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Master Chart.

6-7. Parental Disciples: Generational Shepherds Raising up Households. Mark 10:46-13:37.

Key Verse.

¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all the nations**’? But you have made it a **den of robbers**. Mark 11:17

Stage 6-7: Parental Disciples:

As a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you have been steadily growing in a number of key areas. Built on the firm foundation of knowing Jesus Mashiach as your Lord, you have grown as he has entrusted you with increasing responsibility in his Household and Kingdom to care for his precious people.

In the early stage (3) of your growth, you learned to live together as disciples to share the life-giving Word of God to cultivate faith in others. Then, partnering in shepherding/ ministry teams (4), you learned to minister to even those whose hearts were hardened, freeing them to bear fruit in the Lord.

Then, as a fully mature disciple (stage 5), you learned to sacrificially serve with “great” responsibility for those in the Kingdom and outsiders who were to be brought into the Kingdom Household.

Now, with these last two stages of discipleship growth, you will grow into a “parental disciple”—who raises up and equips generation after generation of new disciples. Gathering them into households, you play a crucial role in *laying the foundation* for the *generations* of your House to continue to walk by faith, to grow and fruitfully reproduce disciples, multiply households, and spread the Kingdom of God.

So, as a *parental disciple*, you are charged with shepherding the *generations* of disciples and households which will follow you. Remember, laying the foundation of the Lord Jesus in individual households is the *seed* which the Lord multiplies into clans, tribes, and nations to fill the earth with the Kingdom’s knowledge of God.

Learn here in this section how the Lord Jesus lays the Family Foundation on how each house, the eventually, all of Israel, will be established in the Kingdom of God.

Note: These Bible passages in Mark witness the Lord Jesus speak to the House of Israel directly, in the midst of its unbelieving blindness and hardened rejection. Still, he addresses the key foundations upon which the Kingdom House must be built.

Though this section of Mark is highly disputational, you can draw from this as a Household Shepherd lessons upon which to build Kingdom Households.

Furthermore, you of the Remnant who are called to Shepherd the Lost Sheep of Israel in these Last Days, consider these next two “Stages” a resource for you as you speak directly to the Errant House of Israel.

Remember, when you plant the Seed of God’s Word and testify of it with your life, the Seed may lie dormant in hearts until the right time. Consider how in the church age we planted the Word liberally in the world—we did not see much return except for pockets of God’s grace saving people (such as in Iran). However, witness the harvest (we expect) following the Rapture, when the eyes of many were opened to the veracity of the Lord’s Word!

In this way, you are to plant in Israel the Word of Prophecy revealing Jesus as Mashiach to your people. They may vociferously protest, dispute, and argue against you. Do not take it personally, for that is their *dead flesh* speaking, and you and I were in the same position.

But, even as you go through the towns of Israel, you will not “finish” until “the Son of Man comes”! (Matthew 10:23)

As a parent, you are responsible for raising the younger members of your family as part of a household. So, your instruction and shepherding are more than simple feeding and care of individuals. Rather, you are gathering and raising up members of the household to themselves become responsible shepherds of their own households as well.

So, parents do not simply raise up a handful of children. They don’t just shepherd a few. Parents are called to be *generational shepherds*, to lay the foundation for all the future generations of their family to thrive.

As we read these next series of passages in Mark, which involve the Lord Jesus Mashiach being revealed to Israel, we see him model and teach his disciples how to *raise up households* in Israel, that it might become the “House of Prayer for the Nations,” a household bringing together all the families of the earth.

So, these household instructions are not just for a current and passing generation. They are the family foundational instruction for an eternal house.

If you are reading this and you are being raised up as a shepherd to gather into the *flock* the lost sheep of Israel, know that there is no higher or greater calling than yours. No timelier era to be equipped than your time now

For, as you build the “household of the Lord” among the people of Israel, you establish the Kingdom’s future.

Consider each of these lessons “foundational” for the family life to thrive and grow as members of the Lord’s glorious Kingdom.

In your teaching and shepherding, be sure that your people understand these foundational family instructions, that they may pass these on to their generations of reborn disciples!

Background:

Although the Lord has raised up “parental disciples” in every age, we focus here on the *parental disciples* to be equipped to raise up and shepherd disciples and households in the most critical of generations, the last generation when mashiach

will finally restore the House of Israel to be redeemed by his cross and reborn into the Kingdom of God!

When this glorious reunion occurs when Israel gazes upon its Firstborn Son in *repentant recognition* on that Day (Zechariah 12:10), then all Israel will be saved and the foundation of the Kingdom laid in the *eretz Israel*—the land of Israel.

So, the “shepherds” of this generation must be equipped to lay the Kingdom foundation on what was once *inhospitable ground*.

Therefore, it is imperative that you see how Jesus first laid the foundation of these Kingdom truths at his first coming, to see the resistance he faced. For, before Jesus reveals himself to Israel, a remnant of shepherds will go to Israel and testify of Mashiach in the face of great opposition:



So, when you read the passages which begin when Jesus is first introduced to Israel as the Son of David, its rightful Heir and Mashiach, notice the opposition he faced.

In each of the *stories*, notice how a foundational family truth is introduced to the Jewish nation and how its leaders oppose this. These great leaders and teachers had not need of God’s House, for they were busy building their own *fleshly house* in the land, one which usurped the ancient rights of *redemption* for a Self-appointed blessing achieved through a religious Tora-observant righteousness. They had no need of God’s work nor his Mashiach’s redemption, having constructed a *Jewish life* of their own.

But, as the Israelites cried out to the Lord God for a heavenly redemption in Egypt, when Pharoah’s tyranny enslaved their lives. So, the nation of Israel will also cry out in abject desperation as it *bloody enemies* surround it and seek its final demise. Israel will realize that in the face of a *genocidal dark power* that has raised up the nations against it, the Mashiach of its own making—a bearded Torah-scholar—is of no use to Israel. What Israel needs is the “Lord of hosts” coming as a “wall of fire” to protectively surround the nation (Zechariah 2:5-8).

So, you *shepherds of the generations*, preach these foundational teachings of Mashiach and his Kingdom until the Son of Man himself appears to save Israel.

Consider:

6A: Family Foundational Truths of Mashiach:

As we saw when Jesus was transfigured on the *mount* before his disciples, the Kingdom and its glory emanate from the *Mashiach* as the King of his Kingdom. So, consider these five foundations of the Kingdom which each household must be built on, the very power and glory of Mashiach himself.

- Mission of Mashiach: Mark 10:46-52.
- God-Anointed Mashiach: Mark 11:27-33.
- Rightful Heir and Firstborn Son. 12:1-10
- Raising up Seed as Redeemer: Davidic Paternity of Mashiach. 12:18-27
- Dual Paternity of Mashiach. 12:35-37.

6B: Family Foundational Truths for Household.

- Fruitful House. 11:12-19.
- Foundational Command to Love. 12:28-34

6C: Family Foundational Truths about Kingdom.

- Blessed King and Kingdom. 11.1-11.
- Fig Tree ripens before Birth Pains: 13:A
- Future Israel: Birth Pains. 13:1-8.
- Israel Proclaims Jesus Mashiach. 3.5 yrs.
- Tribulation and Return. 13. 3.5 yrs. 14-27.

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Stage 6: Household Shepherd Disciple:

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Thus, if you have served well, be ready to take your place in Stage six as a *Household Shepherd*, heralding Jesus as Mashiach and preparing his way to abide your Household.

Rather than shepherding individuals, a Household Shepherd is called to shepherd an entire Household of faith. This shepherd can range from parents shepherding their children, or shepherding a spiritual household of several *households of disciples*, or even a congregation of kingdom households gathered by *territory, clans, or even a national house*—so, we see Jesus Mashiach shepherding the House of Israel.

Knowing Jesus:

As you mature as a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you will know him in deeper and more profound ways. Sharing in his ministry as a Stage 4 *shepherd disciple*, then identifying in the painful sacrifice that is Cross-bearing ministry as a *sacrificial shepherd* in the fifth stage of discipleship draws you near, and gives you a rare place of trust in the Kingdom. And, knowing him positions in a place of honor in the Kingdom. For, those who are shamed, insulted, and abused in the world because they identify with the name of Jesus bear the distinction of being

“blessed” in the Kingdom. The Lord “recognizes” them as those who have shared in his burden of the cross.

But, the greatest of honors is to not just accompany him but to go before him, to *herald his coming* as one entrusted with *preparing the way* before him.

As ones who go before him to prepare each household to *welcome the Lord*, you are *great-by-proximity* to his revealed greatness, for you bear much of the reviling, opposition, and insulting *unbelief* which his name elicits from the *unbelieving and fleshly crowds*. Yet, you appeal to these crowds as people among whom Jesus has a *rightful place* as King, as their long-lost Heir.

Preparing Households for Jesus Mashiach:

As Jesus and his disciples neared Jerusalem, where he would be delivered to the fleshly crowds and crucified, they will be severely tested as the inevitable Kingdom and the *entrenched, fleshly* rebellion of Israel’s rebellious House collide.

As a *household shepherd*, your first responsibility is to *herald*—to prepare your people to welcome and receive Jesus Mashiach as their rightful Head and Lord.

Jesus models here for his disciples and us the twelve foundational steps which Households must take to welcome Jesus and position themselves within the Lord God’s Kingdom movement. For, each household must decide whether it will follow God and his Mashiach in the Kingdom, or if it will build its own name and reputation in this earth’s passing world.

In these Last Days, will you *lay down* your own ambitions, your own name and agenda so that your Household, all those whom the Lord God has entrusted to you, that the Jesus Mashiach may attain his rightful place of Lordship in your home?

Jesus battled with the *rebellious usurpers of* House Israel over these twelve Kingdom distinctives for his House. And, at each point, every household and its members has the opportunity to abandon Jesus and his Kingdom and to live as a merely human family.

And, in these last days, you may be called to *prepare your own household* for the coming of Jesus Mashiach. As a Jew, you may be called to go before Jesus as a *herald* to the House of Israel. Jesus Mashiach encountered stubborn resistance when he first engaged with the house, which insisted on living a Jewish Life on its own terms, apart from any Mashiach.

However, by now, the Jews have endured two millennia without their rightful Mashiach. Though claiming *redemption* and *blessing* by their Self-entitled religion of Judaism, they have experienced the harsh reality of isolation, genocide, and threat. Soon, the Lord Jesus will evacuate his people before the world's eyes, unmistakably signalling to the Jewish nation that their time has come.

So, as a *shepherd of the House*, consider the formidable task ahead of you. You go before the Lord Jesus Mashiach as a herald of his soon coming.

As you prepare Israel for the Lord's coming, consider the *foundational truths* which *orient* the House of Israel toward Jesus. By God's power, some in Israel may rekindle their original passion and hope for their redeeming Mashiach before the glorious Day when Jesus Mashiach saves Israel! (Zechariah 12:10).

Key Verse.

⁷ And they **brought the colt** to Jesus and **threw their cloaks** on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others **spread leafy branches** that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "**Hosanna! Blessed** is he who comes in the **name of the Lord!** ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming **kingdom** of our **father David!** Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ And he **entered Jerusalem** and went into **the temple**. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. Mark 11:7-11.

Developmental Disciple Stage:

Developmentally, people reaching adulthood have the capacity to become parents. And, acquiring the skills that make one a capable parent are learned gradually. In adolescence, young adults learn to be responsible care-givers. And, fully formed adults have the capacity to *sacrifice* for others, especially their own family members.

Spiritually, disciples acquire skills needed to reach the *parental* stage of discipleship in stages six and seven. In spiritual *young adulthood*, disciples learn to *represent Jesus as "shepherds,"* taking responsibility for the lost and the younger ones of the flock. Then, reaching full maturity as *stage five* "sacrificial shepherds," they share in their Lord's cross, willingly giving their lives that others might grow and find the Kingdom's New Life. However, *shepherds* and even *sacrificial shepherds* care for individuals.

Shepherds who prove themselves *faithful* in caring for others are then called by the Lord Jesus to *shepherd entire households for the Kingdom*. In the Kingdom, *houses* take many forms, but they are the most fundamental relational unit of the Kingdom which organize and form, at every level, into the Lord's Household, a dwelling place for the Lord God's presence.

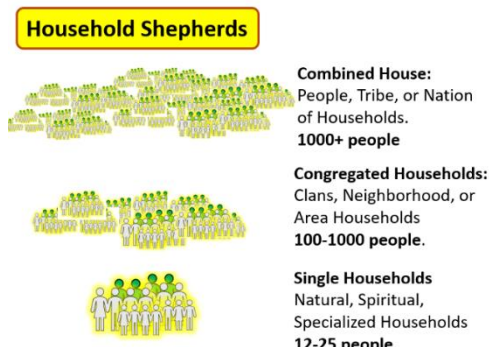
Types of Households:



As the Lord of his House, God gathers members into households. Often, these households are *natural families*, where its members are related

by blood relations. Parents are then the ones *responsible* to shepherd their children. There are also purely *spiritual* households as well, which may gather together several households into a group of many members. Finally, some households have specialized purposes. The shepherds of some households may gather younger members together that they might be *trained* or *equipped* for the kingdom and its work. Other households gather seekers together, who together may discover and then turn to the Lord for salvation. Other groups may gather members who have certain shared qualities—perhaps, a shared ethnicity, or interest, or even location.

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Shepherding Households:

Obviously, there is a developmental difference between shepherding individuals—whether lost sheep or growing disciples who are safely part of the flock. As we

have seen, shepherding skills include helping to cultivate faith and ministering to the *heart* of one's people.

When *household shepherds* reach the sixth stage of their development as shepherds, they are now responsible for *leading their people together, as a household*, to growth and maturity. They are charged with making their *households* a home for Jesus Mashiach to reside as their Lord and King. To this end, consider the *four processes* which members of households learn to engage in together as they abide in Jesus Mashiach, making their homes *enclaves for the Kingdom* where Jesus Mashiach is enthroned as Lord.

Authorized: Because each household is entrusted with the “authority” and power of the Lord Jesus, being homes *under his name*, the household shepherds of the family must be conduits and managers of this *entrusted authority*. As shepherds, they must serve as those *under authority*, drawing on the Lord's power to instruct in the Word and bring about obedience to his name. Then, cultivating the measure of *authority* given to group members as *gifts and abilities to serve by the Spirit*, household shepherds ensure that the Lord's “entrusted authority” is empowering the household for God's Kingdom works. As members “pray” in Jesus's name that the “strong man” might be bound and the captives freed.

If you are a household shepherd called to manage Mashiach's Kingdom authority at the highest level, to move the mountain of Israel's obstinacy that it might finally welcome Jesus as its Mashiach, then gather your *fellow shepherds* and pray that the “mountain” of unbelief is moved!

Nurturing: As the household shepherds assigned to a flock, be sure that your people are being “nurtured” by the Word of God and obeying the commands of Jesus! God promises to give his people “Shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15). So, do not be afraid to speak to your family what the Lord puts on your heart! Meditate on the Word (Joshua 1:8) and converse with the Lord continually on it (1 Thessalonians 5:17) that it might take hold in your own heart first, that you speak it boldly to encourage your people.

Connecting: Remember that Jesus is the vine, and your household are branches connecting with him and with each other (John 15:5-10). So, part of your shepherding is to help your people *connect* with each other, with the family as a group, and with Jesus Himself in nourishing and supportive ways. Perhaps pair up in “father to son/ mother to daughter” discussions on occasion. Or, pray together

as a whole group. Pair up for various works of service or to meet people and develop relationships. And, as the “branches” of your group grow strong, send them out to nurture their own relationships. As the shepherds of your household, prayerfully see how the Lord wants to arrange your household!

Reproducing: Finally, houses are meant to multiply as the children mature, reproduce, and become parents themselves as they start new households. So, household shepherds oversee this spiritual process as new *disciples* are born into the kingdom and are brought into their spiritual households. They are to ensure that family members are healthy that they may grow and mature into adulthood, eventually reproducing themselves as disciples as they bring others into the Kingdom by proclaiming Jesus to the lost. In this way, *household shepherds* will eventually grow into the *final stage of development*, becoming *generational shepherds* who oversee the growth and expansion of their house across generations, seeing their children’s children and beyond.

Shepherding the House of Israel:

As you learn to prepare your household for the *Lord Jesus Mashiach*, consider the example of Jesus as he *prepared the House of Israel* for his presence and rule.

Milestone/ Abilities:

The mark of becoming a parental disciple is the ability to shepherd a *household of disciples*. To do so, you must be able to teach *foundational* truths for the family to build its shared life upon. Teaching your people to live together in the Household of God, and preparing your House for the Kingdom conflict which rescues the lost into God’s House and Kingdom.

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As you mature as a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you will know him in deeper and more profound ways. Sharing in his ministry as a Stage 4 *shepherd disciple*, then identifying in the painful sacrifice that is Cross-bearing ministry as a *sacrificial shepherd* in the fifth stage of discipleship draws you near, and gives you a rare

place of trust in the Kingdom. And, knowing him positions in a place of honor in the Kingdom. For, those who are shamed, insulted, and abused in the world because they identify with the name of Jesus bear the distinction of being “blessed” in the Kingdom. The Lord “recognizes” them as those who have shared in his burden of the cross.

But, the greatest of honors is to not just accompany him but to go before him, to *herald his coming* as one entrusted with *preparing the way* before him.

As ones who go before him to prepare each household to *welcome the Lord*, you are *great-by-proximity* to his revealed greatness, for you bear much of the reviling, opposition, and insulting *unbelief* which his name elicits from the *unbelieving and fleshly crowds*. Yet, you appeal to these crowds as people among whom Jesus has a *rightful place* as King, as their long-lost Heir.

Preparing Households for Jesus Mashiach:

As Jesus and his disciples neared Jerusalem, where he would be delivered to the fleshly crowds and crucified, they will be severely tested as the inevitable Kingdom and the *entrenched, fleshly* rebellion of Israel’s rebellious House collide.

As a *household shepherd*, your first responsibility is to *herald*—to prepare your people to welcome and receive Jesus Mashiach as their rightful Head and Lord.

Jesus models here for his disciples and us the twelve foundational steps which Households must take to welcome Jesus and position themselves within the Lord God’s Kingdom movement. For, each household must decide whether it will follow God and his Mashiach in the Kingdom, or if it will build its own name and reputation in this earth’s passing world.

In these Last Days, will you *lay down* your own ambitions, your own name and agenda so that your Household, all those whom the Lord God has entrusted to you, that the Jesus Mashiach may attain his rightful place of Lordship in your home?

Jesus battled with the *rebellious usurpers of* House Israel over these twelve Kingdom distinctives for his House. And, at each point, every household and its members has the opportunity to abandon Jesus and his Kingdom and to live as a merely human family.

And, in these last days, you may be called to *prepare your own household* for the coming of Jesus Mashiach. As a Jew, you may be called to go before Jesus as a *herald* to the House of Israel. Jesus Mashiach encountered stubborn resistance

when he first engaged with the house, which insisted on living a Jewish Life on its own terms, apart from any Mashiach.

However, by now, the Jews have endured two millennia without their rightful Mashiach. Though claiming *redemption* and *blessing* by their Self-entitled religion of Judaism, they have experienced the harsh reality of isolation, genocide, and threat. Soon, the Lord Jesus will evacuate his people before the world's eyes, unmistakably signalling to the Jewish nation that their time has come.

So, as a *shepherd of the House*, consider the formidable task ahead of you. You go before the Lord Jesus Mashiach as a herald of his soon coming.

As you prepare Israel for the Lord's coming, consider the *foundational truths* which *orient* the House of Israel toward Jesus. By God's power, some in Israel may rekindle their original passion and hope for their redeeming Mashiach before the glorious Day when Jesus Mashiach saves Israel! (Zechariah 12:10).

Key Verse.

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Developmental Disciple Stage:

Developmentally, people reaching adulthood have the capacity to become parents. And, acquiring the skills that make one a capable parent are learned gradually. In adolescence, young adults learn to be responsible care-givers. And, fully formed adults have the capacity to *sacrifice* for others, especially their own family members.

Spiritually, disciples acquire skills needed to reach the *parental* stage of discipleship in stages six and seven. In spiritual *young adulthood*, disciples learn to *represent Jesus as "shepherds,"* taking responsibility for the lost and the younger ones of the flock. Then, reaching full maturity as *stage five* "sacrificial shepherds," they share in their Lord's cross, willingly giving their lives that others might grow

and find the Kingdom's New Life. However, *shepherds* and even *sacrificial shepherds* care for individuals.

Shepherds who prove themselves *faithful* in caring for others are then called by the Lord Jesus to *shepherd entire households for the Kingdom*. In the Kingdom, *houses* take many forms, but they are the most fundamental relational unit of the Kingdom which organize and form, at every level, into the Lord's Household, a dwelling place for the Lord God's presence.

Types of Households:

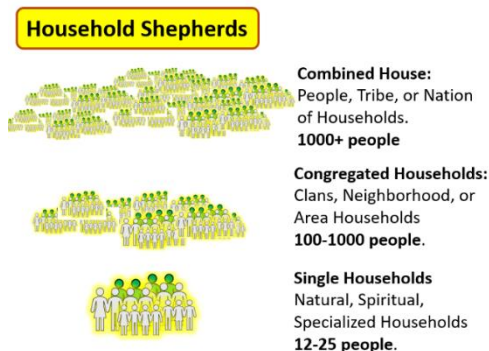


As the Lord of his House, God gathers members into households. Often, these households are *natural families*, where its members are related

by blood relations. Parents are then the ones *responsible* to shepherd their children. There are also purely *spiritual* households as well, which may gather together several households into a group of many members. Finally, some households have specialized purposes. The shepherds of some households may gather younger members together that they might be *trained* or *equipped* for the kingdom and its work. Other households gather seekers together, who together may discover and then turn to the Lord for salvation. Other groups may gather members who have certain shared qualities—perhaps, a shared ethnicity, or interest, or even location.

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Shepherding Households:



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Obviously, there is a developmental difference between shepherding individuals—whether lost sheep or growing disciples who are safely part of the flock. As we have seen, shepherding skills include helping to cultivate faith and ministering to the *heart* of one's people.

When *household shepherds* reach the sixth stage of their development as shepherds, they are now responsible for *leading their people together, as a household*, to growth and maturity. They are charged with making their *households* a home for Jesus Mashiach to reside as their Lord and King. To this end, consider the *four processes* which members of households learn to engage in together as they abide in Jesus Mashiach, making their homes *enclaves for the Kingdom* where Jesus Mashiach is enthroned as Lord.

Authorized: Because each household is entrusted with the “authority” and power of the Lord Jesus, being homes *under his name*, the household shepherds of the family must be conduits and managers of this *entrusted authority*. As shepherds, they must serve as those *under authority*, drawing on the Lord's power to instruct in the Word and bring about obedience to his name. Then, cultivating the measure of *authority* given to group members as *gifts and abilities to serve by the Spirit*, household shepherds ensure that the Lord's “entrusted authority” is empowering the household for God's Kingdom works. As members “pray” in Jesus's name that the “strong man” might be bound and the captives freed.

If you are a household shepherd called to manage Mashiach's Kingdom authority at the highest level, to move the mountain of Israel's obstinacy that it might finally welcome Jesus as its Mashiach, then gather your *fellow shepherds* and pray that the “mountain” of unbelief is moved!

Nurturing: As the household shepherds assigned to a flock, be sure that your people are being “nurtured” by the Word of God and obeying the commands of Jesus! God promises to give his people “Shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15). So, do not be afraid to speak to your family what the Lord puts on your heart! Meditate on the Word (Joshua 1:8) and converse with the Lord continually on it (1 Thessalonians 5:17) that it might take hold in your own heart first, that you speak it boldly to encourage your people.

Connecting: Remember that Jesus is the vine, and your household are branches connecting with him and with each other (John 15:5-10). So, part of your shepherding is to help your people *connect* with each other, with the family as a

group, and with Jesus Himself in nourishing and supportive ways. Perhaps pair up in “father to son/ mother to daughter” discussions on occasion. Or, pray together as a whole group. Pair up for various works of service or to meet people and develop relationships. And, as the “branches” of your group grow strong, send them out to nurture their own relationships. As the shepherds of your household, prayerfully see how the Lord wants to arrange your household!

Reproducing: Finally, houses are meant to multiply as the children mature, reproduce, and become parents themselves as they start new households. So, household shepherds over see this spiritual process as new *disciples* are born into the kingdom and are brought into their spiritual households. They are to ensure that family members are healthy that they may grow and mature into adulthood, eventually reproducing themselves as disciples as they bring others into the Kingdom by proclaiming Jesus to the lost. In this way, *household shepherds* will eventually grow into the *final stage of development*, becoming *generational shepherds* who oversee the growth and expansion of their house across generations, seeing their children’s children and beyond.

Shepherding the House of Israel:

As you learn to prepare your household for the *Lord Jesus Mashiach*, consider the example of Jesus as he *prepared the House of Israel* for his presence and rule.

Milestone/ Abilities:

The mark of becoming a parental disciple is the ability to shepherd a *household of disciples*. To do so, you must be able to teach *foundational* truths for the family to build its shared life upon. Teaching your people to live together in the Household of God, and preparing your House for the Kingdom conflict which rescues the lost into God’s House and Kingdom.

A. Knowing/ Responding to Jesus as Head and Heir.

1. **Blessed House:** Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16): Welcome Son of David. Mark 11:1-11.

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3. **House-building Authority:** Heavenly Authority of Mashiach or human authority to Build house:

1. **Self-Righteous:** doubt Mashiach's authority to build house. 11:27-28.
2. **Source of Power:** God or man? 11:29-30."
3. **Undermining Unbelief:** fear of man denies authority. 11:31-33.

4. **Inheritance: Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House.

1. **Rightful Owner:** House as a Vineyard. 12:1-2
2. **Stolen Ownership:** Usurping Rights over House. 12:3-5.
3. **Replacing Heir:** Claiming inheritance. 12:6-

5. **Redeemer Raised Up:** the **Son** of God and the Son of David/ Man.

1. **Raising Up Redeemer:** *redemptive meaning lost*. 12:18-23.
2. **Reasoning Wrongly:** Willful ignorance of Scriptures and power of God. 12.24.
3. **Redeemer for David:** Living God promises Mashiach. 12:25-27.

B. Living in His Household: Commands and Values:

6. **House Commanded to Love God:** Sacrificial Love:

1. **House Commanded** to Hear: "Hear O Israel" 12:29
2. **The Lord is Our God**, a Oneness: *Echad*. 29
3. **Love God Sacrificing** your ALL: heart, soul, mind, strength (30)

7: **House Commanded to Love others:** Self-less Love:

1. **Love Others Selflessly:** Equal to your “Self” (12:31)
2. **Love** outweighs religious acts (33)
3. **Love Brings Near Kingdom:** (34)

8. **Lord and Heir of House:** Mashiach as the Son of David and the Son of God.

1. **Limiting Mashiach:** only the Son of David. 12:35
2. **Lord of House:** Mashiach is David’s Lord. 12:36
3. **Lordship of Son of God:** Mashiach is Lord. 12:37 (Jeremiah 32:5-6).

C. Establishing His Throne and Kingdom: Milestones:

9. **House Tested:** Wilderness and Birthpains.

1. **Earthly Greatness Thrown Down.** Don’t be fixated. 13:1-4
2. **Beware False Leaders:** *in name of Mashiach.* 13:5-7
3. **Birth of House Israel** Painful: *birth pains and false messiahs.* 13:5-8

10. **House Proclaims:** (3.5 years) Israel reveals Mashiach to World.

1. **Remnant Testifies** to Israel: persecuted. 13:9
2. **Israel proclaims Gospel** of Kingdom to all Nations. 13:10-11.
3. **Kingdom House must endure** hatred even from families. 13:12-13.

11. **House Saved:** The Son of Man returns in Clouds.

1. **House Tested:** Israel flees defiling Antichrist. 13:14-20
2. **Guard against Deceptive Signs:** false christs and prophets. 13:21-23.
3. **The Son of Man Comes:** with clouds of heaven. 13:24-27

12. **Awakened House:** Watching for Fruit, Waiting for the Lord’s return.

1. **Watch for Fruitful House:** generation to see End. 13:28-31.
2. **Wait for End by Faith:** not knowing circumstances. 13:32
3. **Stay Awake:** prepare for Lord’s Return. 13:33-36.

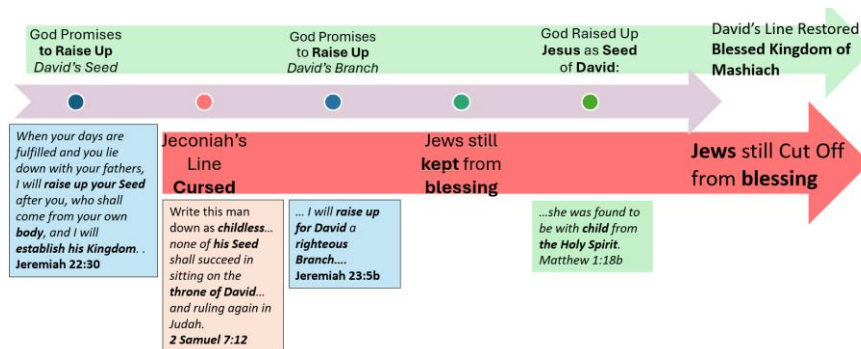
Assessment Question:

Further Discovery:

Characteristics of a Kingdom House.

1. **Blessed House:** Heralds Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David into Households

(2 Samuel 7:12-16). Earthly or Heavenly Blessing.



2. **Household Calling:** Fruitful House of Prayer: the Gospel of the Kingdom. Fleshly Purpose or Kingdom Purpose.



3. **Building House:** Heavenly Authority of Mashiach for Mission: Fleshly or Heavenly Authority.

¹³ He shall **build a house** for my **name**, and I will establish the **throne** of his **kingdom forever**. ¹⁴ I will be to him a **father**, and he shall be to me a **son**. 2 Samuel 7:13-14a

¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and **the Spirit descending** on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are **my beloved Son**; with you I am well **pleased**." Mark 1:10-11

4. **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House. Stolen or Mashiach's Rightful Inheritance.

These are the **generations** (of Heirs) of the **heavens** and the **earth** when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Genesis 2:4

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:16-17

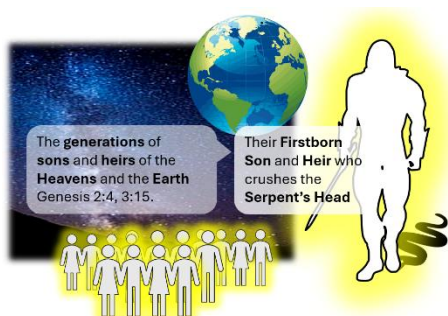
5. **Redeemer of House:** Raised up as the Son of God and the Son of David/ Man. Self-Redemption or Kinsman-Redeemer.



6. **House Commanded:** Sacrificial Love: Shallow or Sacrificial Love for God.

7. **House Commanded:** Self-less Love. Self-Interest or Self-giving Love for others.

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6.1. Blessed House: Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Mark 10:46-11:11.

Verse.

46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a **blind beggar**, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "**Jesus, Son of David**, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:46-47

⁷ And they **brought the colt** to Jesus and **threw their cloaks** on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others **spread leafy branches** that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "**Hosanna! Blessed** is he who **comes in the name of the Lord!** ¹⁰ Blessed is the **coming kingdom** of our **father David!** Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:7-10

Background:

As a *Household Shepherd*, it is your responsibility to build a *blessed house* that *welcomes Jesus* Mashiach as its Lord. In this primary of roles, put yourself in the place of the *first disciples* as they and Jesus approached Jerusalem. Jesus sends them before him as his *heralds*, honored servants who have proven by their sacrifice that they can not only *represent* him but also perform the most *valuable service to his house*, preparing the hearts of his people to receive him as their Lord!

Self- Blessing or Blessed Mashiach:



In the coming Last Days, the Lord Jesus Mashiach entrusts you and your brothers, as his *household shepherds*, with the original and most critical task, to *testify to the House of Israel* that its blessing comes only from its “Mashiach.” You must disabuse Israel of its generations-long self-delusion, that it can secure God’s blessing by its own efforts, whether through “Law” or by “Self-works.”

Israel *wraps itself in this Self-delusion* because it has suffered the trauma of seeing Jesus and his blessings given to the undeserving, oblivious Gentiles while God’s covenantal people were bypassed. For, Israel mistook “calling” for “license” until its own words rivalled the “Word of God.” But, having passed through two “days” of wilderness wandering (Hosea 6:3) bereft the *blessing of God through Mashiach*, Israel is ready to learn the lesson of *Bartimeaus*, that “Blessing” only comes by the *mercy of Mashiach*, as we humbly *subject* ourselves to him, recognizing we too are “blind beggars” (Mark 10:46) who need the redemption that comes from Mashiach.

For, when you act as an *anointed Household Shepherd*, you are actually restoring Israel to the Household and its blessing. All along, Israel has imagined itself safe at home while shut out by its rebellion. Seeking God’s blessing, it relied on the only means at hand—the “Law” or its own “Self-works” of the flesh, producing libraries of pronouncements on Torah to convince itself that it was still *blessed*, even as it faced famine, hardship, ungodliness, predation, and genocide. Yet, by rejecting the Firstborn Heir of its house, it lost any hope of inheritance or blessing.

So, to restore Israel to its rightful place in God’s House, it must go back to the source of all *blessing*, God’s blessing to its *avot-fathers*. For, the Lord God did not *bless* Abraham but his **Zera**, his Seed Mashiach, saying: “To your zera (seed) I will give this land” (Gen.12:7) and “I will make your zera (seed) as the dust of the earth” (13:16) and the “tars of the heaven” (22:17). Likewise, the Lord God blesses *David’s Zera* (seed) first to make a “House” (2 Samuel 7:13) for God and David (11), a “throne,” and a “Kingdom” (16). To recognize and welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Zera raised up by God (2 Samuel 7:12) is to be restored to God’s blessing as “sons” of whom Jesus Mashiach is the “firstborn” (Zechariah 12:10).

And, to regain its *blessing* in subjection to Jesus Mashiach is to realize the *family purpose* for its long separation. Israel was *disciplined* during this time of separation from Mashiach not as an outcast but **because** it is and has always been God’s “**firstborn Son**” among the nation (Exodus 4:22) and as such, bears the *right*

and the **responsibility** for the redemption of all the wayward families of the earth, letting these lesser houses come back to God's "blessing" first and then taking its place of honor in the household, for God promises: "And in your Zera (seed) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 22:18).

So, as the Lord's *household shepherd*, go to House Israel and prepare them to welcome Jesus as their rightful Mashiach!

Focus:

#1. **Blessed House:** Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Mark 11:1-1

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Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery:

6.2.B(43). **Fruitful House:** Fruitful **House of Prayer** for the Kingdom. Mark 11:12-19

Read Mark 11:12-19.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body,^[c] and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 2 Samuel 7:11b-13.

¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all the nations**’? But you have made it a **den of robbers**.” Mark 11:17

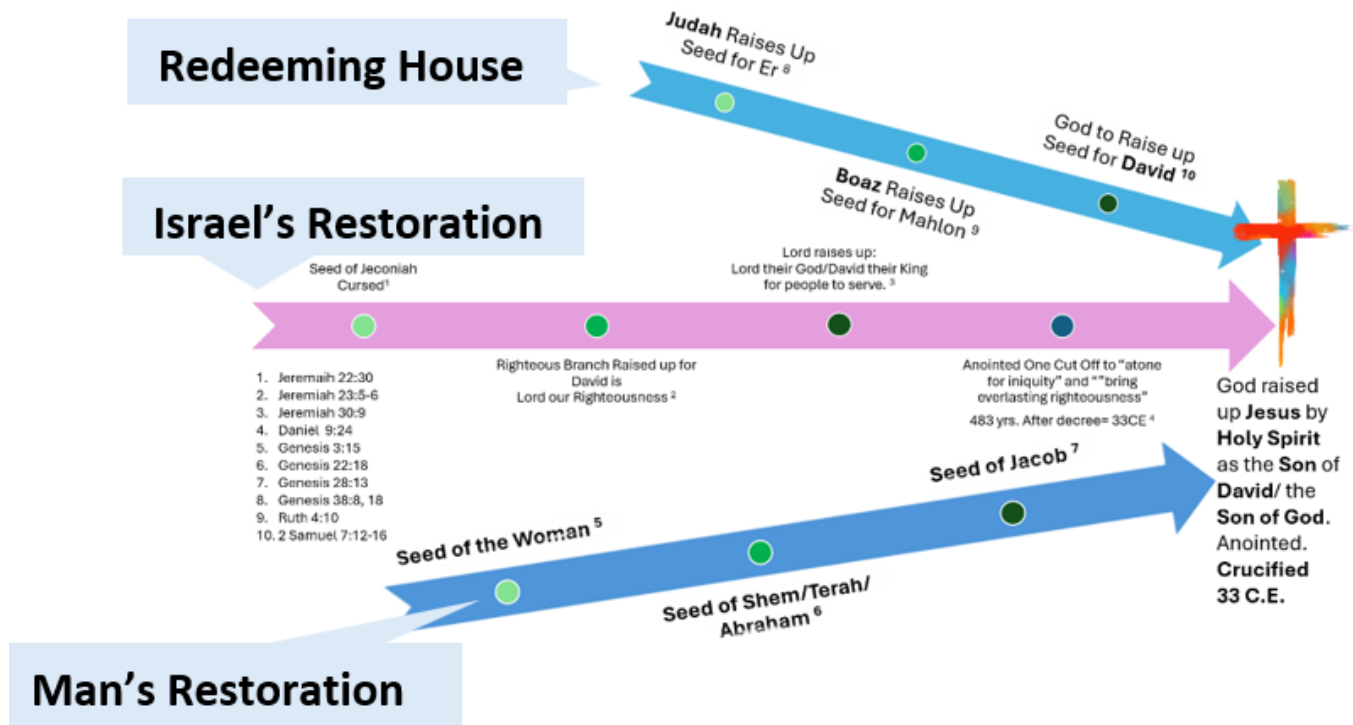
Background:

As a *household shepherd*, it is your responsibility to ingrain or restore *God’s Kingdom Purpose* for your Household! Remember, the durable and scalable *building block* of the Kingdom is the household, for all households *constitute* the eternal House of God.

For, in this second foundational aspect of Kingdom households, their God-given *purpose*, households can become either the *perfection* of God’s plan to establish the Kingdom of God to displace the *dark works of the enemy*. Or, they become idolatrous, selfish expressions of the flesh.

As a household shepherd, whether sent to *shepherd* a single, modest household or as a prophet to shepherd the entire House of Israel, remember that God *blesses* each house as recipients of his promises to the fathers. And, God’s promises are not without purpose but fulfill his original plan for humanity, the *sons of Adam* and their generations.

Self-Defined or Purposeful House:



The Lord God's great purpose is to honor his Firstborn Son, Jesus Mashiach, as the Head of all creation as his Heir. Exalting Jesus as Head over all things, the Lord's purpose is first to make him the Head and Redeemer of an eternal "House" whose "generations" inherit the "heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4). Thus, all God's promises are made to this Heir, the Firstborn Heir of God and Man, so that in him are fulfilled all God's promises of blessing. Apart from this Honored Son, there is no blessing.

To make the promised Seed/ Son the Redeemer of his House, God raises up the line of "Man," whose fall into sin enslaved them to the dark Serpent's rule. So, the emerging promise that the promised Zera (Seed) would one day "crush" the Serpent's head and restore God's blessing to all the families of the earth would be fulfilled in the "Seed" of Abraham.

And, this Seed of Abraham would come from the House of David, for God would "raise up" the Seed of David to redeem his people to establish a new House for God and David, a house "sown" with both Jew and Gentile, the seed of "man and beast" (Jeremiah 31:27), which would establish the "throne" of Mashiach's eternal "kingdom."

This is the great purpose for every “household,” to be redeemed by Jesus Mashiach to be included in his Kingdom Household.



And, this is the great purpose for Israel, for it plays an instrumental role and will be the seat of Jesus Mashiach’s throne and Kingdom forever. For, Israel’s own history, as do the histories of both “humanity” and the “house of David,” lead to the *raising up* of Jesus Mashiach as the Son of David and the Son of God.

As the Firstborn of all Houses, including the Houses of Abraham and David, Jesus Mashiach enlists his people in this great path of Redemption, building up the Kingdom of God by rescuing captives from Satan’s Kingdom of Darkness. All households, but especially the House of Israel, were called to join this great purpose. As a Shepherd of your Household, make this the guiding purpose of your family.

For, as we have seen with the House of Israel, rejecting Jesus Mashiach as their Redeemer, they have sought to define their purpose before God. Seeing all of history leading not to the Son’s proper coronation but Israel’s supremacy. Robbing the Son of his glory, Israel exalts itself as God’s “chosen” people. But, as we saw in the promises to Abraham and to David, God “chose” Israel as the House of His promised Mashiach. Without Mashiach, Israel has no purpose, much less to be exalted in his place!

For, even Israel’s own history most recently ends with the *cursing* of Jeconiah’s Seed but the promise of David’s Seed “raised up” to restore God’s blessing to Israel. Without Mashiach, the House of Israel remains under Jeconiah’s curse—cut off from the blessing of God in a barren desolation.

Focus:

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Consider:

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Question:

Further Discovery:

6.3.A(45). Anointed
Builder: Heavenly Authority of
Mashiach or human authority to
Build house: Mark 11:27-33.

Read Mark 11:27-33.

²⁸ and they said to him, “**By what authority** are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” ²⁹ Jesus said to them, “I will ask you **one question**; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the **baptism of John** from **heaven** or from **man**? Answer me.” Mark 11:28-30..

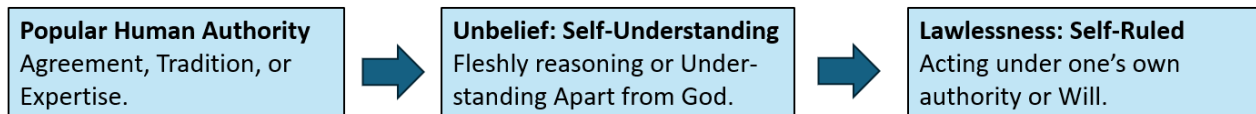
Background:

As the *Shepherd of your Household*, or even a Shepherd seeking to restore a House to the Kingdom, it is important for you to consider the problem of “authority.” For, God created us to be *creatures* to seek to do what is “right.” We need a justification for what we do, an authority or higher authority to support the actions we take. This does not mean that *the flesh* will always seek the path of “righteousness,” as the non-stop atrocities, transgressions, and wickedness seen in human history. Rather, even the most depraved have some *justification*, some *authority* backing what they do, even if that backing is the popular opinion of their community.

Self-Justifying or God-Anointed Authority:

For this reason, you may see the danger inherent in every household. The family itself can provide a Self-justifying authority that gives its members license to resist or contravene any other authority, including the Word of God or God Himself. Witness how the House of Israel has acquired through its generations of Self-approval an ingrained sense of Self-approval—that is, what is “good for the Jews” is “good.” And, though the Word of God was entrusted to the House of Israel, it was this house that devised its own tradition and system of Self-authority, the “Oral Torah” supported by generations and libraries of Jewish “learning.”

But, this appointment of Self-Justifying Authority did not originate with Israel. Rather, the very “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” enticed humanity to leave the Authority of the Lord God and His Word to stand on our own, claiming the authority of *popular opinion*. Thus, whenever we see acts of *unbelief*—by which people refuse God’s authority but turn to *popular human opinion and consensus* to be the “authority” to act independently of God and his Word’s demands. The chain of authority to support *lawless living* looks like this:



So, as the *shepherd* of your house, you must decide on the *authority that authorizes and empowers* the foundation and growth of your own house.

Know that it is far too easy to give in to the flesh, and to let mere *tradition* or fleshly position or persuasion, even wealth, be the basis upon which your house is built.

Authorizing Jesus Mashiach as Lord:

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The underly question upon which this question of "authority to build" rests is the question of ownership. To whom does the House belong? No one will argue that the House of Israel was founded by the *avot*—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And, it is a house built upon the promises of God. For, even before Isaac, the *builder* of the house was born, God had promised Abraham, "your Seed" shall be like the "stars" of the heavens (Genesis 15:5). How, who is this "seed" whom the Lord God promises to multiply? On the one hand, the sons of Israel might claim that it is indeed Isaac who is the seed to be multiplied as the "stars" of the heavens. In this case, the "owner" of House Israel is a human descendant of Abraham, perhaps Isaac or one of his descendants. In that case, House Israel is an entirely earthly house, no different in its flesh and its mortality than any other House of Earth.

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But, Israel has chosen “builders”—fleshly men of power and ambition, to lead it. So, these “builders” have designed a house *entirely enmeshed in this world’s mortality—a fleshly house*. So, Israel offers prayers that are *fleshly prayers*, as earth-born sons following generations of traditions, repeating the same *bracha* as did their ancestors, keeping their devotion to the strict *halakhic* guidelines as set by *their fleshly builders*. But, choosing this path, Israel forfeits its rights to God’s chosen Redeemer, who comes to “atone for iniquity” and bring an “everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24) as “Yahweh Tzedekenu,” (Jeremiah 23:6), the “Lord our righteousness.”

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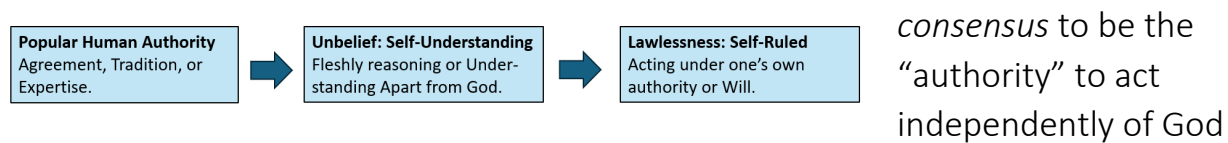
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on 2 Samuel 7:12, Israel has proclaimed Mashiach to be simply a son of David. As a mere mortal of the nation, he is no different from any other of its rulers. However, whoever adopts this view does not know their Tanakh for: 1) David’s existing human line of kings was *cursed at Jeconiah* (Jeremiah 22:30) and 2) God says Mashiach would also be “my son” (2 Samuel 7:14), and 3) ignoring all the clear references in Tanakh where Mashiach is called the “Son” of God (Psalm 2:7), Isaiah 9:6, and given the name “Lord”: Jeremiah 30:9, Zechariah 2:10-11, Psalm 110:1. (Note: Jewish teachers practice an evasive hermeneutic, selecting a portion of scripture to support their narrow view of a purely mortal Mashiach. However, pressing them to look at the whole passage, the weight of scripture, and not just the “plain meaning” but the “plain intention” behind the words. An integrated, clearly, and fully transparent but vastly inconvenient and discomforting to the religiously powerful is the presentation of Mashiach as God’s Heir, who alone and not any *fleshly teachers* deserves the glory and power. The *discomforting implications* of this testify also of its truth. God’s will is to invest all his creation into the hands of His Son, Mashiach, and not into the heads of *Self-important, fleshly teachers* who accumulate power and luxury for themselves at the impoverishing of the rest of the House.

- **Practically Useless:** Imagine—The

Lord God promises Israel a Mashiach to Redeem their sins and give them a perfect *righteousness* as their Lord (Jeremiah 23:5-6), but their teacher would need to abandon their place of privilege and fleshly control. So, Israel has endured the yoke of these Self-serving and Self-honoring “great ones” for generations. Moreover, the Lord God promises to send Mashiach as the “Lord of Hosts,” the “King of Glory” to Israel as her “wall of fire” (Zechariah 2:5). Instead, lest Israel and its teachers would need to *humble themselves* and discard the idea that they had the Godlike ability to “redeem” and to “save” themselves, even when their ancestors bowed to Pharaoh and his primitive force equipped with spears and swords. Now, great nations of Russia, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, and Ethiopia are

destined to invade them with modern weaponry, millions of troops, and thousands of nuclear weapons. Yet, Israel brazenly insists on a *frail scholar-Mashiach, bespectacled and stooped like a Shneersen*. To protect them from these genocidal masses. All because they entertain the myth that they as a people are more than human, clinging to Self-redemption when even the Word of God says, “Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life” (Psalm 49:7). After generations of Torah-keeping, Israel realized, “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteousness deeds are like a polluted garment” (Isaiah 64:6). Still, Israel would rather face certain extinction by holding to a man-created Mashiach, a Torah-waving scholar who would be the first to be incinerated, rather than humbly recognize that it cannot redeem itself, that it needs a Redeemer with the power of the “Lord” himself to save it from its own sins and its unappeasable enemies!

So, as a *household shepherd*, make much of Mashiach as Lord and his power to save, shouting with your family, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Focus:

3. **Anointed Builder:** Heavenly Authority of Mashiach or human authority to Build house:

1. **Self-Righteous:** doubt Mashiach’s authority to build house. 11:27-28.
2. **Source of Power:** God or man? 11:29-30.”
3. **Undermining Unbelief:** fear of man denies authority. 11:31-33.

Consider:

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Question:

Further Discovery:

6.4.A (45) **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House only Inheritance. Mark 12:1-10

When you consider the idea of the “Heir” of the House, you are essentially asking the question, “For whom” or “For whose sake” is this House? To which the natural and immediate answer from the people of Israel and its leaders would be, “For Us, for our Sake, of course!”

For, there are many in Israel who would see Israel as the Supreme center of God’s plan for the future world—that Israel might reign supreme over the nations.

However, remind your people that God’s law of inheritance always *assigns a Firstborn Son* who then distributes the family inheritance to the rest of the sons and their households. And, this “Firstborn” is a positional rather than a historical designation. For, Ishmael was born first, but Isaac was Abraham’s “Firstborn” Son to receive the right of inheritance. Esau came out of the womb first, but Jacob was designated the “Firstborn” to receive Isaac’s blessing. So, as the Seed *raised up by God for David*, Jesus is God’s “Firstborn Son” and the House of God’s rightful Heir. So, the family inherits God’s *blessings and inheritance* only through “the Son of God” who alone builds for God a “House” of sons (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

But, what happens when Israel seeks to seize the inheritance for itself, *bypassing* the Mashiach as God’s rightful Heir and assigned Redeemer of His House?

Seizing the *assigned portion* of Jesus Mashiach, has Israel succeed in inheriting God’s blessing? Consider Israel’s two thousand year history following its choice to reject Jesus, who was crucified and raised from the dead before its very eyes? How has Israel fared these two “days” since the year 33 CE when Mashiach made “atonement” for iniquity (Daniel 9:24)?

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Hosea 6:2.

Israel recognizes that for two “days”—that is, for two thousand years, its experience has not be “blessing” and “lavish and abundant favor” from God but being *separated* from the Lord, needing to “return;” being “torn” and needing

“healing,” “struck down” by the Lord and broken. In fact, Israel is *dead* and needs to be “revived” (Hosea 6:2).

Listen to the words of Israel in the Last Days:

“Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’” (Ezekiel 37:11).

Dried up, hopeless, and “cut off” (v.11). Does this sound like a people enjoying the lavish blessing of God?

Rather, this is a people *desolated and deprived of God’s blessing*, even though they have through their *brechas*, their *festivals*, their *celebrations and gatherings*, created for themselves an appearance of God’s blessing. But, as Ezekiel prophesies, underneath lies a *hopelessness*, a feeling of being “cut off” from God.

Israel has discovered that there is no blessing apart from their *anointed Firstborn*, the Heir who alone distributes God’s blessings.

Read Mark 12:1-10.

⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will **respect my son**.’ ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the **heir**. Come, let **us kill him**, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and **destroy** the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture: Mark 12:6-10

Background:

There is no starker difference between the House of Israel’s current view of its own state of Self-entitled “blessedness” and the Biblical Truth of God’s plan for blessing. Currently, Israel envisions that God’s promise of Israel’s *blessed future* is entirely due to its own *worthiness* as “God’s chosen people.” However, God’s promises make no promises apart from Mashiach. Israel is *blessed because* it is the people of Mashiach. **Jerusalem** is exalted forever **because** it is the throne of the Mashiach. Yet, Israel’s myopia not only excises Mashiach from its hope of blessing, but it diminishes the stature of Mashiach to that of a mere human. But, the Biblical reality which unfolds before Israel’s eyes is clear. Certainly and imminently, Israel’s *blood-thirsty* enemies of Russia, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Turkey will surround it, seeking its destruction. And, Israel will be defenseless (Ezekiel 38). On

that day, at that the moment before Israel's extinction, its people will realize that their myth of Self-entitled blessedness was but a fantasy to be discarded with the vain hope of Self-Redemption, and they will abandon their *fantasy* of an emasculated and bespectacled Shneerson-Mashiach and hope for the true Biblical promise of Mashiach who is a "wall of fire" to come as "the Lord of Hosts" and the "King of Glory." The question is, will he answer them in their need, forgiving their insultingly low view of him?

Self-Entitled Heirs or the Firstborn Son and his House.

If you are Household Shepherd, learn the cautionary tale of Israel and be sure that your Household understands that God's plan of *blessing* is not to exalt you, for God is not a humanist, believing in the exaltation and the supremacy of humanity or even a group of humans, such as Israel as the Supreme Race. Rather, the Lord God is singularly intent on exalting and honoring the only One deserving of the Father's bountiful blessing, the Firstborn Son of God, Jesus Mashiach.

As we have seen early on, the very nature of God as *Elohim* is a Family Oneness, an *echad*—by which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit existed in a perfect love for an eternity. This Oneness of God is seen in Mashiach's very name: "Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). And, from this Oneness, Elohim creates Man to one day share in God's image as a family resemblance, saying: "Let **us** make man in **our** image, in our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). For, the Son of God shares in God's nature as Elohim, for when Elohim (as Father) commanded, "Let there be an expanse" (Genesis 1:6), it was Elohim (the Son) who obeyed the Father: "So God (Elohim) made the expanse" (Genesis 1:7) as the Father commanded. Thus, the Lord God made the heavens and earth *by* the Son of God that he might be his Heir, as it is written:

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation. ¹⁶ For by^[f] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were **created through him and for him**. Colossians 1:15

So, the Son of God is the "Firstborn" of all creation as God's appointed Heir, for all things are "for him" as God's appointed Heir.

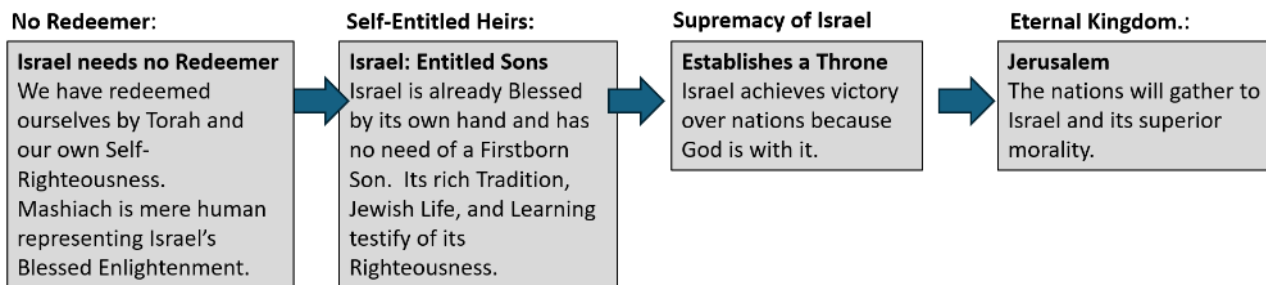
So, far far far be it from reality that Israel thinks that it is prior, that it is pre-eminent, and that it deserves any “blessing” apart from Mashiach. Israel is *for* Mashiach. Mashiach is not *made for Israel*.

In fact, it is not just Israel but ALL of Humanity is made for the sake of Mashiach, this Son of God. Often, Israel forgets that its House is still of the Sons of Noah, of the Sons of Adam. And, God-Elohim agreed to share the “image” of Elohim with man because Mashiach was to be the Firstborn, the first among many brothers. As he says prophetically in Psalm 22:22, “I will declare your name to my brothers.”

So, all of creation is for the sake of Creation’s Heir, Mashiach, the Son of God and the Son of Man, so that this Firstborn Son might multiply sons as the “generations” to inherit the “heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4). We are heirs only because the Firstborn Son is the Heir of “all creation.”

So, shepherds, it is important that you lay this foundational understanding in your Household, lest they go astray as did the House of Israel, thinking that it is Self-entitled to God’s blessing apart from Mashiach.

Consider Israel’s folly below:



If you are a *household shepherd* sent to proclaim Jesus Mashiach to the House of Israel, you are well aware that Israel is trapped in its delusion. It is convinced of its own “entitlement” to God’s blessing simply because it was “chosen” by God. However, as has been the case throughout its history, Israel’s self-delusion is only disabused by the harsh reality of God’s judgment.

In this way, you who preach to Israel in the last days, especially in the period of what Jesus calls the time of the “birth pains,” the increasing pain which Israel will experience to eventually lead to its eventual repentance and spiritual birth, know that judgment awaits Israel to effect its final repentance:



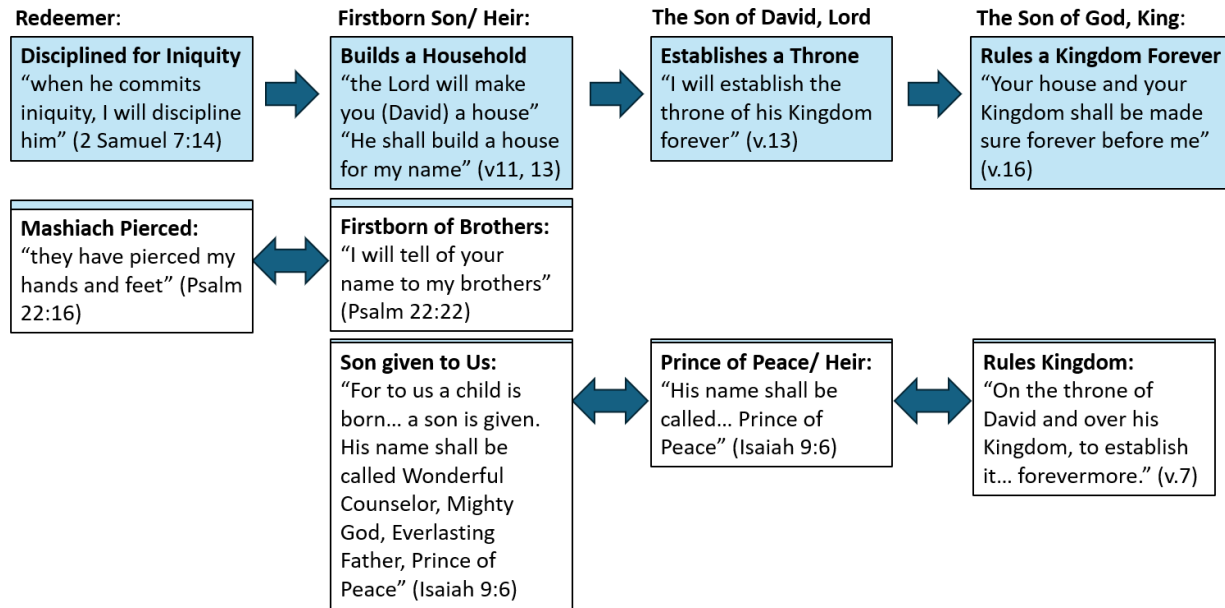
When Israel faces complete annihilation, it will know that its convenient lies about Mashiach, his stolen inheritance and debased glory to puff up Israel in its own eyes will be worthless figments.

Instead, Israel will look to Mashiach with “pleas for mercy” knowing that the myth of its Self-Redemption was a cruel hoax.

Until that reckoning happens, you who shepherd Israel must re-lay the foundation of Mashiach as the only Heir to God’s blessings.

In this way, the parable Jesus tells hits perfectly. The King creates the “vineyard,” Israel, to bear fruit for his own pleasure and purposes. Yet, the House of Israel has taken the fruit for its own self-indulgence and pleasure. At the moment, Israel conceives of all of God’s grace as lavished upon it due to its own worthiness and glory. In fact, God himself is made a mere *fawning deity* at the service of the Eternal Israel. God, his Son, and all creation are meant for Israel’s honor.

Such blasphemy has only one inevitability: judgment. So, Israel in its *fleshly* Self-Entitlement covets and even resists Mashiach to steal his inheritance. But, this Israeli Supremacy will soon be judged. So, lay the foundation of the true worthiness of the Son of God’s rightful inheritance:

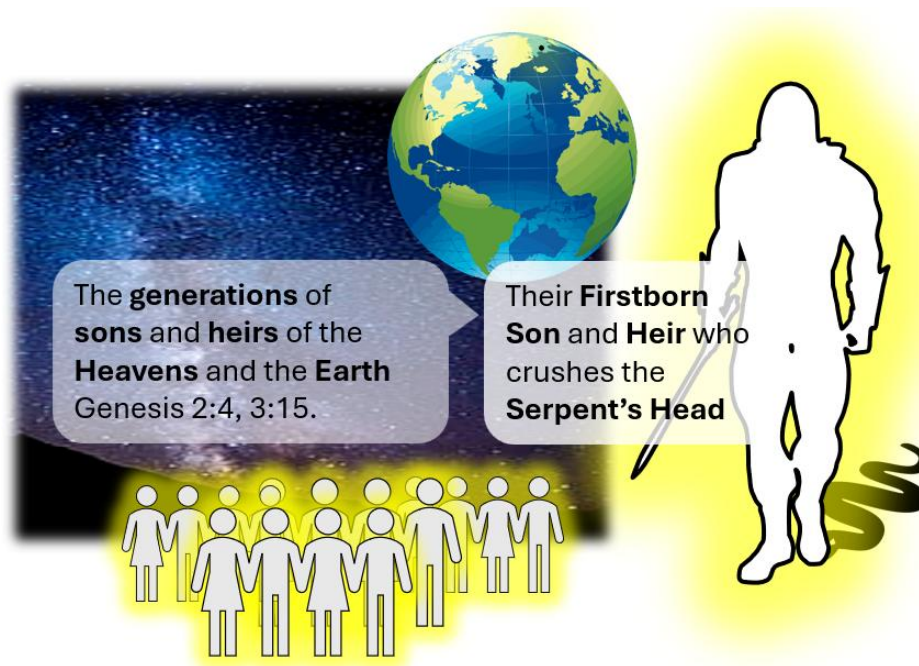


Help your household understand the Father's commitment to *honor* the Son of God, and give them the hope of a *blessed inheritance* as members of the House of Mashiach. For, only the Household of the Firstborn Son of God and of David has the right to claim as his inheritance, given by God, all of "heaven and earth" along with his generations and fellow heirs, the sons of God (Genesis 2:4). (Note: to read more of Israel's sense of Self-Entitlement and how God sanctifies, read also the Twelve Tests of Job and Israel in this website).

Israel's fleshly view prevents it from seeing the great mercy that the Lord God plans for its people and their future, for this goodness is not scaled to frail, flesh-and-blood creatures but to the eternal worth and glory of his one true Heir, the Son of God, Mashiach. As God's Firstborn Son, Jesus Mashiach has been the intended recipient of all God's favor and riches, as his designated Heir. Imagine all that the Lord God has planned to bless his Son—it far exceeds anything bequeathed to mere creatures of flesh, limited and small who have done little of eternal or spiritual note. Rather, the inheritance of the glorious One who created with Elohim as Elohim the entire heavens and earth, his inheritance is boundless, and we his very undeserving brethren share in this inheritance in mind-boggling grace!

We who are mere dust are given the nature of the man of heaven, that we might share with him the inheritance of the “heavens” and the “earth”—purely by God’s abundant desire to bless His Son!

So, train your household in gratitude, that they may receive freely this eternal inheritance as members of the Son of God’s House. Not dishonoring him or seeking to steal his inheritance, but realizing that God’s blessing is through the son to his people!



Focus:

4. **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House only Inheritance.
 1. **Rightful Owner:** House as a Vineyard. 12:1-2
 2. **Stolen Ownership.** Usurping Rights over House. 12:3-5.
 3. **Replacing Heir:** Claiming inheritance. 12:6-

Consider:

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Question:

Further Discovery:

6.5.A (47) Redeemer Raised Up: the Son of God and the Son of David/ Man.

Mark 12:18-27; 2 Samuel 7:12-16.

Read Mark 12:18-27

¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must **take the widow** and **raise up offspring (seed)** for his brother. Mark 12:19

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are **wrong**, because you **know neither the Scriptures** nor the **power of God?** Mark 12:24.

Background:

The encounter between Jesus and the Sadducees brings up the very basis of God's promise of Redemption through the Mashiach, whom he would raise up as the Seed (Zera) of David. As a household shepherd, the foundational truth that Jesus Mashiach is the Redeemer of your House is critical, and the reality and possibility of *this redemption* rests on this often overlooked detail that Mashiach was “raised up as Seed for David,” a fact which shapes his paternity and equips him for his great act of Redemption on the Cross.

The fact that the Sadducees *brought up* the legalities of “raising up Seed” shows that they were aware of the Law, even if they were blind to its most important application in God's promise to David to “raise up” his “Seed” (2 Samuel 7:12).

Raising up Seed: the Kinsman-Redeemer.

The Torah has a special provision for protecting *endangered lineages* so that family lines of inheritance continue unbroken, and this provision is called “raising up Seed” according to the laws of both duty, “yibbum” and redemptive right, “geullah.” Although the law of “raising up” offspring for a deceased brother is clearly stated in Deuteronomy 25:5-6, it is only seen practiced in the line of Judah. As a *household shepherd* of Jesus Mashiach, it is critical that you thoroughly

understand how *raising up Seed* is a foundational basis for Biblical Redemption and is a defining truth behind the salvation of Jesus Mashiach. So, consider the redemptive lessons we learn from this act of “raising up” Seed for the deceased.

Judah:

⁸Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother's wife and perform the **duty** of a brother-in-law to her, and **raise up (seed-zera) offspring** for your brother.” Genesis 38:8

1. To “Raise up Seed” is the Biblical solution to **preserve a line facing extinction**.

For Judah’s line of Redemption, the line of David and the Davidic Mashiach, to “raise up Seed” is also needed when besetting sin degrades the line or when God *himself cuts off the line*, as he does as the Judaic kings become increasingly wicked and the “Seed” of Jeconiah is eventually cursed (Jeremiah 22:30).

2. Normally, *brothers* are charged with the duty—*yibbum*—of “raising up Seed.”

However, close relatives also have the right to “raise up seed,” as Judah eventually does. If a *brother* is a one to “raise up Seed” for the deceased, the Seed will be exclusively the “son” of the deceased. However, if a *relative* is the one to “raise up Seed” (as is the case with Judah), then the Seed is the son of two fathers—the deceased (Er) and the one raising up Seed (Judah).

Boaz:

¹²and may **your house** be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of **the (seed-zera) offspring** that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”

¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without **a redeemer**, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a **nourisher** of your old age, for your

daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” Ruth 4:12, 14-15.

3. When the designated “Redeemer” declines to marry Ruth, Boaz becomes **the “rightful Redeemer.”** That is, the person to *raise up Seed* and the Seed to be raised up are both called the “Redeemer,” the rescuer of the line and house. Importantly, it is the Redeemer’s exclusive **right and duty** to “redeem” his family and to be the life-giver, nourisher, and restorer (Ruth 4:15). Here, we see that the designated Family Redeemer holds the exclusive right to redeem his family. In this way, the Lord is clear that only He is the One to Redeem His house, and he does it by raising up Seed for David as the Redeemer, Jesus Mashiah. Not only is Israel *unable* to achieve Self-Redemption, either through Law or through Self-Righteous works, but it has **no right** to usurp the Lord’s right of redemption. The fact that only the “Lord God” is the one to “deliver” Israel (Exodus 20:2) equates to the “Lord, the King of Israel” being Israel’s only “Redeemer” as well (Isaiah 44:6), for this role is reserved for “God” and those whom God authorizes to act in his place.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a **house**.¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will **raise up your (seed-zera) offspring** after you, who shall come from your **body**, and I will establish his kingdom.¹³ He shall build a **house for my name**, and I will establish the **throne** of his **kingdom** forever.¹⁴ I will be to him a **father**, and he shall be **to me a son**. 2 Samuel 7:11b-14a

4. Raising Up Seed: Two Fathers. When the Lord God himself promises to “raise up your Seed” (2 Samuel 7:12) after David is *deceased*, he acts as the “**Redeemer**” to **raise up** a “**Redeemer**” to restore David’s line. Notice that this is the same thing that both Judah and Boaz did. Notably, since the Lord God is David’s “Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14) but not his *brother*, the “Seed” raised up to be the “Redeemer” of David’s line is the Son of two fathers: first, he is directly the **Son of David**, being conceived by material from David’s own “body” (12); and, he is the Son of the Redeemer who raises him up, namely, the Lord God, who says: “I will be a father to him” and he a “son to me” (14). Moreover, the Lord God accomplishes this act of “raising up Seed” for David when the Holy Spirit gives birth to Jesus by Mary, a

virgin. As we shall see later, the Redemptive act of “Raising up Seed” for the deceased is the only Torah-authorized way for a Redeemer to be the Son of Two Fathers. And, Mashiach can only Redeem from Sin as the Son of two Fathers.

5. Two Fathers, Dual inheritance, One House:

When a Seed is *raised up by the right of redemption*, the Son brings together two lines, perpetuating and continuing the lines by unifying them. In this way, when God promises to David that he himself would “raise up his Seed” (2 Samuel 7:12), he ensures that Mashiach would be the Redeemer to “build up” two “Houses” — that is, two households by merging them into a single House. First, David’s “House” would be perpetuated by Mashiach (v.11). Then, Mashiach would also build for God’s name a “House” (v.13). Notably, this is the Redeemer’s responsibility—to build up the family line, that is, to perpetuate the dynastic “House” populated by generations of sons. In this way, those that witnessed the redemption of Boaz likened Ruth to “Rachel and Leah” for building up the “House of Israel” (Ruth 4:11).

As a shepherd sent to the House of Israel, it is important that you understand this principle role of the Redeemer promised by God, to “build up the House” for David and for God. For, Israel has been distracted by talk of a “house of cedar,” which was David’s original thought but which God said he spoke no word concerning a “house of cedar” (2 Samuel 7:7), nor does David mention again after hearing God’s promise but instead focuses on the promise of his own “house” being built up (7:19). So, remember, God’s promise states that Mashiach, the Seed-raised up, will build a House for both David (11) and for God (13), and in no way would such a combined house refer to the Temple but instead, a dynastic, generational house of sons from both the stock of “man” (Israel) and “beast” (Gentile) (Jeremiah 31:27).

Thus, Mashiach builds a Household to establish his eternal Kingdom, and this house would bring both Jew and Gentile into God’s family as Sons.

However, this eternal “House” does not blur the lines between Jew and Gentile, for this Royal House would establish the throne and rule of Jesus Mashiach over the whole earth. And, this rule would be centered in Jerusalem, with each of its Redeemed Tribes receiving an inheritance in Israel. There are no indications that Gentiles would displace redeemed Jews from their inheritance. Rather, each

family would be assigned an inheritance throughout the earth as God wills! Truly, when Mashiach redeems a people into God's own House, he redeems them into his dual inheritance as the Son of God and the Son of Man/David. Then, this house would be the "generations" of sons to inherit the "heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4).

6. Redemption by the Son of God and the Son of David.

As a shepherd of th your Household, and as a Shepherd sent to the House of Israel, here is the crux of redemption by which there can only be one Redeemer of Sin, one "Lord" to give "righteousness" to his people, and that Redeemer can only be Jesus Mashiach, the "Seed" whom the Lord God raised up for David to be "the Son of David" and "the Son of God." But, to fully appreciate the redemption of God's promised Mashiach, consider the insurmountable problem of redemption.

The insurmountable problem of Redemption:

- The **Finality of Death**: When God promises that man would "die" if he ate the *fruit* of knowing good and evil (Genesis 2:17), he meant a *spiritual death* that would eternally separate man from God (Romans 6:23). But, if this life of God, his very breath, is *infinitely valuable*, nothing that man can work or accomplish in this finite and limited flesh, even if guided by the Law, can ever attain or regain the infinite life of God.
- The **Law commands Faith** in Redeeming Lord. The Law does not command that Man attain a Self-righteousness by the Law—in fact, the Law commands faith-dependence on God. Consider the first command of the Lord God: (Exodus 20:2): "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." The commanding One must ever and only be our "Lord" and our "God," who alone has the right to *redeem* us, bringing us "out of the house of slavery." Now, if the Lord God alone has the right to *redeem* Israel out of Pharaoh's physical slavery, how much more must the Lord God alone have the right to *redeem* Israel out of the original spiritual slavery? (Gen. 3:15). For the Lord calls as his own not a "Self-Righteous" people but a people of whom "Yahweh Tzedekenu"—the Lord alone is their righteousness.

- The **Prophetic Witness** of Israel's Sin and Deadness. As the ancient world, given over to the *fleshly* corruption to do "evil continually" to fall into increasing "wickedness" (Genesis 6:5), both the House of Israel and the House of Judah inevitably declined until its leaders and people were continually doing "evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Chronicles 35:5). There is no prophetic witness that Israel has ever achieved a Torah-based Self-Righteousness, nor has it from Babylon to the Last Days ever been spiritually alive until God's *breath* is breathed into the revived nation after it *repents and turns to Mashiach* (Zechariah 12:10). That is, the Law has enabled Israel to *pursue the path of Unbelief and fleshly reliance*, seeking to live and be Righteous apart from the Lord's plan of *faith in Mashiach*. For, even Abraham "believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Genesis 15:6) when he believed God's promise of the coming Seed, Mashiach.
- The **Infinite Debt of Sin** and Man's Finitude. If *spiritual life* from God is infinitely valuable, and the "image" and "likeness" of God entrusted to man at his creation (Genesis 1:26) are equally infinite in their glory, then man's choice to sin *despoils what is glorious and holy*, and such desecration incurs an infinite cost. And, as Psalm 49:7-8 states, no *fleshly man* can pay the infinitely valuable price to "ransom" another's life.
- The **Eternality of God** and **Holy** Perfection- capacity to Sin/ culpability in atonement. Finally, though the Lord God has an infinite life, his nature of Holy Perfection cannot allow sin to enter his presence without its utter destruction. In this way, God cannot be *culpable* of any wrongdoing due to his perfect nature, neither can the darkness of Sin exist in his presence.

The Redemption of the Davidic Mashiach: the Son of Man/David and the Son of God.

As a *household shepherd*, it is your responsibility to show your family that Jesus Mashiach is the only Redeemer to save them and restore them to God's Household. Remember that you fight against an ancient foe that is deeply ingrained into our natures, so that we assume that the fleshly life—the *independent life* apart from God, is our natural and best state of being. This is how our first mother Eve envisioned life, falling for the Serpent's lie that this material life *apart from God* was truly life. But, if the definition of life is to be under the Lordship of God, enjoying his *shalom* by surrendering to his *shabbat*, living under

his Commandments and Word as our only Lord and God, then to stand apart from God is not only unbelief, but it is *death*. So, when our first parent Eve stoop apart from God, in the flesh she could not do anything else but choose to *sin*, even coming up with three good reasons to live apart from God in an entirely secular-material-biological existence (Genesis 3:6). For, to live apart from God is to be convinced that the Self is its own Lord and God, so to live apart from God in Self-reliance, being always “right” in one’s Self-Righteousness, to depend on yourself for Self-Understanding. Living apart from God and calling it “good” and “righteous” is the *definition* of Unbelief and being *Dead in the Flesh*.

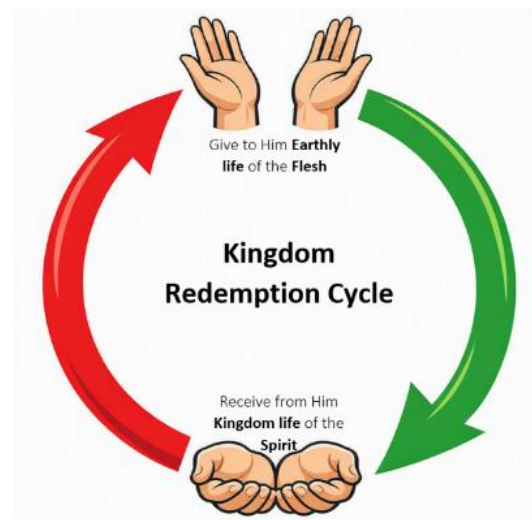
So, as a *Shepherd sent to the House of Israel*, uncover Israel’s “Self-Righteousness” to use the Torah not as it was intended—to command “faith” in the “Lord your God” as your only Redeemer (Exodus 20:2), but instead as a means of Self-justification and Self-entitlement.

Pointing out Israel’s “Self-interested” and fleshly behaviors and proliferating religious demands and diminishing sense of shalom will contrast with the simple “surrender” of faith Mashiach demands as the Only Redeemer. Consider how only God’s anointed Mashiach, the Seed Raised up to be “the Son of God” and “the Son of Man” can alone Redeem His people. For, “redemption” is the cycle of exchange by which *sin is removed* and *righteousness* is imputed:

Self-Redemption or Biblical Redemption by Seed Raised Up.

So, we have seen that the very decision to seek “Self-Redemption” is an act of unbelief and lawlessness, for the one seeking to be Self-Righteous does not submit to God’s Law, which commands that all *subject themselves* to “the Lord” as their “God” to trust him alone (not themselves) to deliver them from not just earthly slavery but the original spiritual slavery imposed by the deceiving Serpent (Exodus 20:2).

For, the Law reserves the *right* of *redemption* only to the Family’s Kinsman-Redeemer. So, the Heir of all humanity,



the Son of Man, appointed by God to inherit all things (Psalm 8:4-6)—he alone has the Torah’s *right of redemption*.

And, Mashiach, as the Seed raised up by God for David, is the only Son of God and Son of Man/David who has the *power to redeem*:



The Son of God:

The heavenly life from God, which died when our first parents sinned, can never be *recreated* or generated by the flesh. It must be brought down from the *heavenly world above*. Yet, even if God gave us his Spirit, our *fleshly, dead condition* would not be fit for God’s eternal life. As he says: “My Spirit shall not abide in man, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years” (Genesis 6:3).

So, into a world of complete spiritual “darkness” and in the “shadow of death,” the Lord God sends “the Son of God” as a “great light” (Isaiah 9:2). He alone comes to us with God’s eternal, infinite life.

Thus, the Son of God alone has the *infinite* life sufficient to ransom all our infinite *sin-debt* and even to “carry” this burden of sin. However, here is the problem. While the Son of God’s infinite life has the capacity to *bear* the infinite

weight of humanity's sin, his very nature as "the Son of God" makes sin unapproachable to him, for he cannot carry what cannot enter his presence.

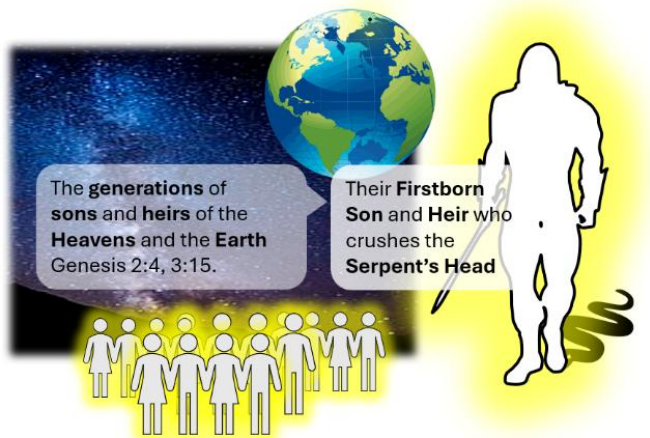
The Son of Man:

But, this promised "Seed" raised up by God is fully *human, that is, of the flesh*—for God "raises up Seed" for David from material coming from his own "body"—thus, ensuring that Mashiach is fully human, being the Son of David directly and of a virginal woman of the House (Isaiah 7:14).

Thus, inhabiting *weak human flesh*, Mashiach as *the Son of Man* can "take" the sins of his people onto himself. When the Son of Man chooses to "take" **sin** onto himself, and to render his people completely freed from the stain and blame of sin, he takes the entirety of their sin—the *culpability* (as if having done the sin himself), the blame, and the consequence.

And, bearing this *defiling sin* in his own flesh, he suffers the infinite pain of being *separated, dead* to God for the three days he was entombed. Thus, when the Son of God dies for Sin as the Son of Man, he gives up his infinite life as payment for all the sins of his people.

Thus, having made "ransom" to "atone for the iniquity" of his people, Mashiach can now transfer to his people not simply total forgiveness, the canceling of their infinite sin debt, but also to give them his life and his *infinite righteousness*. Thus, Mashiach becomes Yahweh Tzedekenu, the "Lord our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6).



Focus:

5. **Redeemer Raised Up:** the **Son** of God and the Son of David/ Man.

1. **Raising Up Redeemer:** *redemptive meaning lost.* 12:18-23.
2. **Reasoning Wrongly:** Willful ignorance of Scriptures and power of God. 12.24.
3. **Redeemer for David:** Living God promises Mashiach. 12:25-27.

Consider:

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Further Discovery:

6.6.2P.Kingdom-moving Prayer: Israel moved from Unbelief. Mark 11:20-25.

Shepherd, how you pray is a direct indicator of your view of God. David feared God, and this *highest regard* for God caused him to view the world and its obstacles as mere opportunities to reveal his exceeding and unstoppable power.

Yet, if your heart is bound with this earth, you will serve a little God, whose small interests mirrored your own cheap requests—for comfort, or little baubles, or cheap fancies. A new car, or better experiences at the grocery store, or a new television.

As one who has seen the prayers of his generation trivialize from world evangelism and a new generation of servants for Jesus to the errata and minutia of life—church carpets, new sound systems, or the success of programs.

But, in these last days, there is the greatest need for your bold prayers, as the Lord God arises to shine his glory upon the earth before his great judgments befall.

You are seeing the waning moments of Israel’s desolation, soon to be replaced with a pure faith and a passionate embrace of Jesus as its Redeeming Mashiach.

But, nothing will happen unless you start to pray.

- 1) **Fortify your Faith** with the Word and the Lord’s great victories. Remind yourself of Joshua before Jericho, or Hezekiah listening to the taunts of Sennacherib, or Jeremiah as the seventieth year of exile drew to a close.
- 2) **Draw near to know the Heart of the Lord.** You are called to be a “Shepherd after my own heart,” God says (Jeremiah 3:15). So, draw near to know the Lord’s heart for his obstinate people.
- 3) **Find out where the Mountain must Go.** Jesus talks about casting the “mountain” into the “sea”—a picture of an obstinate and immovable mountain being thrown into the sea of humanity for its unbelief. But you find out from the Lord—how must the Mountain be moved next?

So, Shepherd of Israel, know your God, be strong, and take action—boldly pray for the Mountain to be moved.

Case Study: Dislodging the Immovable:

After years of joining the Jewish community and praying for its people, the *boulder in their hearts* revealed itself. One of my friends told me the paternity of Jesus by the

Holy Spirit disqualified him to be the Davidic Mashiach, for God, not David, was his father.

With more prayer, more dialogue, and a certainty that this *boulder* would be dislodged, the Lord revealed how this blockage would be dislodged. A series of *toledot-zera* promises, then a series of *hakimoti zera*- raising up Seed, led to 2 Samuel 7:12 and the fact that God promises to “raise up David’s Seed,” claiming the right of *geullah* like Boaz and Judah before him, thus rendering the Seed raised up both the Son of God and the Son of David (vv.12, 14).

Through a published paper online and this website, www.jesusmashiach.com, this ancient promise of God is dislodging Israel’s *main blockage* to the legitimacy of Jesus as the Lord’s Mashiach.

But now, the Mountain stands before you, O Shepherd. Will you prove God’s mountain-moving power by your faithful prayers?

Read Mark 11:20-25.

²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this **mountain**, ‘Be taken up and thrown **into the sea**,’ and **does not doubt** in his heart, but **believes** that what he says will come to pass, it will be **done** for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:23-24.

Background:

Faith: Responding to God’s Revealed Promise.

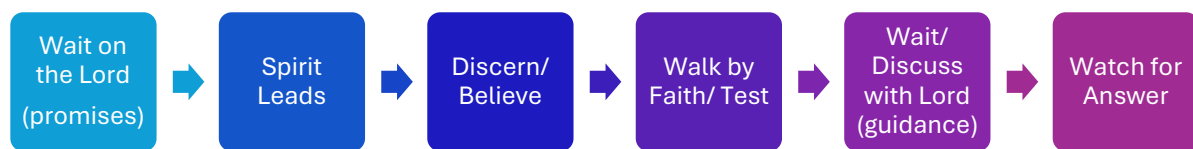
Obviously, “**faith**” is not a rubber-stamp to support the fleshly man in his passions. As James says, “You ask and do not receive because you would spend it on your passions” (James 4:3). So, *faith* is not a means by which we test God.

Instead, we walk by “**faith**” and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7) because the servant of the Lord, especially if you are called to be a *Shepherd* of his *Household*, must know the mind of his Lord. By knowing and obeying His Word (John 14:21) and meditating on the Law of God (Joshua 1:8). Essentially, faith is to “**know**” what God has revealed as His Will and what must happen and to pray fervently and act so that what He desires might come to pass.

As a *shepherd sent to the House of God*, there will be many “mountains” that will stand in the way of what God wants for your people. The encouragement of Jesus here is that your *faith is enough* to pray against these “mountainous” obstacles. For, “all things are possible for him who believes” (Mark 9:23).

Because *faith* grows in response to the Word of God planted, if you know that God’s Word ordains that something must happen—in this case, the *fig tree* must bear fruit. When this does not happen, pray that the *hardness stifling fruitfulness be removed!*

Praying with Conviction:



Again, if the Word of God sees *faith growing*, even in the “smallest” of ways (Matthew 17:20), you can know that God will act! This growing *faith* is called a “conviction”—you know that God will act according to His Word.

If you are not certain about what to pray or how to pray, this is a good opportunity to simply present yourself to the Lord and wait on him. Seek to know his mind. Pore over the Word of God to uncover his will on this particular area of prayer.

Also, be sure to pray about this in the Spirit. Let him guide you into the area of need that is on the Father’s heart. In this way, your initial prayers may be focused and a conviction and growing sense of what the Lord plans to do will emerge. Remember, prayer is aligning yourself with what the Lord God wants and may be already doing in t his world!

Prayer: Changing Present Realities according to God’s Purpose.

So, as a *shepherd of God’s House*, pray freely and courageously, especially when mountainous foes threaten God’s work in the people to whom you are called!

By faith through prayer, you will witness the *seen* reality being transformed to take shape according to the Word.

But, always remember that prayer is not cheap. In prayer, you are presenting yourself to God in sacrifice along with your requests. So, as you pray, be open to

hear how you might be part of his answer. May your faith lead you to act boldly, knowing with conviction that what you asked of God will come to pass.

Rocky Places/ Moving Mountains:

But, what are these “mountains” that Jesus refers to? Israel and the nations—great populations, are called “mountains.” And, this occasion to talk about mountain-moving prayer is his disappointment with the fig-tree and its barrenness. Prophetically, the “fig-tree” refers to Israel, and how it has born no fruit for the Kingdom, having already reject its King and Mashiach, Jesus. Israel is fruitless in its unbelieving resistance to the Mashiach.

So, the people of this House are like the “rocky soil” of the parables whose hearts are hardened to Jesus and Word of God. This entire population, in its hardness, is like a vast mountain. What does Jesus do in response to the hardness of Israel? Does he simply give up and part ways with his obstinate people? The Calling of Jesus as Israel’s anointed shepherd compels him to both *rebuke* Israel’s *barrenness* and unbelief and fruitlessness. In the presence of its rightful Mashiach, it should be fruitful and its people responding with faith. But, he does not simply rebuke, but he shows his disciples that they can not only *rebuke* Israel’s hardness but also *pray for the nation to “move.”*

Let’s first consider the scope of Jesus’s words. Jesus is confronting not simply a fruitless tree but the obstinacy, the unbelief and barrenness of an entire people, the House of Israel. And, when he *speaks to “wither”* the tree, his words portend a greater work that will affect the entire nation. After Jesus *calls for the tree to be fruitless*, the nation of Israel experienced a time of exile and barrenness that has lasted nearly two millennia—the “two days” prophesied by Hosea (6:2).

So, when Jesus calls for “whoever” might respond to his call, he invites someone with the same faith, the same calling, to not just rebuke the House of Israel. Rather, Jesus calls a *household shepherd* to pray the entire “mountain of obstinate Israel” be uprooted and “thrown into the sea” (12:23). In other words, Jesus encourages you that despite the impossibility of the task, it is possible to have the faith to pray for the entire House to be moved. Indeed, the “obstinate house of Israel” was uprooted and “thrown into the sea”—a picture depicting the waves of tossing humanity. So, Israel was displaced in the year 70 CE and cast into the nations, the vast “sea” of the nations.

But, Israel’s mountainous obstinacy still remains to this day. Will you hear the Lord’s call to *seek the Lord* on what to do with this mountain? Will you be led to

pray that this mountain be “thrown” and moved? That its unbelief uprooted and cast down?

Remember, *prayers* are offered to the Lord God along with your own life, so as you pray, consider what it might cost you in your faith-walk to see this mountain moved!

Case Study: A boulder of Unbelief.

In my walk with the Lord, he has sent me to serve the House of Israel and to help it be freed of a burdensome boulder of unbelief.

When I was in my mid-twenties, the Lord God called me to help to move a *blockage* that kept his people from believing in Jesus as Mashiach. At that point, I started to pray against this *blockage*, though I had no idea what shape this problem took. So, I went out by faith, praying for the Lord to free his people Israel.

I left my university job, my home in Hawaii, and friends and family. As I traveled alone through the city of Chicago, praying for open doors, my studies took me to Reform, Conservative, and Chabad congregations. I worshipped with them, ate with them, and prayed. I continued to lose precious things—love relationships, job opportunities, career.

Then, a conversation with a friend opened my eyes. For Torah-observant Jews and those who know of the Biblical prophecies of Mashiach, there is an especially troubling “boulder” regarding the paternity of the Mashiach which causes many to stumble. Let me share a conversation I had once with a friend from Skokie as we were talking about Mashiach:

J: Let me ask you, who are the parents of Jesus?

Me: Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, who was approached by the Holy Spirit to conceive.

J: For the sake of argument, we can concede that Jesus, born of the Holy Spirit, is “the son of God.” But he cannot be the Son of David, and therefore, he cannot be the Jewish Mashiach.

Me: His lineage traces through Mary?

J: Matrilineal descent is invalid.

Me: Through Joseph?

J: Neither through adoption.

I told J. that I would need to get back to him. More seeking God. More open doors to listen as Orthodox study participants discussed Torah together. Then, the Lord opened my eyes as a clear path unfolded, and the word kept being repeated: “evum.” What is “evum?” Later, I realized that they were saying

“Yibbum.” The Jewish people had provided themselves the key to their *self-imposed reservations!* I wrote back to J: God promises in 2 Samuel 7:12-16 to “raise up Seed” for David. When Zera is raised up by *redemptive right—by geullah*, so that the one who “raises up Seed” is relative (like Judah or Boaz) rather than a dutiful brother (yibbum), then the Seed raised up is the Son of two fathers, merging two lines into one. So, God promises that the “Seed” would be David’s Son (2 Samuel 7:12) and God’s Son (v.14).

So, when the Holy Spirit uses David’s own bodily material (v.12—perhaps his tears? Ps.56:8) to raise up Jesus as David’s “Seed,” then Jesus is the Son of David and the Son of God!

I found that Jewish readers are well accustomed to read this clear scriptural path of “raising up Seed,” but they stop short at 2 Samuel 7:12. But, the Mashiach’s dual paternity is not a boulder but the power behind his Redemptive work.

The path to see this boulder was circuitous and long, but it is a boulder that should not ever trouble Israel to keep it from its rightful Mashiach, Jesus!

Focus:

Kingdom-moving Prayer: Israel to be Moved from place of Unbelief. 11.20-25

- 1. Rebuking Israel’s Fruitlessness:** by faith, know obstruction to God’s plan (11:20-22).
- 2. Removing Mountainous Unbelief:** thrown into judgment if Faith matches God’s mind (11:23)
- 3. Receive Answer by Aligning Faith with God’s Purpose:** Know God by Faith. (11:24-25).

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Further Discovery:

6.7a.B(48). House Commanded to Love God: Sacrificial Love. Mark 12:28-30

As a shepherd of a household in the House of God, know that a defining and foundational characteristic of our family is love! For, it is this *steadfast love* that exists forever as the foundation of Elohim's oneness—a sacrificial love shared between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is from the beginning, for “God is love” (1 John 4:8)—not simply that God loves, but that God-Elohim *is* love—it defines who he is.

God-Elohim loves God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The definition of the *love* God shares as Elohim given to Father, Son, and Spirit, is a *chesed*—a covenantal love that is:

- **Everlasting:** the *steadfast* love of God is “everlasting” in that it is unending, eternal, unbreakable. It is the love which family members share between one another that is impervious to changing circumstances or developments. Seen in the love a parent has for his child, it is a possessive love shown to those who “belong” with one another. Strangers, outsiders, or the detached are bypassed by this love, but a *parent will love a child forever* for they become part of *who they are*.
- **Subject:** This *chesed*, covenantal and steadfast love, is subject—it puts the needs and interests of the other ahead of one's own self-interests. In fact, to be subject is to *defer, put under, consider the other* higher and more important than one's own needs. Again, this *subjection* is characteristics of families, in which a *son is subject to his father*. While it is often thought of in terms of authority, it also means a *responsibility and an obligation* to consider the other's interests. The opposite of being subject is to be completely detached, unencumbered, and capricious. (NOTE: herein, we see how Islam, in calling on the capricious and solitary *Allah*, and even Judaism, *which redefines Elohim as the insulated Elohe*, miss the mark of the Bible's Elohim who is bound to his people in love, regardless of the horror of their transgressions). Another way to think of *family subjection* is to show preference, favor, or grace upon another in the family, even if it costs the highest price.

- **Sacrificial:** Finally, *chesed* is sacrificial—it gives all that it has for the sake of one’s family member. This is seen when parents give their last morsel of food to their hungry children, or when a father endures the most demanding of physical labor that his family might be provided for and safe. This is even why men willingly go to war, to protect their homes and their loved ones. This willingness to “give up” all displays the value and honor given the *loved one* in the family.

In this way, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit demonstrate this *chesed* from the very beginning. Consider God’s love for his Son and the Son’s love for his Father:

⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of **all creation**. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created **through him** and **for him**. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the **dead**, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15-20

- From the beginning, God created all things *through* and *for* the Son, whom he appoints his Firstborn. So, the Father is willing to give *all* creation in heaven and earth to the Son!
- But, the Son pours out all his life as “blood of his cross” to “reconcile” to God all things, especially his children who had been condemned and dead in their sins. So, the Son gives his life on the cross to give *rebirth* to the children of God’s household, returning them back alive and forgiven to the Father!

Here, we see *love* on a total scale—a love spanning the heavens and the earth, a love bridging death to life. This is a powerful love, and this is a love that becomes our family heritage if we are reborn into God’s House!

Sharing in God's steadfast love.

So, as a Shepherd, lay this foundation of love between Father, Son, and Spirit as the foundation of your Household! We show ourselves to be true members of this family if this family resemblance shapes us into the image of our God!

So, we are *brought into* this eternal *chesed* between the members of Elohim, being reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus, to share in the inheritance which the Father lavishes upon him as his Firstborn Son and Heir!

This is why, how can we, his children, not but reciprocate this love with all that we have, given to God for his pleasure and glory.

We give our God, as his due, all of who we are in pleasing sacrifice:

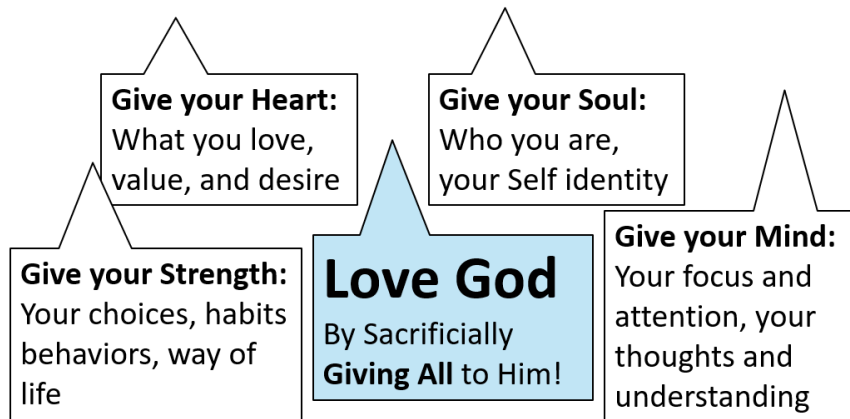
- All our hearts:
- All our souls;
- All our minds;'
- All our strength.

Read Mark 12:28-30.

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, '**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**' ³⁰ And you shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:29

Background:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your **bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2



Focus:

6. **House Commanded to Love God:** Sacrificial Love:
1. **House Commanded** to Hear: “Hear O Israel” 12:29
 2. **The Lord is Our God**, a Oneness: *Echad*. 29
 3. **Love God Sacrificing** your ALL: heart, soul, mind, strength (30)

Consider:

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Further Discovery:

6.7b.B (48). House Commanded to Love Others: Self-Less Love. Mark 12:31-34

As a Household shepherd, be sure that your household's relationship with God is foundational—to love God sacrificially, offering our entire lives to him, is what it means to be both part of his family and also *created beings* who must always “fear God”—to honor God and sanctify him alone as “holy”—having the highest place, the “Headship” over all his creation. In this way, though Job was greatly beloved, he was still esteemed by God as being “blameless and upright, a man who fears God and turns from evil” as God’s “servant” (Job 1:8). Thus, by his great mercy, the Lord God includes us into his family and house by rebirth, but we must always worship him as our “Lord God”—notice the *Son of Man’s* response to Satan: “You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only” is the Son of God’s act of subjection, even if he is a son (Matthew 4:10). Thus, teach as foundational a *loving worship of God*—as a never-ending commitment to *fear God* as sons. As Paul says:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.^[b] ² Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

And, from this *fear of God*—this worshipful *subjection* we have to our Father as his servants, we must obey the command to “love your neighbor as your Self” (Mark 12:31).

Now, let me make a point as a fellow shepherd over God’s household. I’ve seen far too many cases when this 2nd Commandment has not been obeyed, and it has ruined many, many households. Clearly, family members intent on following the flesh and not the Spirit will break the 2nd command to love others by humbling our own Self-importance and Self-interest, which are characteristics of the flesh. But, the cause traces back to this first commandment—are we living *sacrificially in chesed* with the Lord God? Do we fear the Lord and are *offering to him* our very lives?

Only by obeying the first command, to have the “fear of God,” can we avoid brazenly putting our “Self” on a pedestal, as a priority to *manipulate, control, or harden our hearts* against the other members of our household.

How to love your neighbor as your Self

Again, in the flesh, we love only the “Self.” We prefer ourselves over others, we trust only ourselves, and seek to honor, indulge, enjoy, and be ruled only by our own Self. Such a *fleshly life* will not even subject itself to God truly, but only in religious superficiality.

So, to love our neighbor as our “Self” is to dethrone the “Self” from the highest place of priority in our lives. For, if we give up Self-interest, we can then consider and satisfy the interests of others. And, this is the “sacrificial love” which we display in the family.

Of course, only God deserves our Sacrificial Love as Worship. However, when direct to other brothers and sisters, our sacrificial love take the form of preference, of care, and of even service.

As Paul says:

³ Do nothing from **selfish** ambition or conceit, but in **humility** count others **more significant** than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the **interests** of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Philippians 2:3-5.

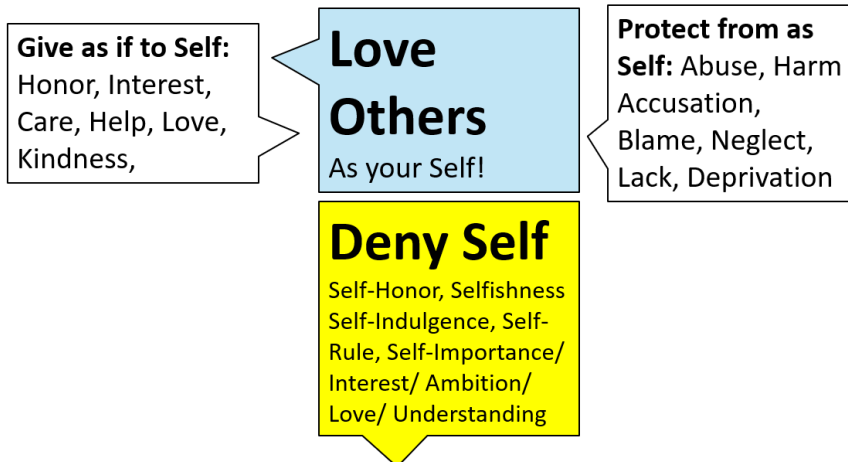
So, we may not want to forgive our brother, not feel like it, but out of *fear* of the Lord we sacrifice—offer, give up this hardness that we might release the brother from his debt to us. For the sake of Jesus our Lord!

Verse.

³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:31

Background:

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Focus:

7: **House Commanded to Love others:** Self-less Love:

1. **Love** Others **Selflessly:** Equal to your “ Self” (12:31)
2. **Love** outweighs religious acts (33)
3. **Love** Brings **Near Kingdom:** (34)

Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery:

6.8.A(49).Lord and Heir of House. Mark 12:35-37

The Lord says to **my Lord**: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” Psalm 110:1

As a Household shepherd, you will face a common misperception that may take hold in your heart or the hearts of your people. For, after sacrificing, enduring, and laboring to gather your household, a *kingdom outpost of reborn disciples*, you or one of your people may see the household as “theirs.” And, in a sense, this Kingdom and this House do belong to the people, for we are co-heirs with Mashiach (Matthew 5:3). However, the founders of a household may imagine it as their household in the way that human parents see themselves as the home’s highest authorities.

So, when David writes about the coming “Son of David,” Mashiach, he still says, he is my “Lord”—the One still having authority over David and his household. How can this be, since Mashiach is to be “the Son of David”?

Yes, God raised up Mashiach. According to the flesh, Mashiach is indeed the “Son” of David. Yet, in the Spirit, Mashiach is “the Son of God” (2 Samuel 7:14), for as it says: “But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their King, whom I will raise up for them” (Jeremiah 30:9). When it says, “they shall serve the Lord their God,” this includes even David. Thus, as the “Lord God” of his Household, having been raised up by God, Jesus is eternally “Lord.”

Thus as you multiply disciples and households for the Kingdom of God, you must teach each one to be under the Lordship of Jesus Mashiach. For he was, is, and ever will be the sustaining and ruling Lord, who rules through each shepherding team of every household, working through his shepherds to feed, guide, and protect his people!

*While in the flesh we may outgrow our need for our parents, in the Spiritual **House** and **Kingdom**, we never **grow independent** of our Eternal Lord!*

So, Shepherd, work hard and intentionally that your household know that they have one Lord, and that Lord is Jesus Mashiach who is the Heir soler possessor of your Household.

In Israel, Mashiach is both the *root* and the *shoot* that comes from Jesse, so forsake any ambition of making a *great name* for your house, for there is only One Lord, only One Heir to be honored in your House.

Even so, guard your House against any earthly identification might detract from the name of the Lord Jesus who lays claim to your lives. In the Last Days, the Lordship covering your house is the conflict around which swirl both global and even cosmic warfare, for either you claim Jesus as your Lord, or the Beast's Mark will forever claim you for Satan and his *damned kingdom*. Be clear with your people from the start, and may your allegiance and loyalty be beyond a doubt.

Read Mark 12:35-37.

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the **Christ** is the **son of David**? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "**The Lord said to my Lord,** 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" ³⁷ **David** himself calls him **Lord**. So how is he his **son**?" And the great throng heard him gladly. Mark 12:35-37

Background:

There shall come forth a **shoot** from the **stump of Jesse**, and a **branch** from his roots shall **bear fruit**. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the **root of Jesse**, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. Isaiah 11:9-10

⁵ I am **the vine**; you are the **branches**. Whoever **abides in me** and I in him, he it is that bears much **fruit**, for **apart** from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Let us again remember the spiritual reality in which we live. Because Israel forgot this truth, it became increasingly Self-entitled, imagining that it had some spiritual power—fortified by the Law, to *produce* its own spiritual life, when all along God

showed in Ezekiel 37 that even in the Last Days, spiritual life only comes from God by His Spirit (Ezekiel 37:7-10). Remember: In the Spiritual Reality, the Lord God remains forever and ever the only source of Spiritual Life, Power, and Righteousness. There is no other source but God Himself and his Mashiach (John 5:26).

The Nature of God's House.

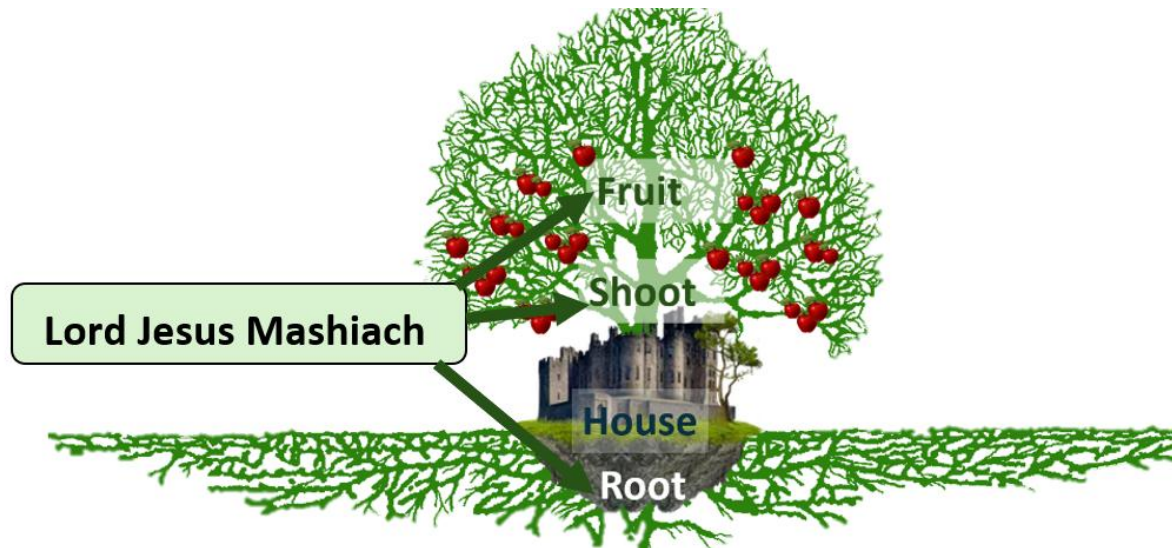
As a shepherd, never think that you build the household of God's Kingdom on *fleshly weakness* or on the shifting foundations of the world. This *fallacy* led to the great Church denominations, traditions, and lineages which now are no more! Rather, read the words of Isaiah 11 again. Not only is Mashiach the "shoot" which sprouts up and its "branch" that bears "fruit" (Isaiah 11:1), but the Lord is also the "root of Jesse"—the very foundation of not only David's House but House Abraham and House Adam!

For, God's House, though it is incarnated, it is embodied as *fleshly people* are reborn in the Lord Jesus Mashiach to become members of God's Kingdom House, the true source of life and the roots which *support* and *nourish* the whole house, the very "branches" and even the "fruit" born into the Kingdom reality, is all of the Lord!

This is why Paul writes in the Church Age, "these (religious forms) are a shadow of what is to come, but the *reality* (literally, the Body-Soma) belongs to Mashiach!" (Colossians 2:17). Though this current world *houses* the House of God, and the House of God takes shape as "household" after "household" multiplies and reproduces new born-again disciples, this visible growth belies an even stronger and more vital reality, for true growth is spiritual and all spiritual life comes from Mashiach.

So, there is never any "outgrowing" our relationship or need for the Lord God, for to step away is to stand in our own Flesh, in darkness, unbelief, and death.

Jesus Mashiach will ever be the Lord and Life-giver of his household, but he will work powerfully through each shepherd assigned to each household for the good of his House. So, let's remember:



1. Jesus the Roots of his Household:

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a **skilled master builder** I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a **foundation** other than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

As a shepherd, you might consider what you will build your household upon. The fleshly choice is always the easiest and most attractive choice. The Jews built the foundation of House Israel upon the foundation of *tradition* and on their natural relationship as households, clans, tribes, and a nation. This readily accessible *Jewish identity* was rooted in the Avot. But, Isaiah reminds the nation that in God's Kingdom to come, established by the Spirit-anointed Mashiach (Isaiah 11:1) as a Kingdom of peace, this Kingdom rests on the one who is not only the "shoot" from Jesse but also Jesse's "root" (Isaiah 11:10). For, the eternal house of David and God must establish its roots not in the passing flesh of earthly generations but in the everlasting life of Mashiach himself, so even before Jesse, Mashiach was the one to be the "root" for his house.

But, how can you establish your house on the *foundation* that is Jesus Mashiach?

- Foundation: Foundation (build)

According to Paul, your work as a shepherd is to first “lay a foundation” and then “build” on it, as you spread the Word and add to your house disciples whose *faith* will rest on something or someone. Here, Shepherd, you have a choice, and you can only pick one: do you want to build your household on your own expertise, knowledge, and capability so that you are the one that looks good in your family? That you are respected, honored, and given a place of entitlement? Of course, choosing the path of flesh will ensure *future ruin* and collapse for your household. Paul said that if his people relied on his “speech” and “plausible words of wisdom” (1 Corinthians 2:4)—that is, he spent his time avoiding blame, skirting risk, and defending or promoting his own reputation and name—then the “faith” of his people would rest on the “wisdom of men.” Such a ruinous foundation would eventually collapse because he would hold his house hostage to *human popularity and whim*. Instead, Paul decided to ground his household on Jesus Mashiach, who embodies the “power of God” (5). So, build on the Foundation of Jesus Mashiach by:

- **Relational Faith:** Always inspect the foundation of the faith of your people, ensuring that their faith is a “relational faith”—that it draws them nearer and nearer to the living Lord Mashiach.
- **Person of Jesus.** (1 Cor. 3:11). If your people have a relational faith, secure that faith directly to the person of Jesus Mashiach. Make sure their faith does not rest on *dead* things—dead doctrines, dead ideas, dead traditions and practices. But, you will know if they are pressing in to hear, to learn, and to be changed by a living presence rather than mere rote understanding. For this living relationship with Jesus, check on their:
 - Prayer Life
 - Confessing Sins
 - Fruit of the Spirit.
 - Sacrificial choices.
 - Knowing his mind and will and doing it.
- **Word and Obedience not World.**(Matt. 7:24- 27). The Lord Jesus himself instructed that to *build on him* as the foundation of your household was to hear and obey his Words. For, when you know and obey the Word of Jesus Mashiach, he gives you the *spiritual power* to fulfill what he asks. This is why

when Peter faced the impossible task of walking on water, he knew well enough to ask Jesus to “command” him to come, and when he did, Peter by faith walked on the seas (Matthew 14:28). In this way, teach your people to hear and obey the Lord’s commands alone. Be sure a myriad of voices from tradition, or from social media, or the world, compete. Rather, prune the voices of authority in their lives to Jesus Mashiach alone.

- Nourishment. When they learn to do the will of the Lord, obeying his voice and knowing him, they will be nourished as the root system not only supports but also nurtures.

2. Jesus the Shoot and Branches of his Household.

Jesus also says that he is the entire structure of the plant, saying, “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5). So, Jesus does not outsource or manage his household from afar—he “abides” in the very life of his household, in the branches and their relationships. This is why he commands, “abide in me” (John 15:4). For, sharing in the life together in Jesus brings his presence near, for “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20).

As the days grow darker, Jesus among you in your household will be a safe place of the Kingdom’s presence, as your household draws you all together in him.

3. Jesus the Fruit and Multiplying Seed of His Household.

¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely **multiply your offspring** as the **stars** of **heaven** and as the **sand** that is on the **seashore**. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” Genesis 22:17-18
Jesus Mashiach is so immanent in his Household, and his life so infused and expressed through his people, that he is even the “shoot” of the tree bearing “fruit.”

For, when a disciple repents of his *fleshly addiction to this world* and turns to Jesus Mashiach as his Lord, he is *reborn* as “seed” being multiplied and born from the very life of Jesus Mashiach, for God promises to multiply his “Seed”—his *people* as the “stars of the heavens” and the “sand” of the “seashore” (Genesis 22:17).

Seed Multiplied as Sons.

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

These “seed”—newborn children of God—are not mere strangers in the Kingdom, but they are children meant to grow to resemble the Lord Jesus Mashiach so that in the House of God, these children are “predestined to be **conformed** to the **image of his Son**, in order that he might be the **firstborn** among **many brothers**” (Romans 8:29). That is, the *fruit* Jesus bears are of his spiritual “seed” and share in his *life*, for the end that one day, Jesus Mashiach would be the “firstborn” son among many sons (which of course are male and female heirs with him!).

So, as you invite Jesus Mashiach into your household to be immanent among you all as your “Lord,” both the “peace” and the “word” of Jesus will bear fruit among you! (Colossians 3:15-17).

Correcting Fleshly View of Mashiach:

1. Identify commonly held **but incomplete** belief:

“Mashiach is the Son of David.”

2. Uncover **incompleteness** by linking other Scripture:

“The Lord said to my Lord”: Mashiach is David’s Lord.

3. Correct with complete view:

Mashiach is the Son of David and the Son of God.

The Lord of every House: Root and Shoot.

The Foundation and Root of Every House:

Mashiach is both the “shoot” (Isaiah 11:1) and the “root” (Isaiah 11:10) of Jesse.

4. Proclaim Mashiach: Beyond the Son of David:

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.

Focus:

8. **Lord and Heir of House:** Mashiach as the Son of David and the Son of God.
 1. **Limiting Mashiach:** only the Son of David. 12:35
 2. **Lord of House:** Mashiach is David's Lord. 12:36
 3. **Lordship of Son of God:** Mashiach is Lord. 12:37 (Jeremiah 32:5-6).

Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery:

6.9.C(51-52).House Tested-Prepared for Mashiach. Mark 13:1-8

As a shepherd of the House of Israel in these last days, it is critical that you shepherd your household in perilous and challenging times. So, in Mark 13:1-8, we see Jesus our Chief Shepherd guide his disciples in two important ways.

- Redirecting their Confidence and Awe: The disciples were clearly impressed with the human achievements of the Temple and its “wonderful buildings” (13:1). Imagine if the disciples continued this steady gaze on the Temple in 70 CE when not only was the Temple but all of Jerusalem was overturned!

Faith focuses on the Lord’s Plan and Purpose as it unfolds in hardship and salvation.

The world and its “buildings” will be ever-changing, Jesus was teaching his disciples. But, as the Kingdom’s Sons on this Earth, they need to see by faith—What is God’s purpose in all this, and how do the *unnerving* unfolding events on earth show the unshakeable work of God’s Lordship? For, the disciple of the Kingdom must not be shaken nor discouraged when the earth shakes—instead, looking steadily ahead at how the calamitous events actually serve God’s heavenly purpose. Only then can the disciple walk by faith and not shaky fear!

- Preparing them for what is to come: As Jesus

Mashiach predicts the coming of many counterfeits who will come in his “name” (13:5), he also warns them “See that no one leads you astray” (v.6).

In this same way, you should know what is to come but also guide your sheep that they know and be prepared.

Read Mark 13:1-8.

And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in **my name**, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and **rumors** of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be **earthquakes** in various places; there will be **famines**. These are but the beginning of the **birth pains**. Mark 13:5-8

Background:

Following the rapture of the Church, many Jews and Gentiles will come to Jesus Mashiach as their Lord and Savior. These are the First-fruits of the global harvest that is to come. So, the Jewish Remnant and the disciples all over the world who turn to the Lord Jesus, these words are given to show them what happens next. For, following the Taking of the Church, many who have had the Word of God planted in their hearts may very well bear fruit and turn to the Lord.

If you are a Shepherd of this remnant or have a household of faith in some faroff land, consider the ways that Jesus prepares his own disciples for what is to come:

Preparing the Remnant during the Birth pains:

When Jesus Mashiach peers into the future, he knows that his people must be prepared for what is to come. For, he is neither a nihilist—imagining that conditions could neither improve nor worsen the situation. Rather, he is the Lord, who is committed to not only preparing his disciples for what is to come, but also training that when the time does come, they can still have the strength of faith to bring the Kingdom even in adversity.

- Prepare for Test: Led astray by Falsehood

So, the first thing Jesus does is to give them the sequence of events that will take hold of the earth in the last days. After the rapture, what happens immediately is a proliferation of false Christs who come and say, “I am he!” (Mark 13:5). This is understandable, since the Church had been preaching the return of Jesus and the rapture.

But, amidst this confusion, Jesus warns the remnant and his last days disciples to “see that no one leads you astray” (5). He prepares the remnant to guard against falsehood by:

- **Remaining Watchful:** “see” and be observant of what false Christs seek to do.
- **Discern Leaders and Influence:** though disciples of Jesus will be looking for the shepherds who can lead them ahead, Jesus cautions them to be very discerning of *how* they are being led. They should not be quick to give others authority in their lives. Rather, they should test anything they listen to, watch, or read.

- **Stay on the Path:** Hold closely to the Words of Jesus and the protection of your household. Be sure you know what is the Path set by the Word of God for yourself and your people, so that you can discern any divergence from the path.

- Strengthen Faith: Don't be alarmed.

Then, by saying, "Don't be alarmed," Jesus already shows them that they need not be "alarmed" by what is going on all around them.

To be "alarmed" is to lose hope in God's ability to overturn the evil course of events unfolding before their eyes. But, Jesus knows and promises them that these events will soon pass until Jesus Himself comes to restore

- Know Purpose;

To know what God knows of the situation and how he will use it to advance his Kingdom may not completely comfort those whose world is being shaken, but it teaches of the Lord's faithfulness as his people pass through trials. Though it may look like the world is ending, Jesus assures the last days saints the "end is not yet" but that is the "beginning of birth pains" (8).

In other words, in the midst of the financial pain, the warfare, the pestilence and shortages, these "pains" are for a purpose.

In fact, as they faithfully spread the Word of God and the name of Jesus throughout the world, offering the Lordship of Jesus as the only refuge in this tribulation, they are planting the Seeds which will produce a world-wide harvest! And, as you, the Remnant, plant the Word of God and spread the name of Jesus Mashiach in Israel, you prepare Israel for the "birth" of Israel as a nation, as the spiritually reborn sons of God!

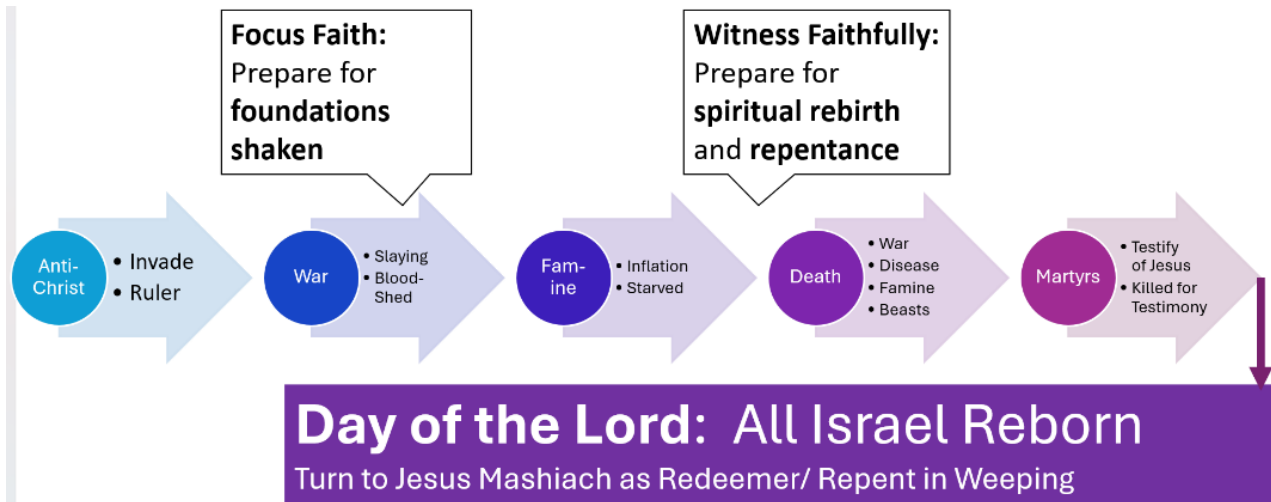
Now, you may not see immediate results as you testify of Jesus Mashiach to the Jews. Remember:

- Preach Jesus as the Mashiach, the one prophesied by the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms! Take back control of how Jesus is known—not through a *foreign Christology*, stripping Mashiach of his nature as David's promised Kinsman-Redeemer, *raised up as Seed* according to the right of geullah to be the Son of David and the Son of God. Preach him as the fulfillment of God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16. For, from this point forward, the world should know Jesus as Mashiach, the Jewish Messiah. Once the Church

Age is forgotten, so should its terminology which voided the Word of God by its sophistic but lifeless abstractions.

- Preach the pure truth to the most entrenched positions of unbelief: that Elohim is a oneness of Father, Son, an Spirit; that Jesus was to be *raised up as Seed* according to the right of geullah to be the son of two fathers, that Mashiach was to be cut off to “atone for iniquity” and to “bring an everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9 :24). For, as you plant this Seed, Jewish Minds will cling to these truths as Israel’s enemies surround and threaten annihilation. And, they will remember “the One they have pierced” and recognize him as their “Firstborn Son” when they see Jesus Mashiach face-to-face (Zechariah 12:10) because you have already preached the “Pierced One to them.

Birthpains Test House before Rebirth:



As the remnant, be sure to do two things during the birth pains: first, be sure your faith is focused on the Lord Jesus and his unfolding purpose and not the shaken foundations of the world; second, witness faithfully to prepare Israel and the world for a global harvest of faith!

Focus:

6C(51-52). Israel's Future Birth Pains: Kingdom Established in Israel. 13:1-8

- 1) Passing World: Disciples must know Kingdom's coming. 13:1-4
- 2) Preparatory Pains: Ready Israel for faith in Mashiach and his coming: 13:5-7
- 3) Pains lead to Israel's Rebirth: All Israel will turn to Jesus Mashiach for life. 13:8

Consider:

Question:

6.10.C(53).House Proclaims Mashiach. Mark 13:9-13.

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But, as you shepherd the Flock now included and taking your place in the House Israel, hear the Lord Jesus Mashiach's exhortations to you to prepare your people for proclamation:

- **Watch:** Be on your Guard!
- **Walk by Spirit:** By faith, walk by Spirit in Surrender to say what Spirit speaks through you.
- **Wait:** Be faithful to the end, enduring and abiding in the Lord until the End!

Read Mark 13:9-13.

¹⁰ And the **gospel** must first be **proclaimed** to **all nations**. ¹¹ And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is **not you who speak**, but the **Holy Spirit**.

¹³ And you will be **hated** by all for my name's sake. But the one who **endures to the end** will be saved. Mark 13:10-11; 13

Background:

Preparing for Proclamation:

Shepherds of Israel, remember that if you have been faithful in the Small things and have seen fruit, you will be faithful in the Big things as well! You have shepherded your people well through the time of Birth Pains and the bloody *martyrdom* that preceded the Day of the Lord.

Now that the Lord Jesus Mashiach has revealed himself to Israel and All Israel has been filled with a new heart, now you are made a great and unstoppable Host: you will complete the task of proclaiming Jesus Mashiach to the whole world, for a great Harvest! So, the Lord's words in Ezekiel will now have come to pass:

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In your allotted time of *proclamation*, you will preach the Gospel to the whole world. So, prepare to *go out* from Israel, as you prepare these three strong

sources of proclamation: the Temple, the Witnessing Shepherds, and the two Anointed Witnesses.

Witness of Earth and Heaven:

Shepherds, let all Israel know that when you proclaim Jesus Mashiach and His Kingdom to the world, you do not stand alone but in the power of the Lord God and the backing of all of Heaven.

For, as you proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world, there is a spiritual battle waged all around you. In fact, the Spiritual Powers in the Heavenly Places will be judged with finality, so that when the Lord Jesus Mashiach begins his glorious reign in Jerusalem in exactly Seven years from the start of your witness, the Earth will be freed of the *deceiving Serpent* and his lies.

So, when the Dark Serpent and his Antichrist begin their rule in 3.5 years, their persecution of you and all the Saints will bring down upon their heads the Lamb who was Slain, waging just war, as he marshalls the Hosts of Heaven to press in like the clouds of heaven!

So, the Lord God backs your words with *heavenly judgments*, which the world will see revealed to them before their eyes: (Revelation 8:6-13). So, all will look to you, as you:

1) Rebuild/ Restart **Temple**. Prayers rise to God.

See the glorious reality before the throne of God as your people begin to offer their prayers up to God, silencing heaven for “half an hour” (Revelation 8:1)

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven** for about half an hour. ²Then I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood at the altar with a **golden censer**, and he was given much incense to offer with the **prayers of all the saints** on the **golden altar** before the **throne**, ⁴and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, **rose before God** from the hand of the angel. ⁵Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.
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The House of the Lord, the Temple, links heaven and earth as the prayers of Israel's saints rise before God, and the Lord God answers with power and judgment.

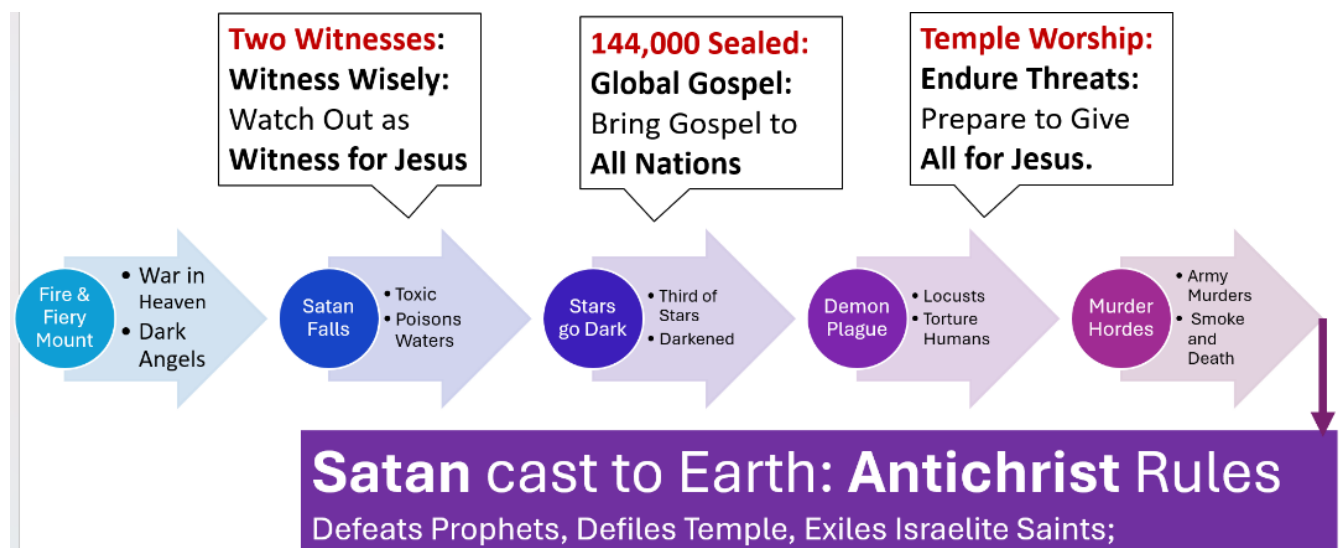
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⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:9-10, 14b

3) Anoint **two Mashiachs**: Global Signs from God.

Finally, Israel will anoint two Mashiachs to speak for the people as a testimony to the nations. They will prophesy as God's judgments fall on the earth, and in the end, they will be overcome by the Antichrist.



Israel Proclaims Jesus Mashiach 3.5 yrs.

Focus:

6.10.C(53). Israel Proclaims Gospel (3.5 years). 13:9-13: All Nations

- 1) Remnant witnesses to Israel: persecuted. 13:9
- 2) Repentance and Rebirth: Israel turns to Mashiach and proclaims gospel by the Spirit to all nations. 13:10-11
- 3) Reborn Israel: proclaims Gospel to the very end. 13:12-13.

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- **Walk by Spirit:** By faith, walk by Spirit in Surrender to say what Spirit speaks through you.
- **Wait:** Be faithful to the end, enduring and abiding in the Lord until the End!

Read Mark 13:9-13.

¹⁰ And the **gospel** must first be **proclaimed** to **all nations**. ¹¹ And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is **not you who speak**, but the **Holy Spirit**.

¹³ And you will be **hated** by all for my name's sake. But the one who **endures to the end** will be saved. Mark 13:10-11; 13

Background:

Preparing for Proclamation:

Shepherds of Israel, remember that if you have been faithful in the Small things and have seen fruit, you will be faithful in the Big things as well! You have shepherded your people well through the time of Birth Pains and the bloody *martyrdom* that preceded the Day of the Lord.

Now that the Lord Jesus Mashiach has revealed himself to Israel and All Israel has been filled with a new heart, now you are made a great and unstoppable Host: you will complete the task of proclaiming Jesus Mashiach to the whole world, for a great Harvest! So, the Lord's words in Ezekiel will now have come to pass:

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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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 37:10, 14.

In your allotted time of *proclamation*, you will preach the Gospel to the whole world. So, prepare to *go out* from Israel, as you prepare these three strong

sources of proclamation: the Temple, the Witnessing Shepherds, and the two Anointed Witnesses.

Witness of Earth and Heaven:

Shepherds, let all Israel know that when you proclaim Jesus Mashiach and His Kingdom to the world, you do not stand alone but in the power of the Lord God and the backing of all of Heaven.

For, as you proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world, there is a spiritual battle waged all around you. In fact, the Spiritual Powers in the Heavenly Places will be judged with finality, so that when the Lord Jesus Mashiach begins his glorious reign in Jerusalem in exactly Seven years from the start of your witness, the Earth will be freed of the *deceiving Serpent* and his lies.

So, when the Dark Serpent and his Antichrist begin their rule in 3.5 years, their persecution of you and all the Saints will bring down upon their heads the Lamb who was Slain, waging just war, as he marshalls the Hosts of Heaven to press in like the clouds of heaven!

So, the Lord God backs your words with *heavenly judgments*, which the world will see revealed to them before their eyes: (Revelation 8:6-13). So, all will look to you, as you:

1) Rebuild/ Restart **Temple**. Prayers rise to God.

See the glorious reality before the throne of God as your people begin to offer their prayers up to God, silencing heaven for “half an hour” (Revelation 8:1)

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven** for about half an hour. ² Then I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them. ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a **golden censer**, and he was given much incense to offer with the **prayers of all the saints** on the **golden altar** before the **throne**, ⁴ and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, **rose before God** from the hand of the angel. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.
Revelation 8:1-5.

The House of the Lord, the Temple, links heaven and earth as the prayers of Israel's saints rise before God, and the Lord God answers with power and judgment.

2) Send out **Martyr Shepherds**: 144,000, Sealed by God. As the 144,000 witnesses are sealed by the Spirit's protection from demonic attack, they go into all the world and reap a great Tribulation Harvest. As many of their fruit come into the kingdom, they face immediate martyrdom and appear before the throne, only to be resurrected and enter directly the Kingdom of God!

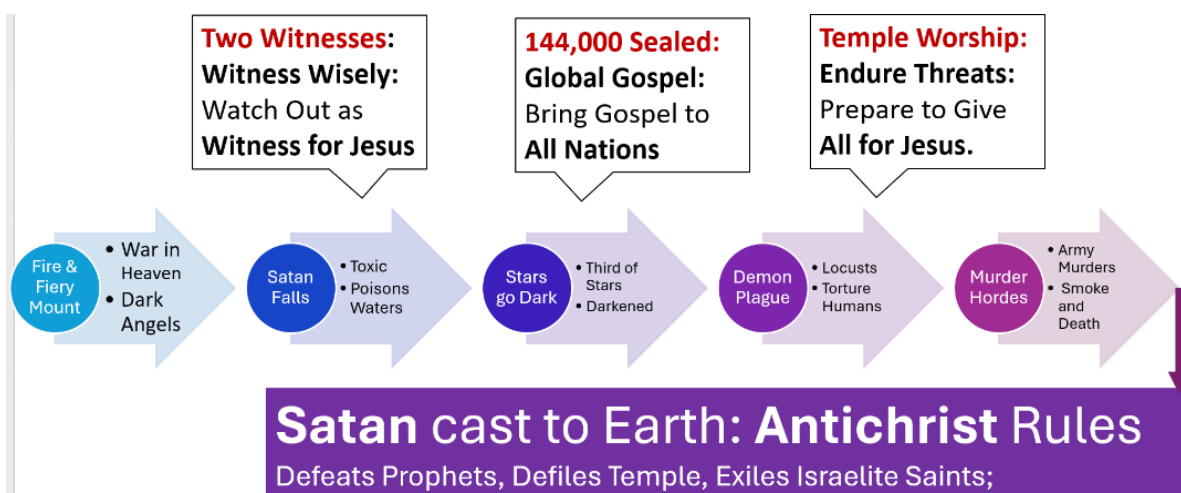
⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:9-10, 14b

3) Anoint **two Mashiachs**: Global Signs from God.

Finally, Israel will anoint two Mashiachs to speak for the people as a testimony to the nations. They will prophesy as God's judgments fall on the earth, and in the end, they will be overcome by the Antichrist.

Israel Proclaims Jesus Mashiach 3.5 yrs.



Focus:**6.10.C(53). Israel Proclaims Gospel (3.5 years). 13:9-13:** All Nations

- 1) Remnant witnesses to Israel: persecuted. 13:9
- 2) Repentance and Rebirth: Israel turns to Mashiach and proclaims gospel by the Spirit to all nations. 13:10-11
- 3) Reborn Israel: proclaims Gospel to the very end. 13:12-13.

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Question:Further Discovery:

6.11.C(54-55). House Endures. 3.5 Years. - Return of Jesus Mashiach. Mark 13:14-27

Now begins the darkest moment of human history and the great testing of the Jewish people. The antichrist, the embodiment of the *flesh*—for he is called the Beast, being entirely driven by Godless Self-honor to make him an enemy of God, now seizes power over the whole Earth. Those who have longed for an entirely human rule, freed from any Godly interference, now have their wish. And, Antichrist imposes upon humanity a bloody tyranny unrivalled in all of history.

Here, dear Shepherd of God's people, it will be good to remind ourselves of our Lord's words and how we should view our lives on earth, with Antichrist around or not:

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^[d] 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.

As a shepherd, teach your household to view their lives in this way:

1) The Life of a Disciple:

- Deny Self: give up the Flesh entirely to God as a sacrifice.
- Take up Cross: take responsibility for your sacrificial service to the Lord.
- Follow Me: surrender to follow and be protected by the Lord.

2) Saving your Soul: giving up your life on earth.

Consider the things of this life not *defining* of who you are in Jesus Mashiach. Your entire life now is in Jesus, who has made you a new creation: 2 Corinthians 5:17. So, to give up the things of earth to gain what is eternal and glorious is not loss but an investment.

Even those martyrs who *lose their entire lives during the tribulation* spend the rest of the Tribulation in God's comforting presence, then are resurrected to "reign" with Mashiach for a thousand years! (Revelation 20:6).

3) Saving your life on earth: losing your soul.

However, those foolish and cowardly followers of the Antichrist choose to save their earthly lives: their comfort, homes, bank accounts, and status in order to pledge their loyalty to the Antichrist and Satan, making them enemies of God. And, they will hold on to their lives for 3.5 short years! Worse, they will then be thrown alive, with the Antichrist, into eternal fire.

However, if some, after receiving the Mark of the Beast repent and are willing to *risk their lives on earth* and offer shelter, food, or rest to God's afflicted people, they will save their lives.

Read Mark 13:14-27.

"But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will **see the Son of Man coming in clouds** with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. Mark 13:24-27.

Background:

As predicted by Daniel in Daniel 9:27, the Beast, the Antichrist, will desecrate God's Temple and will set up an abominable image in the Temple wings to execute those who do not follow the Antichrist.

He will be given power for 3.5 years, and he will work with the *False Worldly Religions* to put to death the followers of Jesus Mashiach and the true God!

Shepherds, prepare your people for this dark time. Jesus instructs you:

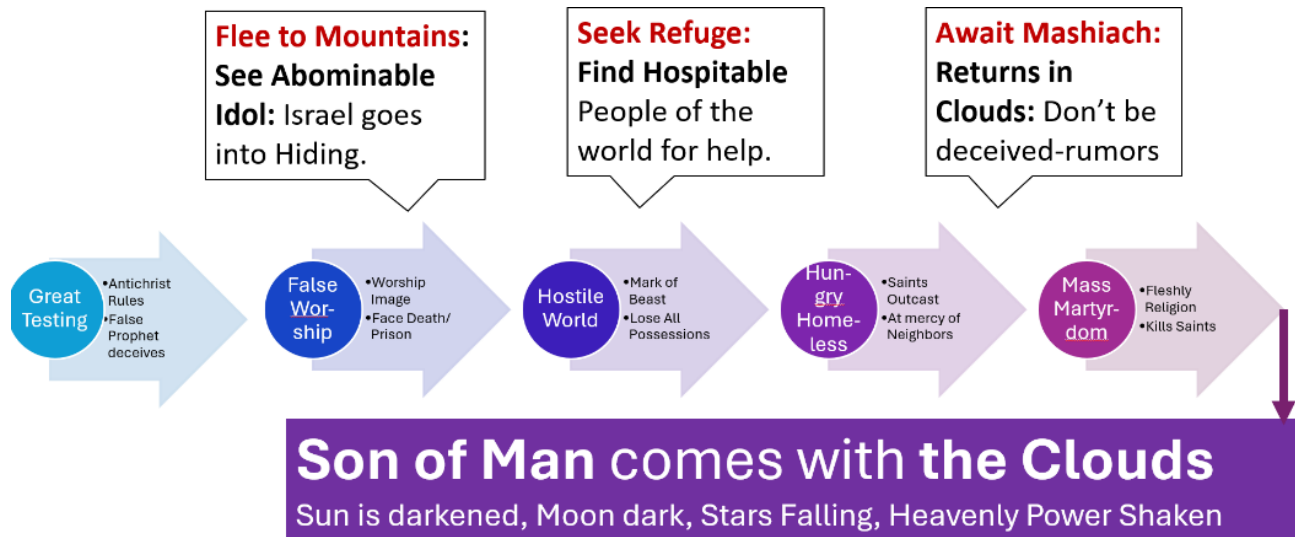
1. If your people are in Judea, **Flee!** The Kingdom households should seek shelter, for there will be 3.5 years of persecution and threat.
2. Abandon any earthly possessions to **Find Safety**. There are no possessions, home, or riches that should keep you from finding safety.

3. Pray for God's mercy to protect you in this time of fleshly vulnerability. Knock on the doors of neighbors, to seek help and the meeting of your daily needs.

The Lord promises that those who help you will have saved their very lives.

And, after the 3.5 years of testing, the Lord Jesus will return with the Hosts/ Clouds of Heaven in power and glory!

Antichrist Rules 3.5 Yrs.



Focus:

6C(54-55). Tribulation and Return (3.5 years): Time of Antichrist. 13:14-27

1. Abomination Defiles Temple: Start of 3.5 years of Antichrist. 13:14-20.
2. False Christ and False Prophet. Deception. 13:21-23.
3. The Son of Man comes with Clouds. 13:24-27.

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Further Discovery:

6.12.C(56).Awakened House- Watching for Signs. Mark 15:28-36..

As a Shepherd of the Lord's House, this last characteristic of a healthy house may elude you—why must you “stay awake” as a House (15:36)? Before we address the value of *staying awake* and avoiding the allure of sleep.

⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8.

When Paul and Jesus talk about “sleep,” they mean giving in to the *darkness* and the Godless *night*. That is, when a child of the household, who belongs to the “Day” and light of God's new life, when such a child gives in to the *darkness* and sleeps, he behaves as if he was *dead in the world*, dead to the light.

As a Shepherd of the Lord's House, be on “guard”—protect your household. Don't let any fall asleep—that is, have any part of the night and sin, but sanctify yourselves for the Lord's coming!

Case Study: a little sleep is a dangerous thing.

It is no exaggeration that sleep kills. Anyone who has driven late at night and/or on a long road trip knows the danger of micro-sleep. Giving in when the mind says, “Close your eyes for just a second” can give in to sleep's grip, and the next moment you will find your car out of control! After a late night as a graduate student in Chicago, I was rushing home to the suburbs on the I-294 as I battled bursts of micro-sleep. I suddenly felt the steering wheel jerk to the left, and I opened my eyes just in time to see my car veering away from its headlong hurtle into a concrete pillar! I had fallen asleep, and (I believe) angelic intervention pulled my steering wheel before I then woke up!

In this way, I've found that “micro-sin” can be just as deadly for the disciple. Just a moment off guard can be catastrophic. As I write this on Wednesday, Sunday the 13th of September approaches when I expect to meet our Lord in the air. If you are reading this *Kingdom Discipleship* series, this is the last few pages I need to finish. Last night, as I was set to work on these last few page, I felt my guard dropping: “It's time to give yourself a break” I heard. For the ending months of summer, I had sworn off social media, which was a distraction. So, I

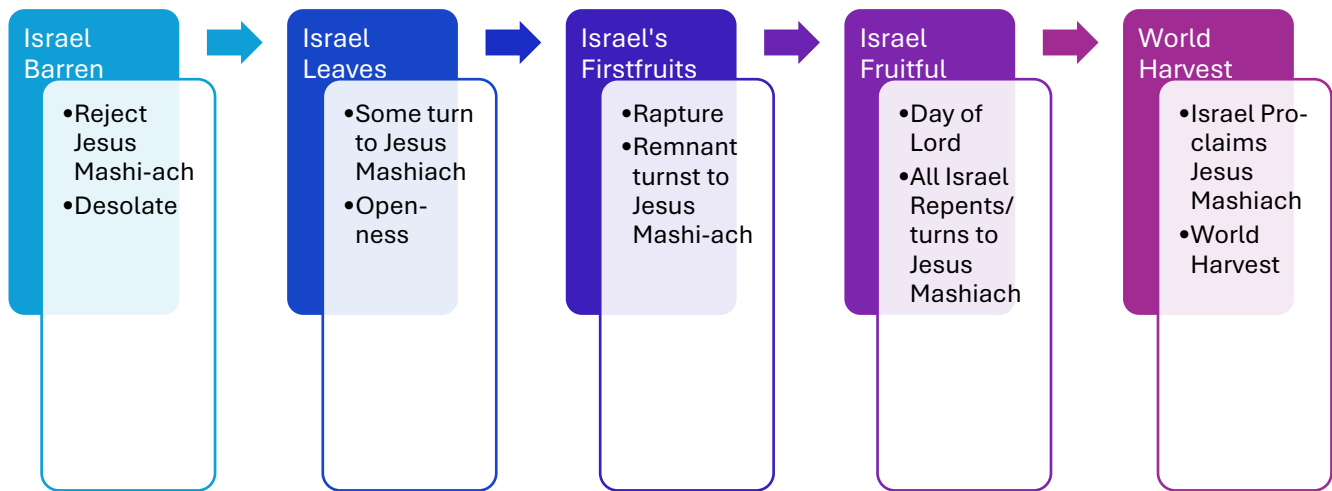
told myself I would take a short break, lie down, and spend some time on social media, on a website that was supposed to be family friendly. As I scrolled, lewd images popped up. I didn't look away, and soon fell asleep. When I woke up, I picked up my phone again and fell into defiling lust.

So, Shepherds, for your own sake and the sake of your people, remember that sin is just as deadly now as the day you were first freed from it. In the last days of his ministry, Paul said, "I am the worst of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15), using the present tense. He does not say, "I was the worst of sinners." How can that be?

Until the Lord resurrects you, your Spirit-born self is alive, but your *flesh is dead*. And, *dead flesh* cannot grow, it cannot be controlled or tamed. Rather, your sanctification comes when you "crucify the flesh" in Jesus Mashiach (Galatians 5:24), putting the deeds of the body to death by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:13). That is, your sanctification comes when you give the Spirit leadership in your life, more and more consistently. But, do not think that this affords you a little time for *sleep*, to indulge the flesh and give in to its desires. For, the *darkness of death* is consuming, and it will threaten to take you over completely. So, "Be on Guard, and keep awake!" Jesus says.

Even though Jesus tells his Church to "learn" from the "fig tree" to watch for its fruitfulness, alerting his shepherds to prepare for the nearing time, his exhortation to watch and *learn* applies to you in your time as well! As a shepherd:

- **Learn from Israel:** Until the Lord establishes his universal Kingdom in Jerusalem, God's work in Israel will be a central indicator of the times and how to prepare:



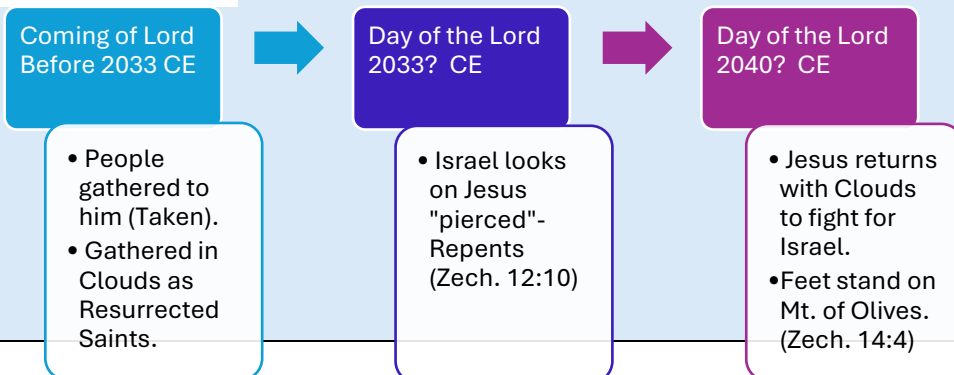
• **Faith Walk:** Watch for the “Day” of the Lord’s return. Now, when the Lord Jesus says, “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32), he uses the word “concerning” to indicate its unknowability. That is, concerning, or “peri”—the circumstances surrounding these events, or “about” the events themselves, no one knows. However, many have *deleted the “peri”* so that verse reads, “no one knows the day nor the hour” (13:32) after the Lord has repeatedly exhorted his people to watch for it, look for signs, and the Father has even given a promise regarding its timing... “two days” (Hosea 6:2) after the start of Israel’s desolation, which began in 33 CE, the moment Israel rejected Jesus, the risen Mashiach, as its Lord. So, clearly, we are not to know of the events and the surrounding circumstances of these events—that is, as if the fleshly nature could do anything to control or engineer these events. Rather, we are told to look for, anticipate, and even prepare in advance to act when the events come upon us!

The Day of the Lord:

When the Lord talks about the Last Days, he often talks about “The Day of the Lord” or “That Day.” Generally, the “Day of the Lord” can refer to two distinct Last Days events which *culminate* the events leading up to them. That, is, these references to “the Day of the Lord” are climactic destinations, acts of God, which we should expect and hope for. And, around the *periphery* of these days is the term “the coming of the Lord.” Of course, when the Lord comes, his people either *turn to him* or are *drawn to him*. So, let’s sort this out by starting with Paul’s statement:

Now concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that **the day of the Lord** has come. ²

Thessalonians 2:1-2



So, the first “Day of the Lord” mentioned by Zechariah begins Israel’s last 7 years as foretold by Daniel (Daniel 9:) when the Lord appears and the nation is *reborn spiritually*. After 3.5 years of Israel’s witness, the Antichrist takes control over Israel and the world, which ends after 3.5 years at the Lord’s final return. Note: the Year 2033 CE is derived from Hosea’s prophecy (6:2) that after 2 days (millennia), that is, following Israel’s rejection of the resurrected Mashiach in 33 CE, Israel will be *revived* again- hence, the year 2033 CE. I’m expecting seven years prior to be the start of the Birth Pains at the “Coming” of the Lord for his Church, thus signalling to the Remnant that Jesus is indeed their Mashiach!

- **Be on Guard and Stay Awake:**

In the same Way that *micro-sleep* takes over when we give ourselves to the call of the night, to fall into its embrace, we will *let down our guard* when we close our eyes to these coming events to take place.

To “guard” the promises entrusted to us is to remain ever *faithful* and *to live responsibly*, especially as we see the signs of the approaching “coming of the Lord” appear before our eyes, and especially as we see the approach of the end of the “two days” draw near.

No Time for Darkness.

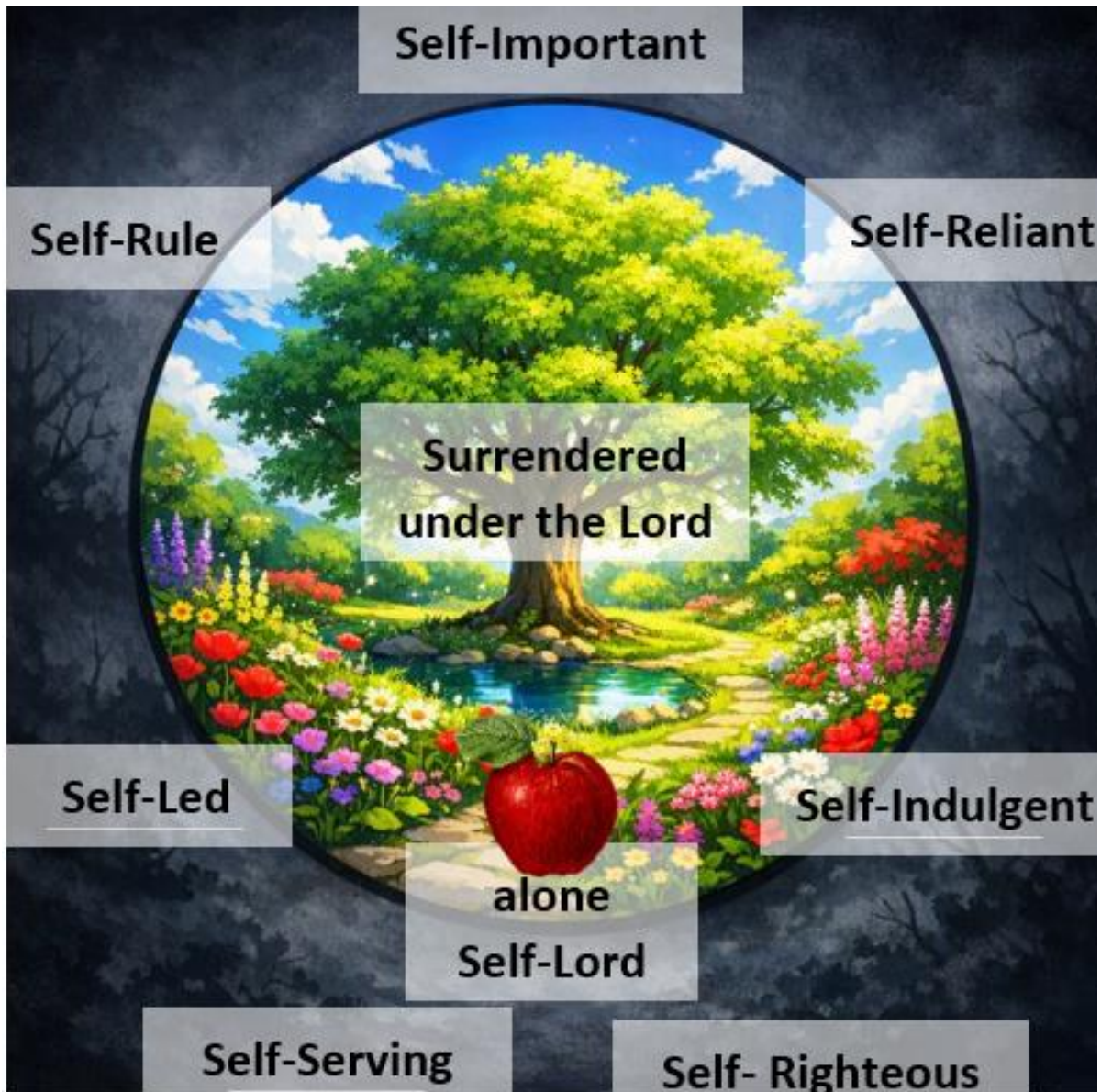
In the Last Days, there will be a deep slumber that comes upon the world. That is, with the coming of the Antichrist and Satan, the darkness enveloping the earth will become especially *direct and open*. In fact, this darkness will be so pervasive, that the natural *inclination* will be to sleep, to give in to this darkness and to become defenseless and blind to it.

This willful blindness and defenselessness is increasingly prevalent in the Churches at this point in time. The darkness seems to be invading area of life, so to “stay awake”—to remain as a member of the House and Kingdom of God, will take one’s total and greatest effort.

First, let’s consider how the encroaching darkness is normalizing and naturalizing the darkness to make it the normal way of life:

- **Pervasive Darkness:** the inroads of technology into private spaces. In my earlier case study indicated, technology has penetrated even the most private spaces. Never before has the world had access to the hearts and minds of people so directly. Remember that the “eyes” are the lamp of the

body, so “if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness” (Matthew 6:22-23).



- **Darkness of Human Ideals**: Redefining Humanity. Recall that *Life of Light* which the Lord God had given humanity and its first parents was a “light” surrendered under the Lordship and life-giving presence of the Lord God. To step away from this Life—standing on our own grounds as a Humanity, was to step into the darkness. But the exalting of Humanity as Self-Sufficient was the result of the Western Enlightenment, and this *humanistic value* became the center not only of Western Culture but also the center of Christian theology:

- **Sola Scriptura:** relying on personal readings and understandings of the Scriptures.
- **Sola Fide:** relying on faith as one's personal understanding and convictions.

So, in the Late Days before Mashiach's coming, this Humanistic Center of society has exalted *personal choice* to a powerful idol which entitles people to near total choice and license. It is a person's right to choose gender, sexuality, lifestyle, choices which warrant the State's protection.

- **Blinded by Complexity:**

Because truth is socially determined, any Debatable subject is rendered inconclusive, thus negating the possibility of a truth or revealed truth of a one true God.

- **Laughing at the Devil:** Finally, every subject, Even the sacred, the terrifying, and the abominable are depicted by media and mocked, so that even the *dread Serpent* and his demons are mere content for jokes. But, this fictitious buffer between reality and terrible consequence is a thin and fragile buffer. But, people rest in this fiction of being insulated by evil because it is manageable and laughable.

All these very dangerous inroads of darkness should be rejected by disciples, who have no tolerance for the numbing and deadening effects of the dark. For, the Lord will by his coming judgments pierce this darkness, exposing its true horror:

¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter. Revelation 8:10-11.

One day, Satan himself will be thrown down to earth in all his diseased horror, and this "Wormwood" will poison the waters and kill many.

How to Stay Awake in the Darkness:

- **The Light of the Word:**

Your **word** is a lamp to my feet and a **light** to my path. Psalm 119:105

As a Shepherd, be sure that the members of your household are walking in the light of God's Word. The problem in these dark days is that people will be exposed to the Word from a variety of sources, but they will not actually *hear it* or *listen to it* for themselves. They think that merely hearing the sound of the Word will work magically in their lives, for so many modern conveniences simply require us to *select* or *activate*.

Here are some suggestions on letting the Word transform and illuminate the lives of your people:

- Listen to the Word: play the word for long stretches of time, to think on it, consider, contemplate, and react to the Word.
- Prayerfully read, listen, or hear the Word. As they are exposed to the Word, teach your people to prayerfully bring what it says before the Lord in an ongoing prayer conversation. Of course, memorizing the Word to do this is highly effective.
- Feed your people with small and easily applied portions. I send several dozen people promises from the Bible every morning, along with praying for them according to the promise.

- **Walking in the Light by the Spirit:**

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

When you live your life before the Lord God in the light of transparency, the Spirit has the place to guide and direct you. When the flesh will desire to pull you astray, the Spirit will warn you and give you another direction to take.

However, if you repeatedly walk by the flesh, you will “quench” the Spirit and end up walking in darkness until your waywardness rebukes you, and you repent.

But, the Spirit will fortify your faith so that you will be able to walk in the light. Bringing Scriptural Encouragement to mind, or songs, or affirming your choices.

- **Walk in Fellowship in the Light:**

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:6-7

Finally, learn to walk not alone but in fellowship. Walking in the Light of your Lord's presence. Walking in the fellowship of serving the Lord together. Then, you will enjoy the continual cleansing of the Lord's covenantal love and sanctifying sacrifice of blood.

- **Clinging to Jesus by Following Him:** (John 8:12).

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
It goes without saying that walking with the Lord Jesus by following his Commands keeps you out of the darkness. For, the very life which he gives you is light in a dark world, bearing witness of the Lord Jesus and his presence living in you.

The Last Days Duties of the Household Shepherd:

- **The Doorkeeper:**

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants^[b] in charge, each with his work, and commands the **doorkeeper** to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come... Mark 13:34-35a

As a Shepherd of your Household, there are many duties you have as the designated "doorkeeper" for the Household. The "door" of the house is very important, because it gives access to the whole household.

- **Stay Awake!** Your primary responsibility as a Shepherd is to Stay Awake—that is, walk in Holiness to not be touched by the *sleepy stupor* of the Darkness. For, those who "sleep" in sin are drunk, they lose control of their faculties; they live in a stupor—deluded because they are blind to the Kingdom's reality and power. Also, remember that in the spiritual realm, your House can be infiltrated by unclean spirits. If your family is defiled by a recurrent sin, such as anger or Selfish Ambition or lawlessness, this *death* will poison the whole family.

So, keep your life free of sin, to stay awake and *sanctify your family*.

Case Study: A House Defiled.

When I lived in the affluent suburbs of Chicago (in the *poorer areas for students*), a friend was a Christian Counselor at our church. He seemed to raise the perfect

suburban family in the suburbs, with a wife and three teenaged children. But, something was not right in their household. As a counselor, it seemed as if he spoke in the *equivocal language* of his profession rather than the razor sharp clarity of the Word of God. To the great perplexity of the parents, something had entered their household.

- One son was a felon, convicted of theft and other crimes.
- Another daughter was found to be working as a stripper.
- The third daughter became pregnant as a teen.

It is the doorkeepers job to stay awake and guard the house against intrusion.

- **Let's people in:** The doorkeeper watches at the door, guarding against strangers or harmful threats. But, the doorkeeper also is the first to welcome those he deems safe into the family. Here, Shepherd, you must exercise great discernment and discretion. For, there are deceivers, false teachers, and wolves disguised as sheep who will seek entry into your home. Let the right people in, and keep the dangerous ones out.

- **Watches for Lord and Opens Door.** As a household, it is the duty of its members to celebrate the coming Bridegroom and greet him with Honor! In their prayers, they should call out, "Come Lord Jesus!" So, the doorkeeper should be the one to prepare his household to give Jesus free access to the Lord. In this way, Shepherds should be the first to come to the Lord Jesus, then open the door for him to be received by every member of the family (Luke 12:36).

Some of you Shepherds will also "open" the Door for the Lord Jesus by removing obstacles for his presence.

- **The Household Manager/ Cook:**

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. Matthew 24:45-47

Finally, Shepherd, remember that you are in charge of the Feeding Schedule for your household. How will you make sure that each one is growing in the Word? Set aside regular times when the word is read and discussed. View this not as

mere “learning” but “feeding,” that their spiritual lives are being nourished and nurtured to grow!

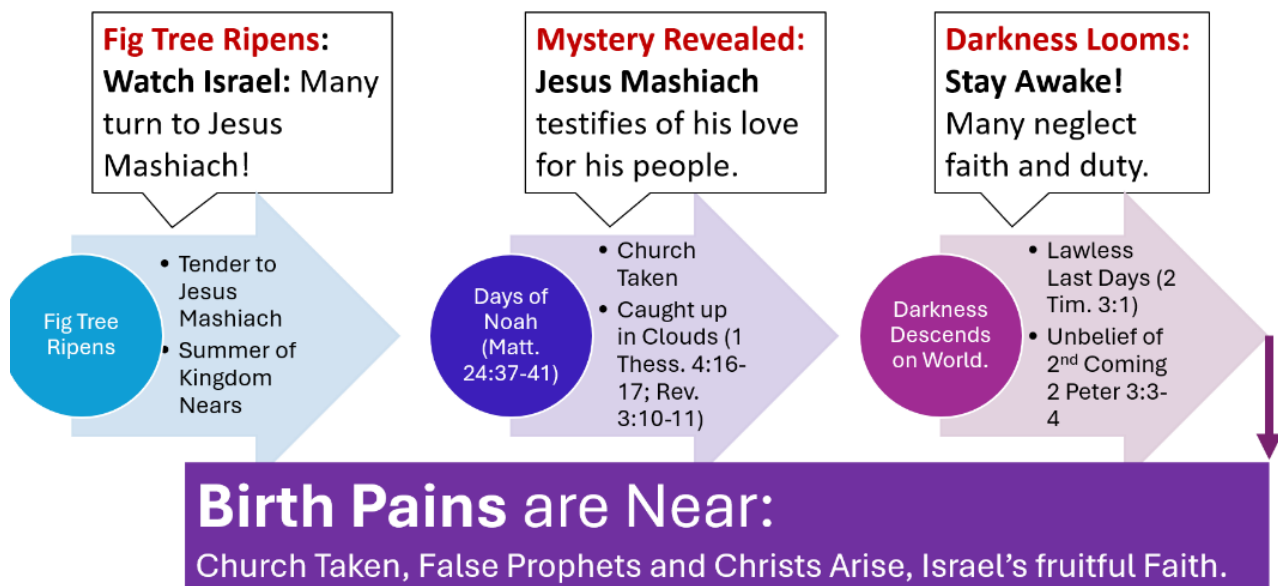
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Last Days Signs: Days of Noah.



Case Study: Watching at the Door.

Today, I am writing on September 12, 2026, one day away from the end of Rosh Hashanah, and all eyes are on Israel as the *last shofar* will blow its final *tekiah gedolah*. Who will be taken? For, “all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts 2:21).

There was a young man who heard the Gospel in one of our classes, but wasn't given the chance to turn to the Lord. He had been coming to a homegroup meals, and he even asked people to pray for him and

started to call on the Lord in prayer. But, when I invited him over to see if he was ready to give his life to the Lord, to turn to him, he declined, feeling pressured and wanting his “freedom.”

Would he be taken, if he did not want to acknowledge Jesus as his Lord but still prayed to him? He had just gotten a coveted internship after asking people to pray for him.

Oddly, after we finished our dinner at a Chinese food place, he asked for his fortune cookie, and his fortune was blank! Being of Chinese descent, that seemed to shock him.

But, what does the future hold for those who are turning to the Lord but have not given their lives to him? May the Lord have mercy on all those who are turning to Him by faith!

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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
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