the "Mashiach" was "cut off... and has nothing" (26). So, God alone sends a Redeemer to Israel, and he would do two things. First, he would "put an end to sin"—that is, he would break the power of sin to keep people enslaved in spiritual death. He would do this, because the *Mashiach to be cut off* would be the one to "atone for iniquity" (24). Second, this coming Redeemer, the stricken Mashiach, would give his people an "everlasting righteousness" (24). Now, you may be seeing the exciting thing about this promise. Israel's *Torah-based righteousness was fleeting*, because the Law was still being obeyed by *fleshly people*—imperfect, weak, and prone to be Self-reliant. And, the Law commands faith—a totally surrendered dependence on God as Lord. The flesh will never submit to God for very long, much less

for an “everlasting” span. And, that is why *fleshly people alone* cannot truly be the people of an eternal God—God’s *Spirit* cannot “abide” in defiled and dying *flesh* (Genesis 6:3). But, when God promises Israel an “everlasting righteousness,” he gives an everlasting righteous life to sons who will live forever!

See and share with your people the simplicity of God’s promise through Daniel in 9:24: there will only be Redemption when the Redeemer, the Mashiach, is cut off. Only then will he atone for iniquity and bring his people an everlasting righteousness. But, according to God’s plan, the Jewish people rejected Jesus as this Redeeming Mashiach, instead, choosing to seek to achieve their own Self-Righteousness. But, still being in their dying flesh, achieved nothing.

Now, this picture of Mashiach as the Redeemer who both atones for iniquity and brings an everlasting righteousness brings together three separate lines running throughout the Tanakh, and are all fulfilled in the person of Jesus Mashiach who was crucified and resurrected in the year 33 CE.

This brings up one last point from God’s promise to Daniel. From the perspective of the exiles, it would not be an eternity for God’s plan to unfold. From the decree to restore Jerusalem (both physically and spiritually, which was when Artaxerxes ordered the city repaired and the Law taught in 450 BCE) to the *cutting off of Mashiach*, there would be 483 years. So, as was expected, Jesus Mashiach was crucified and raised in the year 33 CE, 483 years from the decree of Artaxerxes.

Now, as you consider the three Bible *pathways* that reveal God’s promise of redemption through Jesus Mashiach, let’s address the mainstay of Jewish resistance to Jewish receptivity, the allegation that these promises of Mashiach are misused as isolated *prooftexts*. So, as you read the three pathways talking about Mashiach as “Redeemer,”

know that these are not misused prooftexts, for God's promises of Mashiach, as we see here, are:

- **Corroborated:** The promises which God's Word states on Mashiach's *atoning for iniquity* are not isolated but corroborating, and they are distributed throughout the corpus of Tanakh, across genres, authors, and time periods.
- **Clarifying:** As promises bring up themes, these recur and clarify. So, the picture of "Seed raised up" begins with Judah, is clarified in Boaz, and culminates in God's promise to David to "raise up Seed" for him. There is a pathway that develops, as we have seen in the *toledot-zera* pathway which clarifies over instances.
- **Connected Systematically.** So, we can see the promises of God cluster together in related themes, or ideas, and these clusters make sense as *systems* of ideas. For example, the idea of Mashiach as the Kinsman-Redeemer makes sense as all the various pieces work together: the precedent, the pattern, the purpose, and the perfect outcomes of redemption. And, these systems also work together, so it makes sense that Mashiach's *dual paternity* as the Seed raised up for David is necessary for him to make atonement, being able both to carry sins and to suffer for sins with a life that is both more than human yet weak in its flesh.

Now, the promise of Mashiach thought Tanakh and especially found in God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16 states that God will build a House for David and himself, this house not only brings together two realms- heaven and earth in the reconciling of two realities, flesh and Spirit. But, it also promises to unite Jew and Gentile in one House the House of God and David. However, this promise of a great House does not abrogate any of God's promises to the fathers, especially to

Abraham. Even in the world to come, Israel will be planted in the land of its fathers. The Lord Jesus himself will reign in Jerusalem forever. The tribes and their sons will receive their generational inheritance. The Levites will serve before the Lord forever. In fact, Israel's place in the family has always been God's Firstborn, and this status does not change.

Israel's place in God's plan of Redemption has always been glorious as his Firstborn Son among the families of the earth. This is true especially in Mashiach's Redemption. So, read and communicate the Lord's truth to your people, for this is now your time! Israel will bring Jesus Mashiach's redemption to the whole world as God's House and Kingdom are established, and they will do this in 3.5 years. After two thousand years, the Church has left nothing that remains. No denominations. No theologies. No doctrines, institutions, or fleshly structures remain in these Last Days. But Israel will establish the House, the Throne, and the Kingdom that lasts forever!

Rightful Redeemer: Injured to Deliver his People.

Redeemer: From Judah's line, we learn that the Redeemer is the <i>rightful</i> relative to save his family to build up the Household. The Lord God and his Mashiach are thus the only rightful redeemers of his house, freeing them from the enslavement of Sin and Death due to the Fall. Thus, Mashiach must be both the Son of Man and the Son of God to redeem his people from their infinite debt to sin and make them righteous. Only the Lord God and his anointed Redeemer have the right and power to do this. The Lord is the only one to Redeem his family, for those who <i>redeem themselves</i> have no share in God's house nor his inheritance. For those dead in sin and orphaned, the Lord's Mashiach redeems them first by delivering them from death as their Passover Lamb, who atones for their sins. When Jesus Mashiach rises from the dead in glory, he can then give his people his Righteousness and Life to serve God forever!				
Seed of Woman	Son of Judah	Seed of David, Mashiach	Redeeming Savior Mashiach	Firstborn Son, Saving Mashiach
Heel Bruised (to crush head of Serpent)	Ruling Scepter/ garments stained by blood of grapes	Disciplined for Iniquity to build House, Throne, Kingdom.	Garments Crimson from life-blood of winepress	Pierced and Seen by his own people whom he saves.
Gen. 3:15	Gen. 49:10-12.	2 Sam. 7:14	Isaiah 63:1-4	Zechariah 12:10

Atoning Lamb: Freeing from Sin Debt/ Death

I will put enmity between you and the **woman**, and between your offspring and **her offspring**; he shall **bruise your head**, and you shall **bruise his heel**.” Genesis 3:15

From the very beginning of our fall away from God into Sin and Death, captive to the dark Serpent, the Lord God has always promised for us redemption to come from within our own family. The promised “Zera-Seed” of the woman would *crush* the Head, the power of the enslaving Serpent, but in turn would be hurt. The Redemption of Mashiach must be a Sacrificial Redemption.

So, what a better depiction of the saving work of redemption than the picture of the Sacrificial Lamb:

- **Deliverance** by its Shed **Blood**: (Passover);
- **Atoning for Sin Debt** by the sacrifice of a life (Leviticus 17:11).
- **Substitutionary Life**: When worshippers *lay hands* on the lamb before it is offered, it shows they are transferring to it their punishable sins. Thus, the Lamb suffers what they should have endured. In this way, even Mashiach is “disciplined” for the iniquity that he carries for his *brothers*, taking not just the penalty but even the *culpability* for the sins, which includes the defilement, shame, and desecration (2 Samuel 7:14).

Case Study: Parable of Culpability.

When God foretells the works of his Son, Mashiach, God says that he “commits iniquity” and is “disciplined” for it (2 Samuel 7:14). This statement causes many to stumble, but it illustrates the *total mercy* of our Kinsman-Redeemer to not only atone for but to cleanse us from the *desecrating disease of sin*.

Consider the following analogy of a big brother pleading for a younger brother whose life is over, having been found guilty of murder. To “redeem” the life of this brother, it is not enough for the

Elder brother to say, “I will take the penalty.” For, even if the younger brother escaped death, his life would be ruined by the guilt, the blame, and the defilement of the act. So, if the Elder brother says, “I did it, I am guilty,” the brother truly *sacrifices* his life, for he takes on the culpability, the blame, the weight and burden of the sin itself onto himself. That is the great deep love of Mashiach for us—he carried our actual sins on himself, as it says: “He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might become the *righteousness of God*.” (2 Corinthians 5:20). What a testimony against the *false view of* both Islam and Judaism that God is a solitary, isolating God as Allah or Elohe. Rather, Elohim in his infinite mercy, agrees to let Elohim-the Son carry and be sacrificed for our sins that we might be sanctified to join the oneness of God! For the Son to give up this eternal Oneness with the Father is utterly inconceivable.

But, as a shepherd of the family, it should humble you before the *unstoppable grace* of your God who saved you at the greatest cost!

Atoning Lamb: Beginning with the Passover Lamb, the sacrificing of the Lamb illustrates how the Lord God is willing to have *sins* “atoned for” so that the worshipper might be delivered, be “*redeemed*” from the sins which *enslave and condemn them*. So, the promised *Zera-Seed* was promised to be the one who *paid a sacrificial price* for the redemption and deliverance of his people. For, in winning their redemption, he himself would suffer injury. The picture of the *sacrificed “Lamb”* aptly testifies of Mashiach’s sacrificial redemption because the Lamb signifies:

Protective Covering: Lamb’s **Passover blood** delivers each household from death (Exodus 12:3-13).

Payment: Atonement for Sins (Lev. 4:32-35). The Lamb’s blood is put on the *altar*, offered to God for the worshipper’s sin to atone. But, only the everlasting *life of the Son of God* can truly pay the infinite price of atonement for sins (Leviticus 17:11)

Punishment Transferred: As substitutionary sacrifice, hands are laid on lamb that it might take deserved punishment. (Lev. 4:32-35; Hebrews 9:14, 28). In this way, Jesus Mashiach as the Lamb of God took not just the guilt but the <i>culpability and the penalty of our sins</i> on himself, so he was forsaken by God (Psalm 22:1).				
Mashiach Cut Off	Arm of the Lord/ Servant of the Lord	Young Plant: Shoot	Pierced One	Pierced One
Atones for iniquity;	"pierces" dragon to make "way" "redeemed" & "ransomed" Appearance was marred to "sprinkle" many nations.	pierced for transgress (5)/crushed iniquity/laid on him (6); lamb to slaughter (7); crushed soul is "offering for guilt" (11)	Forsaken by God (v.1) "Pierced" hands and feet"(v.16) so laid in "dust of death " (15); saved, testify brother (22).	Firstborn Son Pierced by his people,
Dan. 9:24	Isaiah 51:9-11; 52:13-15	Isaiah 53:1-11.	Psalm 22:16-22.	Zech. 12:10

The Lord our Righteousness:

Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is **my hand shortened**, that it **cannot redeem**? Or have I no power to deliver? Isaiah 50:2

My righteousness draws near, **my salvation** has gone out, and **my arms** will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Isaiah 51:5

Imagine the weight of God's words of condemnation to the Jewish people in exile. Helplessly, they were paying for their sins and the wickedness that had been inexorably undermining David's throne. Then, they hear God's pronouncement against Jeconiah: "none of his Seed shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah" (Jeremiah 22:30). God had just ended the Davidic line of kings at Jeconiah! How heavy their *sin* and guilt must have weighed on them, having their last hope snuffed out of the Davidic line of kings being restored upon a return to Jerusalem. But, then they the Lord God's words continue: "I will raise up for David a *righteous Branch*... and this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

God's promise of raising up the Davidic Mashiach to be Yahweh Tzedekenu, the Lord our Righteousness, should truly renew and re-invigorate any of Israel who realized the *consequences* of their sin and the impossibility of ever attaining a *righteousness* acceptable to God! But, these Jews, who moments ago had their hopes crushed, now hear God's promise himself to raise up a Righteous Branch for David, and they surely remember his promise to David to "raise up Seed" for him (2 Samuel 7:12). And, not only would God himself be the One to raise up a Davidic Kinsman-Redeemer to save them, but this one, called "Yahweh Tzedekenu" (23:6) would be the One to secure God's *righteousness* for them!

For, as we see in the passages at the beginning, not only is it God's *right alone to redeem*, but it is only **his righteousness alone** that he gives to his people! For, it is only a "righteousness" that comes from his

own act of “**salvation**” from his own “arm” (Isaiah 51:5). In the same way that God reserves “redemption” as his right alone to secure for his people an “everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24) through the “salvation” he brings through his Mashaich.

So, we see that the Lord God’s act of redemption through Mashiach as two entirely different but necessary aspects. First, the Atoning work of Salvation pays for the forgiveness and sanctification of God’s people. Second, equally important, is the *reckoning* or *imputing* to his people of an “everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24) that would secure an eternal life before God in blameless peace.

So, consider how through the *resurrection* of Jesus Mashiach from the dead, his perfect and everlasting life is *reborn* into his disciples! Remember, the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross is not simply representing the sacrifice of the Lamb, who lays down its life for the Flock.

But, when “cut off” at his crucifixion, Jesus Mashiach was as importantly raised from death, so that “after” the suffering of his soul “he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquity” (Isaiah 53:11). For, when Lamb who suffers death for his people is *raised up* by God to life, this new, perfected life he passes on to his people. For, with this life comes the full “rights” to be the “children of God” (John 1:12), for the children will all be given Mashiach’s “righteousness”—for Mashiach, Yahweh, is “tzedekenu”—“Our Righteousnesses” (Jer. 23:6).

Lord-given Righteousness: Why is the *providing of righteousness* a necessary part of the Redemption which the Lord God accomplishes through his *Mashiach*? The deeper issue is, “Why is the Lord so insistent that he alone is the One to Save and to Redeem?” All the commands of God hinge on this *key relationship of faith* linking God’s people to his Lordship. For, it was the opposite of faith, *fleshly unbelief*—which was the root of humanity’s fall. For, to take the position of unbelief—to be convinced that you are able to live life *apart* from God, to have the Self-entitled “Right” to *blessing* apart from God and to attain a Self-Righteousness in one’s own virtue, is an idolatry of the highest order, the picture of “knowing good and evil” in place of God (Genesis 2:17). This same *affront* to God’s right of redemption is what brought Job before the Lord in judgment, for he abandoned his “fear of the Lord” to claim a “self-righteousness” before God, incurring terrible rebuke.

And, not only is seeking one’s own Self-Righteousness not *rightful*, it is not *possible*. For, as *spiritually dead creatures of flesh*, it is impossible to secure a spiritual, “everlasting righteousness” by our own hands. Such an epic delusion would not even be held by the ancestors of Jews, who, in Egypt under Pharaoh’s domination, dared not *liberate* themselves by their own power. How much more delusional are those Jews who seek to *liberate* themselves from the dark Serpent’s enslavement to death, being dead in sins themselves and having no spiritual life in them to generate?

Thus, to those of Israel who foolishly claim to have the ability to achieve a Self-Righteousness by the Law (which the Law never commands but instead to let the Lord God be the only one to deliver from slavery: Exodus 20:2), if they persist in their delusion, then only the cold hand of reality will disabuse them of this stubborn Self-Righteousness. So confident in Self-Redemption, these Jews will face a world-wide onslaught against Israel. If they cannot redeem themselves from certain extinction as the nations

surround them, how much less can they achieve “everlasting righteousness” except through the Redemption of Mashiach, who was “cut off” for them? (Dan. 9:24). For, only the appearing of Yahweh Tzedekenu to save Israel on that Last Day will Jews final *receive* (not achieve) the righteousness that belongs only to *Yahweh Tzedekenu!*

Righteous One	Redeemer makes all Righteous	Mashiach brings ever righteousness	Lord is our Righteousness	Jesus became sin to make us righteous
By knowledge many accounted Righteous by bearing iniquity.	Lord is Savior, Redeemer of Jacob to make all righteous.	Everlasting Righteousness	Lord our Righteousness To clothe priests with Righteousness	He became sin, become righteousness of God. Made righteous
Isaiah 53:11	Isaiah 60:16, 21	Daniel 9:24	Jer. 23:6 Ps. 132:9-10	2 Cor. 5: Rom. 3:23-4

Case Study: The Fruit of Redemption.

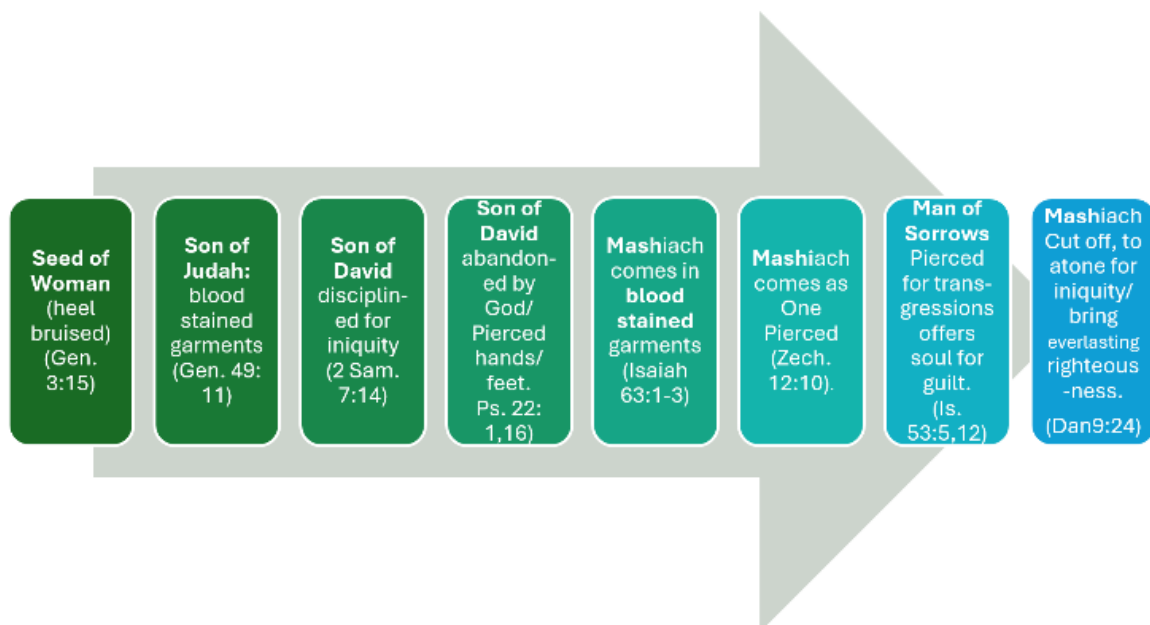
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Focus:

6.6.C. Saving Others: King of Jews Crucified: Hidden Glory of the Kingdom Revealed.

1. **King of the Jews:** Crucified-- Chooses to Save others but not Himself. Mark 15:21-32.
2. **Cross of Atonement:** bearing sin that Death separates Son from Father. 15:33-41.
3. **Victory in Death:** Work finished in Death. 15:42-47.

Consider:Question:Further Discovery:

7.7.C(69). **Glory Revealed: Resurrected Lord Jesus:** Mark 16:1-20.

The Gospel of the Kingdom (Spirt) or the Gospel of Worldly Success (Flesh).

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and **proclaim the gospel** to the **whole creation**. Mark 16:15

¹⁶ But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the **desires of the flesh**. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are **opposed** to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Galatians 5:16-17

³¹ And he began to teach them that **the Son of Man must suffer** many things and be **rejected** by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be **killed**, and after three days **rise** again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to **rebuke** him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he **rebuked Peter** and said, “Get behind me, **Satan!** For you are not **setting your mind** on the things of **God**, but on the **things of man**.” Mark 8:31-33

The ever-present danger of the flesh:

As the Lord God prepares you to shepherd his sheep in this important time, as a fellow brother and laborer in the Lord Jesus Mashiach and a sharer in his afflictions, I would appeal to you: guard against the *flesh*, *especially your flesh*, which will seek its own Self-protection and Self-advancement in the midst of the great work going on around you.

Consider Simon’s exchange with Jesus which we have already considered. As one of the Twelve, Simon had endured much, giving up “all” to follow Jesus.

But, in this moment of his Lord's great Testing, Simon sees two paths before him. One path of the flesh leads to Jerusalem and certain death. The other path veers off to safety, to prolonging and protecting life on earth. So, Simon's heart pulls him to the fleshly way of Self-preservation, the reasonable choice.

In everything you do, the *fleshly path* of reason and Self-protection, Self-promotion, or Self-importance will pull you off the *Lord's way of the cross*. But, imagine if Jesus had followed Simon's caution and left the Kingdom path? Yes, he would have avoided the cross, but ALL generations would have perished in their sins, and the Kingdom would, as Satan had hoped, would have bowed to the world (as much of the Church is already doing now). For, there would be no more time on God's timeline of atonement, for the year 33 CE, as forecast by God's promise to Daniel (9:24), would have quickly passed by, and two days later, in 2033 CE, both Jews and Gentiles, would pass without hope nor redemption into the unending darkness.

So, the small choices you make to follow the Flesh, starting with how you preach the Gospel, can be Kingdom-ending or Kingdom-advancing. Your own inheritance can either be Glory or Infamy. Therefore, heed the words of Jesus Mashiach:

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow me**. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever **loses his life** for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and **forfeit his soul**? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will **the Son of Man also be ashamed** when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:34-38.

Remember, the *flesh* is simply our *natural state*, what we can human nature, that relies, cares for, promotes and honors, and esteems above all else.

Therefore, the Fleshly Gospel is any proclamation that focuses on the Self and its abilities rather than the Lordship and Redemption of Jesus Mashiach. All we must do to respond to him is *surrender* to him in order to repent of the flesh and trust him always as our Lord and Savior.

- The fleshly Gospel is always Human centric, so it is Self-promoting, Self-enabling, or Self-enriching.
- The Flesh seeks to control, so the Gospel message is a way to gain “control”—whether it is religious control: (Jesus + circumcision; our secret knowledge; our group etc.); or, it is Self-control: (God is now obligated to give you everything you want!); or, even the control of religious leaders (buy or method).
- The Fleshly Gospel seeks to cultivate a Life on Earth, to build a Kingdom of Earth. That is why the legacy of the Church’s (often) fleshly Gospel were great denominations named after their founders; great churches; and great missionary movements. But, with the close of the Church Age, these have vanished and the Kingdom is nowhere to be seen.

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Gospel	Gen. 1: God good creator: As Fam. Unity creates man in image to know him.	1-2: Created Man-Heir as Spirit/ Flesh. Rest in Lordship	3: Man chose life apart from God in flesh. Died in Sin	4 Jesus Mashiach is Son God/Man gives New Life. Repent and Trust-Follow Lord to be reborn into House and Kingdom as discpl
Fleshly Gospel	God loves you and wants to save you from hell. To be rich in this life.	But, we fall short of God’s glory in sin. Separated from God.	Jesus died on cross to forgive you of your sins.	Believe that Jesus died for you. Take the free gift of salvation. As a child of God you have the right to prosper in this life.

Notice how the fleshly Gospel focuses entirely on “you” and how everything was done for “you” rather than focusing on God’s larger purpose of honoring His Son as Heir, the One to build his House, throne, and Kingdom.

Case Study: The Gospel Fruit of the World:

One of the tenets of a line of thought called the “Protestant” movement was the statement: “sola fedelis” that means *faith alone*—that is, one is saved mere by faith (which in Western eyes is simple assent to propositional truth). So the *truths* of the Gospel were extracted from any relational transformation: from being “reborn as a Son into the House and Kingdom of God with Jesus as your Lord” to simply “having salvation.” So, Jesus became a mere add-on, a good deal to acquire to make one’s life and future better.

From “New Life” (which requires the *rejecting of the fleshly life of death* to live a *new life* by the Spirit) to “Free Deal” (which requires or results in no change of life).

When I went out sharing the Gospel with an older colleague, we entered the house of neighbors to the church.

He said: “God has a free gift for you. If you accept Jesus, you can escape hell. It’s a free gift. There is nothing for you to do. What a good deal- you have nothing to lose!”

They prayed to receive Jesus right there and then.

But, when I called them to find out if they would like to be baptized or come to church, they said: “We got the free gift. Why do we have to do anything else?”

The main thing to notice of the Fleshly Gospel is that it is a man-centered Gospel, for everything is done for the benefit of people. But, this is far from the message of the Word of God, which presents Creation and God’s Lordship as the backdrop and his desire to include

Man in the House and Inheritance headed by His Son and Firstborn, the chosen Seed- Mashiach (Colossians 1:13-20).

Gospel focus of preaching:	The message itself.	The Lord Jesus Mashiach crucified.
Focus:	Gospel Message Itself.	Lordship of Jesus as Mashiach and Redeemer.
Promise:	Man's Salvation	New Life in God's House & Kingdom Covered by Lordship of Jesus
Power:	Steps of Salvation	Redemption by cross of Jesus Mashiach
Purpose:	Enjoy and Protect Life now.	Belong to House and Advance Kingdom Now.

Case Study: The Gospel Fruit of the Kingdom.

As the Church-Age draws to a close, and the *Subjugators* increasingly have their way and their say in how the Gospel labor goes forth, there is a marked difference in fruit being born. On the one hand, the *fleshly religionists* are moving increasingly toward a *systematized, synthetic Gospel entirely based on fleshly effort*. Such a Gospel is increasingly popular, because all aspects of the process can be controlled and quantified.

But, the Gospel of the Kingdom comes with power only when we are *weak and helpless to be simple vessels for the Lord to use*. Take as

an example the recent experiences of a dear couple, J & A. Let me share two recent text messages I've received in the last few days, which I shared with my fellow *house-group* leaders to pray:

Background: A is in the critical care unit of a hospital as her vital organs are shutting down, and the doctors have little hope of her recovery. She and her husband, E, come from a nominal Catholic background living mainly secular lives without any need for God. When A first heard the Gospel and turned to the Lord, there was stiff demonic opposition and manifestation. A saw a hooded figure who spoke to her directly: "You have one more chance. More of us are coming. Do not call on that name again!"

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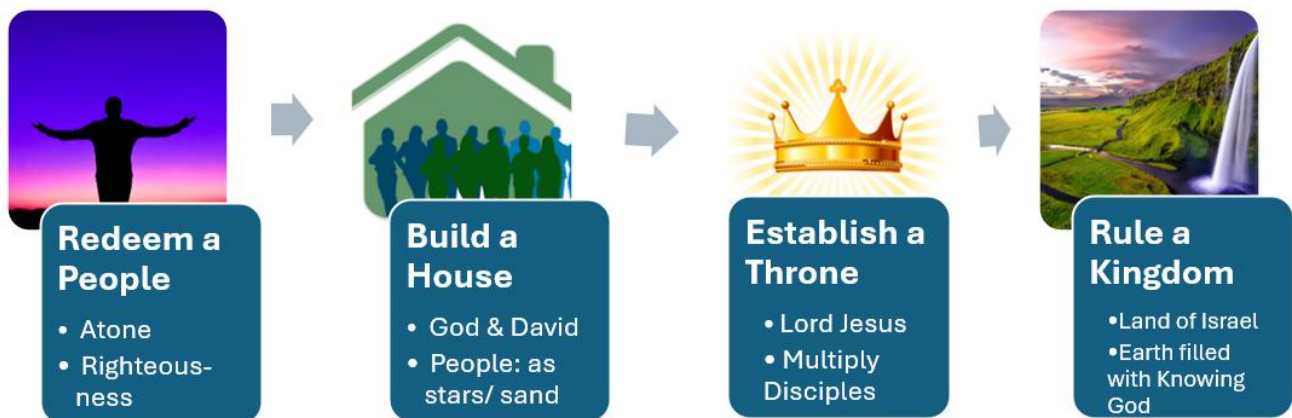
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Proclaiming the Kingdom.

Remember that God promises to David, in foretelling the work of his coming Mashiach, to raise up Seed to be both the Son of God and the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16). This Mashiach would do this:



- New Life of Redemption:

Mashiach would be “disciplined for iniquity” (2 Sam. 7:14) to bear the sins of his people (both the culpability and the penalty) to atone for their sin debt and redeem them into a restored New Life as Spirit-reborn sons and heirs of the Household, co-heirs of the Firstborn Son, Mashiach.

- To Build a House

So, the purpose of salvation is not to remain in *fleshly unbelief and ungodly-selfish isolation*, but it is to live *subject to the Lord of the House in his Household*. A household established on earth but

inhabiting and advancing the *spiritual Kingdom-Rule of God*. So, its members *seek and sacrifice* for the Kingdom while on earth.

- To Establish a Throne

As these *sons of the Kingdom* go into the dark world as “lights” and “salt”—testifying of the Lord Jesus Mashiach and *living sacrificially* to see his Kingdom come, they reproduce disciples, followers of Jesus Mashiach who grow spiritually to bear Kingdom fruit. In this way, as disciples who are taught to “obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20) multiply like the “stars of heaven” and the “sand of the seashore,” the rule of Jesus Mashiach over household after household grows to establish his throne! For, as disciples grow from *newborn* to *generational shepherds*, their support and warfare for the Kingdom increases to establish it amidst great opposition—from without but especially from within, as *fleshly shepherds* grow in power and popularity to mislead the sheep.

- To Rule an Everlasting Kingdom.

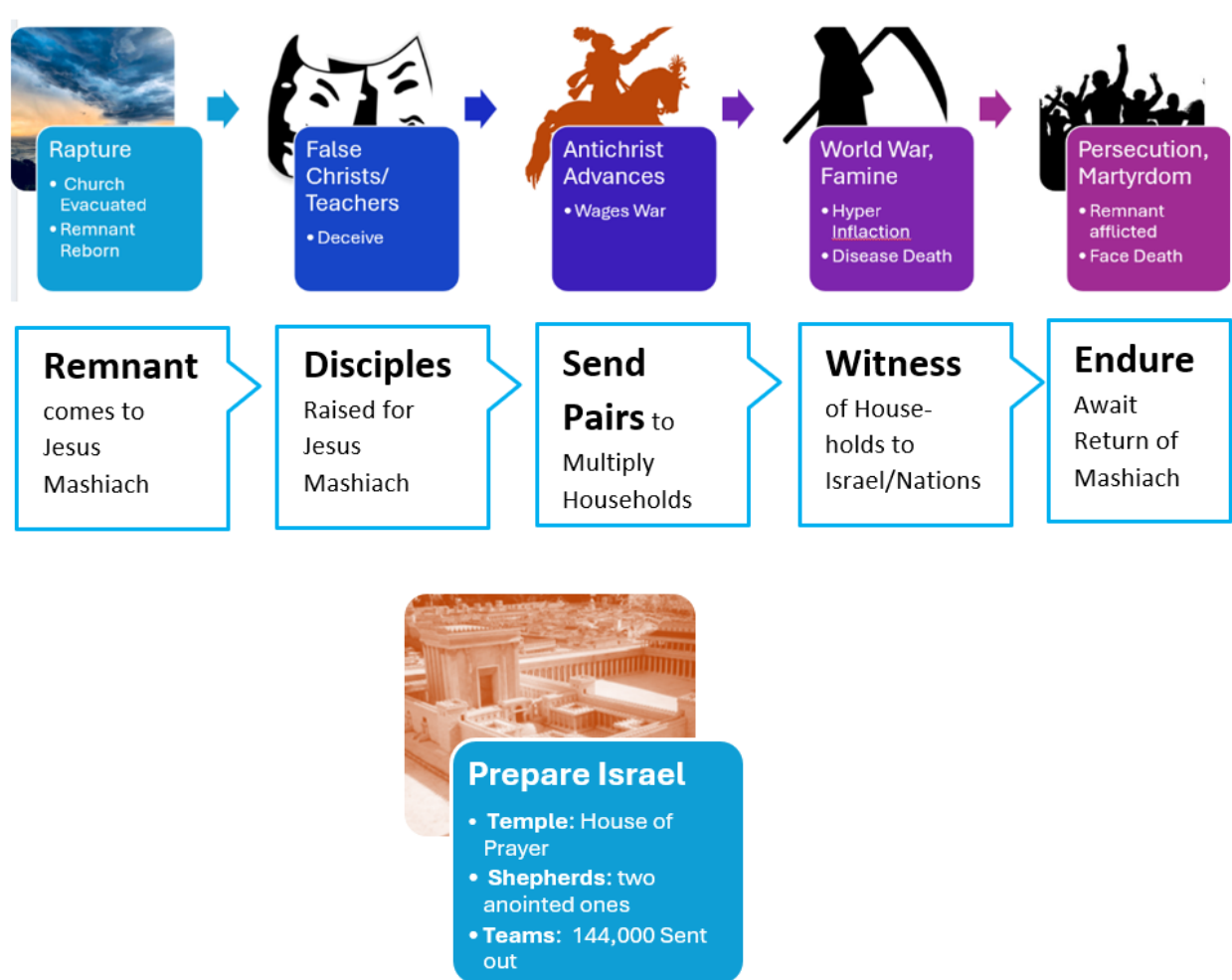
For those who “suffer” with Jesus Mashiach and for the sake of his House and Kingdom, the Lord Jesus promises that they also share in the “rule” of His Kingdom as he makes them “kings” and “priests” to serve his God and Father (Revelation 5:10).

The World in which you are Proclaiming the Gospel: This Moment.

If you called to be a generational shepherd to the House of Israel at this time, you are part of what the Bible calls the “Remnant”—the crop of *firstfruits* from Israel that have come to Jesus Mashiach after the *Church Age* has concluded. As I write this on September 6th, 2026 on the third day of Rosh Hashanah, I believe firmly that the Lord Jesus will come to evacuate the Church at the *end of Rosh Hashanah*, which will be sometime on September 13th next week. Of course, I don’t know for sure, but I am praying for this nearer date for your sake, for then it will

be seven years until 2033 CE, the date when the Day of the Lord happens and the Lord Jesus Mashiach reveals himself to Israel. So, hoping that I won't be proven wrong, let's consider the seven years that are given to you as a *Generational Shepherd*

Birth Pains:



Final Charge to Israel's Generational Shepherds:

I, Derek, write to you on Sunday, September 6th, 2026, on the third day of Rosh Hashanah. I expect the Lord to evacuate us as his church on the

last day of Rosh Hashanah, as the Last Trumpet sounds—whether in Israel or elsewhere, I do not know.

Already, there are indications that our last labors for the Kingdom are concluding. Yes, people are being delivered from the grasp of the Dark Serpent with great signs. And, the last of our harvest we are bringing in. Those who remain, we leave in the Lord's merciful hands to be awakened from their stupor and unbelief. But, there is no more time for the Church.

Instead, we have prayed for the full time to be given to you before the Day of the Lord—likely Yom Kippur, 2033 CE. Two days (2000 years) after which Israel will be awakened from its deadness (Hosea 6:2). For, 2000 years ago, in 33 CE, the Lord Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, and you rejected him as your Mashiach.

Now, as we depart, 2033 CE is set for the Day of the Lord and the revival of your people. But, you, the Remnant of Israel, are the first-fruits of Israel, the first of Israel to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Mashiach for a spiritual rebirth into God's House and Kingdom. You will have, we expect, seven years before the Day of the Lord to witness to the name of Jesus Mashiach in Israel and the world.

Before we come before God on your behalf, let me be clear on a few points that remain unspoken between us.

- First, we of the Church confess our fleshly weakness before God. These two thousand years, we have been entrusted with the testimony of the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Far too often, we have made the choice to choose flesh not Spirit. Like Simon Peter, we have set our minds on the things of man not the things of God. Consistently, we have rested on our own rights, resources, and understanding when the riches of the Kingdom were neglected. We have enriched ourselves, and now our legacy is but dust, having built religious kingdoms but have seen few of

our disciples mature into fully fruitful, generational shepherds. Instead, we have turned the Church over to the fleshly, Self-ambitious and Self-promoting shepherds who have left names, movements, and theologies that benefit no one. We have produced many disciples, but so very few who have fully matured and born the Kingdom fruit for which our Father and our Lord have patiently hungered. And yet, you have shown your weak and foolish Church your grace and mercy. If only that we might confound Israel with our folly. O Lord God, forgive us our sins, for they are many.

- Second, against you, people of Israel, we have also sinned. The fleshly teachers among spoke falsely and in unbelief, aiming to deprive Israel of its rightful place in God's house, to usurp your calling as the Firstborn of the families of the earth, and to steal your inheritance by seeking an earthly kingdom and an eternal Church. In the name of Christ, the ungodly and Godless among us have committed violence against you, persecuted you, and silenced you while defaming your name. On behalf of the Church, we confess our many sins against you and your generations, these past two thousand years. May the ungodly behavior of many of our people not undermine the testimony the *blameless* have of Jesus Christ, who has led his Saints even in their weakness, unfaithfulness, and fleshly failures. Blame us, but may our failings not preclude you from hearing the name of Jesus to consider him.
- Finally, those in the Church who have rejected the fleshly and Godless ways of our brethren, we speak to you from the depths of our heart: *thank you* for your sacrifice. As the people whom the Lord God appointed as his Firstborn Son of the families of the earth, we recognize that your loss and deprivation these two thousand years has been the sacrifice allowing us to have the great

joy and exceeding blessing of knowing Jesus and his Redemption before you. Now, we see that it is only due to your status as the Firstborn Son of the sons of man that you acted responsibly, accepting your Redemptive Right to allow those outside your house to experience the redemption of Mashiach first. In this way, you put your interests last, and have allowed your younger and weaker brethren to be redeemed to God by the cross of Jesus Mashiach.

Thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for the generations you endured desolation and affliction, being cut off from Jesus, your rightful Firstborn and Son.

Now, may I offer one last appeal to you. If you have seen the evacuation of the Church with your own eyes, know that everything the Lord Jesus has said about himself and his Father are true.

You accuse of blasphemy the Lord who was One with Elohim in the beginning (Genesis 1:1), who created the *rakiya* and the world at God's command (Genesis 1:7), and to whom Elohim referred to as "us" and "our" in the Family Unity of God at our creation (Genesis 1:26). Change your wrong view of Elohim before you accuse your Mashiach of committing blasphemy, for you yourself, Israel, are to serve this "Seed" raised up to be named after his fathers, and you will serve and call him "David our King" and "the Lord our God" (Jeremiah 30:9), for this Mashiach is raised up for you to be "Yahweh" (Jeremiah 23:6) your righteousness. How is it blasphemy when God-Elohim is the who anoints God-Elohim as his Mashiach on an eternal throne? (Psalm 45:6-7) and when God-Elohim call him "Son" whom he has "begotten" (Psalm 2:7).

How can Mashiach blaspheme when God himself calls you, sons of Israel, "Elohim, sons of the Most High?" (Psalm 82:6) And, how can a

Mashiach anything but God save you in your coming hour of destruction, O Israel—to be a “wall of fire’ around you? (Zechariah 2:5). What are you imagining, a frail Shneersen Mashiach lighting piles of scholarly books to save you? How foolish to reject Jesus as Mashiach when he has just raised the entire Church before your eyes, validating our words and undermining all that you have clung to in your traditions, your libraries, and your scholarship?

Will you still hold to your feeble claim of blasphemy as the One in heaven laughs, and the Lord holds you in derision? (Psalm 2:4).

When you scoff when your *truth crumbles before you*, the only one who wins is Satan, on whose side you ally yourself when you claim that Jesus Mashiach is not *echad* with Elohim.

Let your people cling to *your* blasphemy then, like Rashi, boldly wanting to rewrite the very NAME OF GOD to be *elohe not* Elohim! Do you think that not to be blasphemy and the greatest affrontery? Ally yourself with the Muslims, then, who in their rank idolatry call on the same Allah, who is as *singular, isolated, and capricious* as your blasphemous image of *Elohe*. Abandon this blasphemy, for no hermit Elohe will save you when you call, only God, Elohim, the “Everlasting Father” who sends his “Prince of Peace” into the world to save you as the “Mighty God.” (Isaiah 9:6).

So, as one of the last shepherds to one of the first shepherds of the reborn Israel, as sharers in the House and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Mashiach,

As one who stands at the Door about to open to you who will watch as the Door opens in seven years for Israel’s salvation.

Before the Almighty Lord God, the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Mashiach. And, standing in the Lord Jesus Mashiach as my one Lord and Love.

On behalf of the church, before God and his Mashiach, I solemnly charge you:

1. Hear the Witness of the Rapture, and Proclaim Jesus Mashiach as Lord:

Hear the word of the Lord Jesus when he assured his church that you, the Jews, would “know that I have loved you” (Revelation 3:9). As you see the power of the Lord Jesus to resurrect his people from this earth, then know that Jesus is who he has claimed all along, your rightful Mashiach.

When Jesus says you will “bow down before our feet,” he calls you to humble yourselves to Ones you have considered wrong for centuries. Though many voices in the church spoke from fleshly ignorance, still, the weakness of our testimony of Jesus was still true. He is the Son of God who has given us New Life. That is what we know- simply that we love Jesus and Jesus loves us, and that is enough for our simple faith. Know that our Lord has loved us and has taken us to be with him.

So, pledge your love to him also. Make Jesus your Lord and your Mashiach.

And, proclaim this Jesus to Israel and to the nations.

But, you must know him whom you preach as Mashiach rather than Christ. For, Christian theology has largely been temporal and fleshly, incompletely knowing the promises of God in the Tanakh. Instead, know Jesus for yourself as your Mashiach and Lord, for the Hebrew Scriptures are enough to know him. Our hope is that this website will help you to understand Jesus as your Mashiach.

Case Study: Serving Israel

I'm adding a bit of my story, not to make much of myself, but to show that I write to you not because I have any merit of my own. However, the Lord has given me everything needed to serve Israel.

Simply, I have always been an outsider. From the simplest of backgrounds (Hawaii) who was equipped to learn Hebrew, studied and befriended Jews from the main branches (Reform, Conservative, Modern Orthodox, Chabad), worked for a Conservative Shul. Graduate work done in linguistics (PhD from a Chicago university). Now, working as a pastor in Toronto. With the history of my generations lost, and never quite fitting in to even my ethnic community, and feeling at home with both Jews and Persians. Learning that my wife and children have Jewish blood (Danish-Austrian-German background), I was surprised to learn that the Jews who migrated to China were Persian Jews traveling along the Silk Road. It would please me to no end to find out that I am indeed part of the tribe, born of Persian Jews who found themselves in Asia so many years ago—to be a Perasian Jew! I have never had any sympathy for Western philosophy and am saddened by how *unprincipled men* have colonized even the knowledge of Jesus. That is why there is a need to develop the truth of Jesus as Mashiach, not the Western-based, philosophically derived theological notion of "Christ."

For, the Western understanding of Christ overlooks so much truth of the Mashiach's mission to redeem a people, build a house, establish a throne, and rule a Kingdom. And, it has no idea what "raising up Seed" even means.

So, as you develop a Jewish view of Jesus as Mashiach, moving forward through Torah and Tanakh to recover the Gospel's way of discipling Torah Observant Jews (Matthew), Pagans (John), or even Secularists (Luke), may the Lord give you insight and understanding.

Again, we would urge you to begin your knowledge of Jesus by approaching him as your Mashiach, known to you from Torah through Tanakh—avoid the distraction of Christian Theology which is largely misguided. Like Paul, spend much time before the Lord to recover the Jewish guide.

Incidentally, the Messianic Jewish movement may prove to be not so helpful, because this movement is a church movement, an outgrowth of the original church at Jerusalem and built on often misguided Christian Theology and a Christology that knows nothing of *geullah*, *Zera*, *toledot*, and *raising up Seed*.

So, please scour this website. Download. Modify. Adapt. Develop. Extend. Everything on this website belongs to you. These preliminary studies are meant to help your understanding of Jesus as Mashiach get a head start!

2: Disciple Israel and the Nations in these Deceptive Times:

The Lord Jesus Mashiach charges you and all of us to *disciple the nations* to rebirth them *into* the family name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20).

So, disciple the Nations starting with Israel first. Remember that you are laying the foundation, you are planting the seeds, you are uprooting the falsehoods. So that, even if Israel does not repent right away at your proclamation, its people will *know the truth* when they See the Truth in front of their eyes, and see the face of Jesus their Redeemer with their own eyes!

- Entrust the Word of God and yourselves to *men* and *women* who are:
 - Teachable, humble, open, and have a child-like faith to receive everything God has for them!
 - Faithful: who hear and act, who can be entrusted with little and with much.

- Able to Teach:
- Networkers, if possible.
- Be sure to plant, even if the Word bears no fruit right away. For, the Spirit will activate all they have heard, even what they disagree with, when their eyes see the irrefutable salvation of Jesus Mashiach as he is revealed to Israel. On this website, we try to identify major obstacles which must be addressed, but you should know better than us.
- Disciple liberally. You don't know when the people you invest in will bear fruit.
- For a greater reach, identify diverse metropolitan centers. Recent immigrants, once discipled, can travel back to their familial networks to then share Jesus in their countries of origin.
- When the church is raptured, false Christs and false Teachers will proliferate. Guard the channels of information your people are relying on.

3. Send out Pairs of Teams as the Darkness Encroaches:

At some point after the departure of the Church, the Lamb will start to *break the seals of the scroll* to release “birth pains” upon the world, meant to increasingly shake Israel from its entrenched idolatry that its people may turn to Jesus their Mashiach.

So, as your crops of disciples begin to mature and bear fruit, send them out to share the Gospel from house to house and town to town in Israel and the nations.

Train your teams to support one another, for the tests in the world will increase. First, the Antichrist will begin his campaign of world conquest.

As they find *households open to the Gospel*, begin to organize the households in your network into supportive clusters. Remember, when

the Kingdom enters persecution, it always shifts to its most stable and viable and fruitful structure, networks of households of disciples. Send your teams to raise these up.

Some successful and large housegroup networks would organize these households regionally, sending out teams to travel and encourage these households of faith.

4. Multiply Households to Bear Witness in Testing

Equip your households to be Self-sustaining. Each household should not only have a viable pair of shepherds or a team, it should become a home-base. Obtain a stable source of food, water, and necessary services. For, the upcoming tests after antichrist will be strong enough to shake societies. Wars will increase, and with them, financial instability, hyper-inflation, and food shortages and famines, pestilence, and death.

Each household should prepare to multiply, to be centers for the Kingdom that can send teams of disciples into the world to sow the Word throughout networks.

For, with households sending out teams and praying for their growth, your movement should take hold in your area.

5. Endure to the End as you Await Return of Jesus Mashiach.

Jesus assures you, “the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Mark 13:13). For, the whole world will suffer from world war, from bloodshed, and death by animals, disease, and famine. And, the world and Israel will turn against you to persecute and martyr you. Place your life entirely in the hands of the Lord Jesus Mashiach, who will do what is good in his eyes. No matter what, your life is safe

So, your people will face an increasing uncertainty and impending disaster in the world. So, teach the disciples right from the beginning to

“deny their Self,” “take up their cross daily,” and “follow Jesus Mashiach as Lord.”

6. Prepare Israel: Your Shepherds (Two Anointed Ones); Your House (Temple); Your Teams (144,000 Witnesses).

Finally, may the Lord protect you in the Last Days tests. Once the Day of the Lord transpires and Israel is saved from its enemies by the revealed Lord Jesus Mashiach, the entire House of Israel will be filled by the Spirit. So, it will be up to you to equip your people. You will be the *shepherds* of this last generation, and you will now have 3.5 years to bring the Gospel to the World.

So, what you learned in the past seven years, now apply to the House of Israel:

- **House:** In the same way that you brought the Gospel to and entire households into the Kingdom, setting up Shepherds and cultivating gifts and relationships, now do to the entire House of Israel. For, Israel will rebuild the Temple and make it a House of Prayer to present before the Lord God the sacrificial offering of their lives. And, as the smoke rises to God a pleasing aroma, He will answer you in power and go out with your Teams!
- **Teams:** in the same way that you have been sending out teams by their generations to Israel and the nations, now equip as disciples and send out the 144,000 to wherever the Lord Jesus would direct them.
- **Shepherds:** Finally, to the House of Israel, the Lord Jesus raises up and anoints for you to shepherds to prophecy and witness to the nations in Jerusalem.

Now, into the Lord Jesus Mashiach’s hands do we commend you, our dear brothers. Shepherd the Lord’s flock bravely and with wisdom. Your

family in heaven and on earth will witness and rejoice with you as you bring the Gospel of Jesus Mashiach to Israel and the Nations!

In the only name of Jesus Mashiach.

Amen.

Read Mark 16:1-18.

¹⁴Afterward he **appeared to the eleven themselves** as they were reclining at table, and he **rebuked them for their unbelief** and **hardness of heart**, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.** : Mark 16:14-15.

Background:

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Responding to Promise of Resurrection by Faith:

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A Study in Bible Study by G.

Resurrection Promised: don't overvalue this life—value what is eternal!

Psalm 22: pierced one raised. Death (15); Praises God with brothers in future (22).

Isaiah 53: suffering servant raised.

Daniel: raised to glory. Daniel 12:1-3

Eternal Home Promised: don't make this life heaven- expect glory!

Son of God: Psalm 45.

Isaiah 2: Glory of Israel and Kingdom.

Eternal Mashiach: (2 Samuel 7:16)

Focus:

7.7.C. Glory Revealed: Resurrected Lord Jesus: Resurrected Glory of the Kingdom Revealed. Mark 16:1-18.

1. **Report of Resurrection:** Jesus Risen, not in the tomb. 14:1-8.
2. **Rebuking Unbelief:** Jesus appears and rebukes Eleven. 14:9-14
3. **Lord Jesus Sends and Ascends:** Sends disciples to proclaim Gospel/ ascends to Heaven. 14:15-20.

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Question:Further Discovery:

Prayer

In the presence of our great Lord Jesus Mashiach, and His Heavenly Father, and the Seven-fold Spirit before His Throne.

We, the last of the Church charge you to preach the Word, the Gospel of the Kingdom, and the Mashiach of David crucified and raised from the Dead!

To Him, the Firstborn of the Dead, the precious Lamb of God, our Kinsman-Redeemer and Lord of our House of Heaven and Earth, to Him be all glory, rule, dominion, power, blessing, and thanks, and the eternal rule of His throne, established by His House to rule an Eternal Kingdom, forever and ever.

May you, the Remnant, be protected from this evil world, the fleshly snares of ungodly men, and the schemes of the Devil and from his Antichrist. May you draw near to the Lord and His Heart, as Shepherds to the House of Israel after his own heart, who will feed your people with knowledge and understanding. May you raise up disciples well. May these materials help you in your mission to equip faithful men.

And, may you have the faith to pray for the Mountain to be moved once more, from its earthly roots to be the Mountain of God, the heavenly city whose foundations are in God. And, may our Great God *set Jesus Mashiach* in his rightful place as the Cornerstone of His eternal house.

Finally, may you be of good courage, be strong, and act bravely for House and Kingdom. May the Lord anoint you as Generational Shepherds to raise up the generations of sons to bear Kingdom fruit, to multiply households, and to bring His Kingdom and rule to this earth.

Whether in heaven or a renewed earth, may we feast together at his table. In the name of our Lord Jesus Mashiach. Amen.

Mission	1.Beget New Life	2. Bond	3. Build Family	4. Build Faith	5. Build Kingdom	6. Build House/ Homeland	7. Bear Sins
Disciples Stage	Reborn	Infancy: young child	Childhood: Older Child	Adolescence: Young Adult	Adulthood: Mature Adult	Parenthood: Young Parent	Eldership: Raise Parents
Growth	Receive Life (faith) Reject Death (repent)	Walk with (follow)	Plant Word- Teach Together	Represent Responsibly- Partner	Shepherd	Proclaim	Sacrifice
A. Raised up as David's Seed: 2 Samuel 7:12	The Son of God: (life-giver) 1.Son of God. 1:1 (life-giver) 2. Lord 1:2-3 (prepare)	The Son of Man 6. Authority: sp. Power/ life change. 1:21-34. 13. Grieved. Hard Heart. 3:1-12	Lord/ Head of House of Kingdom 14. Head of House Appoints Members. 3:13-21	Lord of the Harvest 23. Authorized Represent/ Proclaim: 6:7-13.	The Son of Man, Suffers to Serve (cross/ resurrection). 32. The Son of Man/ Mashiach Suffers to Serve. 8:27-32 40: Son of Man Serves: Gives Live a Ransom- true glory 10:32-45.	Raised up Seed. The Son of David/ The Son of God. 41. The Son of David. Merciful King. 10:46-52	Passover Lamb/ King of the Jews 57. Anointed for Sacrifice. Fulfilling Passover 14:1-9
B. Builds a House for God and David 7:11, 14	Baptizes (Rebirths) into House 3. Bapt. Rep. 1:4-6 4. Faith/ Bapt. Spirit: 1:7-8	Frees and Heals by His Power. 8. Moved with Pity. 1:40-45.	Appoints, Equips Members in House/ Kingdom. 14	Send out Teams to Bless Households. 24. Responsible Teachers: Report/Rest in Jesus. 6:30-33	Calls Disciples to Surrender to Serve: 32a. Servants Share Suffering: Lose life. 8:32-38	Revealing Himself as King to Children 42. Children welcome King and Kingdom. 11:1-11.	Lays life down Give Life to Household (Lord Supper) 58. Betrayed by Friend. 14:10-21 59: Bringing Life to Household by Sacrifice. 14:12-25. 60. Shepherd Struck: sheep flee. 14:26-31
B. Living in House: 7:11	Receive (Faith) and Reject (repent). 3-4	Following and Bonding with the Lord. 5. Follow Jesus. 1:16-20 11. Bridegroom: Kingdom celebrate.. 2:18-22.	Unity/ Encouraged to do Father's Will. 14a. Living Together in Household Faith. 3:22-30. 15. Family Relations. 3:31-35	Shepherding Needy. 24a. Responsible Shepherds: 6:34-42 30: Compassionate Heart. 8:1-10	Giving Kingdom to Little Children. 35. Kingdom Unity: Focus on Lord not differences for advantage. 9:38-41 36. Kingdom Innocence: Children pure. 9:42-50 37. Kingdom Faithfulness. Marital Unity 10:1-12 38: Children enter Kingdom. 10:13-16 39. Rich Ruler Blocked from Kingdom. Follow Jesus. 10:17-31	King Revealed to Israel. 43. Fruitless Fig Tree: Rejected 11:12-14 47: Seed Raised up for David. Willful Blindness. 12:18-27. 48. Law brings Near to Kingdom: Fear God. 12:28-34 49. Dual Sonship of Seed raised up: Son of David/ Son of God. 12:35-37	62: Crowd rejects Mashiach: 63: Sacrificial Witness. Testifies He is the Son of the Most High God" 14:53-65 64: Peter denies Jesus. 14:66-72 65. King of Jews Crucified. Hidden Kingdom Reality. 15:1-20 66. Crucified on Cross to Save Others. 15:21-32 67. On Cross takes on Dark Sin and Death. 15:33-41 68. Buried in Tomb. 15:41-47
Bp. Prayer 7:13	Confess Sins 3	Devote Self: 7. Devoted Prayer. 1:35-39..	Bind Up Strong man/ Hearing 14b. Prayer: Binding up Strong man. 3:27-30 17b. Prayerfully Hear Word to Testify. 3:21-25	Accountable for Mission. 25. Responsible Prayer: Resting/ Review w/Father. 6:45-51	Praying to cast out unclean Sp. 34. Prayer for Spiritual Cleansing: Kingdom Conflict. 9:14-29	Kingdom-moving prayer. 44. Kingdom Moving Prayer: Israel to be displaced. 11.20-25	Pouring out Soul to do Father's Will. 61: Pouring out Soul in Prayer: Doing Father's Will. 14:32-42
C. Establishes Throne 7:14-16	Testify in Baptism of New Life. 4a. Anointed as Mashiach/ Son: 1:9-11 4b. Earth- Tested as Son (1:12-13)	Bring Needy to Jesus for Healing. 9. Faith: Forgiven/ healed.2:1-12 6a. Restoring Prayer/Presence. 2:29-34. 10. Physician Calls Sick. 2:13-17.	Cultivate Faith/ resist unbelief. 19. Fear/Lack of Faith. 4:35-41. Who 21. Family Faith: Overcomes Fear. 5:21-43 17. Fruitful Faith in Word. 4:10-25 18. Kingdom Grows Naturally. 4:26-34 22. Unbelief: Fleshly View. 6:1-6	Confronting Hard Hearts to choke Faith. 27. Distant Heart: unbelief voids Word. 7:1-13 28. Defiled Heart. Corrupts person. 7:14-23 31. Hardened Hearts. Blinds Perception/ Misleads. 8:11-26	Models/ raises up Servant Leaders: Surrender Life to Serve. 35. Kingdom Service: Great Position Last to serve all. 9:30-37. Kingdom Faithfulness. Marital Unity. 10:1-9	Confronting Israel's Unbelief/ rejecting Ma. 43a. Israel's Future: House of Prayer for Nations defiled by religion. 11:15-19 45. Authority as Mashiach Questioned. People pleasing. 11:27-32 45a. Dispossessing Heir: oppose Mashiach 12:1-12 50. Sacrificing Life: Offering to please God. 12:38-44	Seated on Throne after Resurrection 69: Women Hear of his Resurrection. 16:1-8
CR. Rules a Kingdom Forever 7:16	Multiply Sons for Family of God. 4c. Proclaim Kingdom (1:4-15)	Release from Dark Bondage. 12. The Son of Man. Restores. 2:23-28.	Plant Word of God for Kingdom Growth/ Build Faith 16. Sowing Word: Kingdom Growth. 4:1-9. 20. Free Unclean Spirit. 5:1-20	Restore worshippers of the Father. 26. Touch: Focused Faith: waits for Lord's Answer. 6:53-56. 29. Humbled Heart. Healed. 7:24-37.	Kingdom Power Revealed. 33. Revealing Kingdom's Hidden Glory. See Jesus alone. 9:1-13	Establishes the Kingdom in Israel 46. Spiritual Kingdom/ Earthly Kingdom: Serving God. 12:13-17 51. Last Days Prophecy: Kingdom Established in Israel. 13:1-4 52. Birth Pains: False Messiahs after Church Ends. 13:5-8 53. Israel Proclaims (3.5 yr.) 13:9-13. 54. Tribulation (3.5 yrs.): Time of Antichris. 13:14-22	Disciples Sent to preach Gospel to Nations: 70. Risen Mashiach sends Disciples to Proclaim Gospel: to the whole world. 16:9-20

						55. Son of Man Comes. 13:24-27 56. Fig Tree Ripens before Birth Pains: Jews to Jesus. 13:28-36	
Topics:	1A. Sons Heaven/Earth 1B. Promised Mashiach	2A. Sacrificial Faith: 2B. Daily Devotion	3A. Praying by Holy Spirit 3B. Households of Faith	4A. Kingdom Partnering 4B. Holistic Ministry	5A. Hidden Kingdom Glory 5B: Redemption Cycle	6A. Raising Up Seed for David 6B. Redemptive Timing	7A. Resurrected Life 7B. Kingdom Come.

Growth Stages:	1. Reborn	2. Infancy: Young Child	3. Child. Older Child	4. Adolescent Young Adult	5. Adult Mature Adult	6. Parent Young Parent	7. Elder Parent of Parents
A. Good News Revealing	Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Life-giver, Lord.	Jesus Christ as the Son of Man, Heir entitled to Restorer, Lord of the Sabbath	Jesus Christ brings the Kingdom,	Jesus Christ brings the Kingdom	Jesus Christ as Suffering Servant,	Jesus Christ as the Son of David,	Jesus Christ as the King of Israel, Redeemer, Shepherd
B. Christ	Baptizes: Gives new life by the Spirit.	Calls to draw Near:	Appoints in Household:	Sends to bring Kingdom	Commissions Servant Leaders:	Reveals Self as King of Kingdom	Sacrifices to Redeem/ give Life
C. Response	Believes: Repents and Trusts Jesus.	Follows to Know:	Partner to plant Faith in Kingdom.	Represent Jesus in Teams.	Identify with Suffering for Kingdom	Prepare way for the Lord's Coming.	Redeem World by the Gospel
D. Walking by Faith in Kingdom.	Experience New Life	Know Lord and His Lord's Presence	Know Unity of Fellowship	See Spiritual Needs	See Kingdom Glory to give up Earth	See Glory of King/ Davidic Promise	Know Resurrection Reality.
E. Prayer Life with God.	Repentant Prayer: Confess, Give Up Sins	Devotional Prayer: Present Self in Presence Restoring Prayer: Bring broken to Jesus	Oppositional Prayer: Resist and Bind up Strong Man.	Renewing Prayer: Rest and Account for Works.	Releasing Prayer: Free from Spiritual Resistance	Effective Prayer: By Faith ask for Impossible	Sacrificial Prayer: Offer Soul and Will to God.
F. Ministry Focus:		Restoration: Heal and Free powerless (level 1)	Faith: plant and build Faith. (level 2)	Heart: (level 2: unbelief	Kingdom of God: (level 3)	Davidic Kingdom: Israel: Religious (Level 3)	Gospel preached in World:

Sower Parable: level 1: bondage and hardened; level 2: hard heart- unbelief. 3. Competing growth- beliefs.