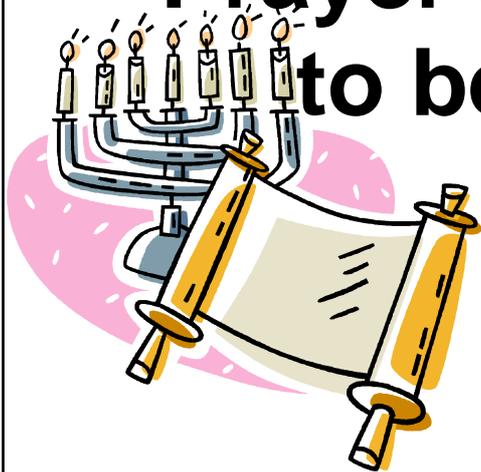
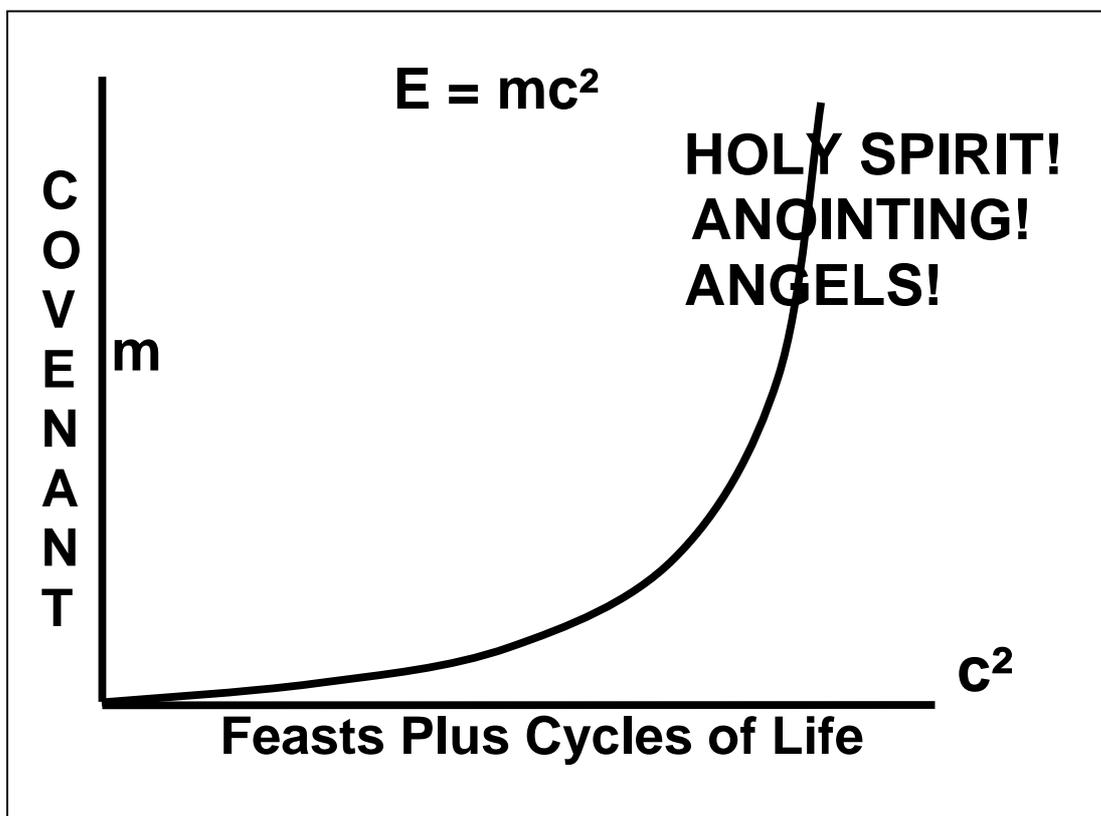


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PREFACE

This is the first of a number of books put together to try and assist Christians in their understanding of their Jewish roots. In so doing we hope to bridge the gap between the physical experience of the Old Testament and the spiritual significance thereof in the New Jerusalem (Revelation).

The journey toward my Jewish roots began a few years ago when I attended a *Barmitzvah* in a local *synagogue*. After the service they told this story:

- Every young man at the age of 13 years goes through a process ending in the declaration of his entering manhood.
- He is given a new name.
- His name is engraved on a wooden carving of a tree – the tree of life.
- The rabbi sends a note to Jerusalem where his name is entered into the Book of Life.
- If he should go to Israel he doesn't need a visa, because his name is recorded and he can stay there forever.

As they told this story I saw in it the New Testament truth of accepting Jesus as your personal Saviour and of being accepted into the Kingdom of God. What was being done in the natural at a Barmitzvah had a spiritual parallel in the kingdom of God. I realized that if we observe the Jewish festivals and celebrations in the natural we would uncover spiritual patterns and truths as is the case in this study of the manner in which God's anointing and power is released to ensure victory in spiritual warfare.

My thanks to a spiritual friend, Arthur Aaron, who started me (Roland) down this path, to Franzelle Fourie for the hours of typing, and to my son-in-law Herman Ohlhoff for valuable input on the principle of Space and Time in the life of Jesus and other Old Testament characters.

These notes are the first fruits of our study and we know that there is will be more revelation to add as time goes on.

Our suggestions for using this book are as follows:

1. Study our thoughts and the heart with which it was written.
2. Keep in mind the fact that we are looking for spiritual truths that are manifested in the natural and are not suggesting legalism.
3. Consider the strands and concepts that link the:
 - Old and New Testament
 - Jew and Christian

And consider what position you should take in relation to:

- The Jewish people
- Jerusalem

Remember, you need to count the cost:

***If I should forget you
O Jerusalem
Let my right hand lose its skill
If I do not remember you
Let my tongue cling to the roof
Of my mouth
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
(Ps. 137:5)***

We would therefore welcome feedback from those who have used it.
Suggestions for improvements would be particularly appreciated, as would any testimonies as a result of your having used this book and applied it to your life.

Yours in Christ

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ONLY ONE COVENANT?

INTRODUCTION

Over the course of the past two centuries there has been much teaching, which negated the place of Israel, the value of the Jewish people and the **resultant view that there are two covenants** – one for the Old Testament and one for the New Testament.

In my pursuit of my Jewish roots, I reached clarity for myself that all those who follow Yeshua as his/her personal Messiah, would need to keep His commandments as an act of **love** and **obedience**. This observation led to a study on the feasts and their relevance today.

Clearly this process of **obedience** to God's Commandments needed to be on the basis of **love** and must not take on any **form** of **legalism**.

It was not long before I was challenged on the basis of the letter of Paul to the Galatians. The Christian church has a range of teachings on the subject of "**law**" which range from:

'You need to do work to earn penance'

to

'We are not under the law and are freed by the Grace of God'

After much study I was forced to return to the question of the **Covenant** (the promise is made on the basis of the Covenant) – if we find a basis to build a foundation, then the principles that follow will fit into God's Torah/Word.

I would suggest that we have an ever increasing, all encompassing Covenant which is still valid for the Jews today

Amos 9:9: *"For lo, I will command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, as one shakes with a sieve, yet not a grain shall fall to the earth."*

and is available to every one (Gentile) who is prepared to be grafted into the Natural Olive (**Rom. 11: 16-17**).

I. BACKGROUND

In pursuing a study of the relationship between the Covenant (there is **only One**), and the timeline of the feasts, we need to set some basic principles as foundation towards our **walk forward**.

First Principle

We serve a God who is **unchanging**.

Rev. 1:8: *“I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, says the Lord, **who is** and **who was** and **who is** to come, the Almighty.”*

This statement makes it clear that that which was established

- in the garden of Eden;
- the present day in which you live;
- and the future described in the Book of Revelation;

are all connected , all in line and all in agreement with one another.

Second Principle

God has always functioned on the basis of:

- **faith** (to hear and obey).
- **In One God**
- **Unity**, therefore all of us (from the time of Adam), have the same relationship to God.

This foundational truth is the basis of the daily prayer for all Jews – the Shema –

Deut. 6: 4

Shema Israel Adonai Elohim Adonai echad.

*Hear, o Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is **One**.*

Shema/Hear has the intrinsic understanding of all of the following:

- Accept (implies faith)
- Commitment
- Obedience

This teaching was renewed in

Mark 12: 33 when Jesus said: *“You must love God with all your might and your neighbour as yourself.”*

This foundation principle teaches that there is:

1. One God for both Jew and Gentile (**Rom. 1: 16**),
2. One God in Heaven with One Revelation (Torah/Bible: **Ex. 12: 48-49; Is. 56**),
3. One God in all history (**Mal. 3: 6; Heb. 13: 8**);

from the time of Adam until the restoration of His creation/Kingdom.

Third Principle

God chose the Jewish people as **the nation** of “set apart” people. All who join the Kingdom of God on that principle are part of the Hebraic promise. All promises were made to the Jews, and **through** this nation, to the Gentiles.

1. God links His commandments (Shabbath) with Creation and proclaims that it is **good**. **Ex. 20: 11**
2. Each and every commandment and principle is given to Israel **only** (i.e. no other **nation**) to set them **apart** as a Light to the world.

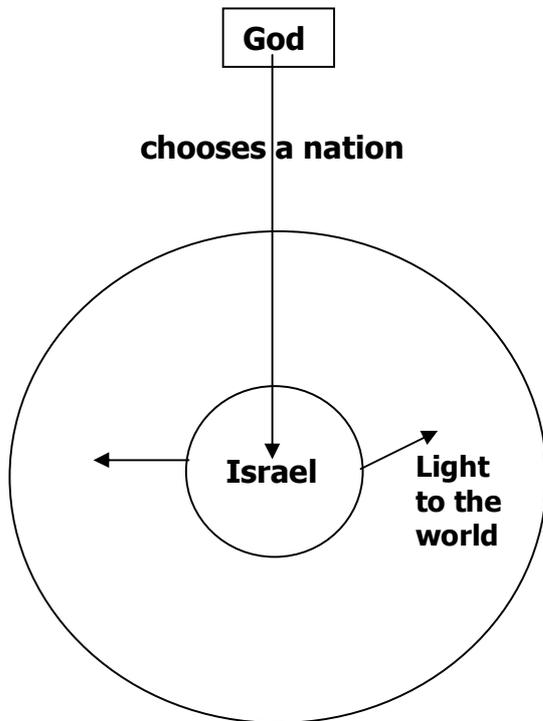
Is. 49:5-6: “5 And now, says Jahweh who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob again to Him, Though Israel is not gathered, yet I shall be glorious in the eyes of Jawheh, and My God shall be My strength.
6 And He said, It is but a little thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You for a **light** to the nations, to be My salvation to the end of the earth.”

Luke 2:32: “a **light** for revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

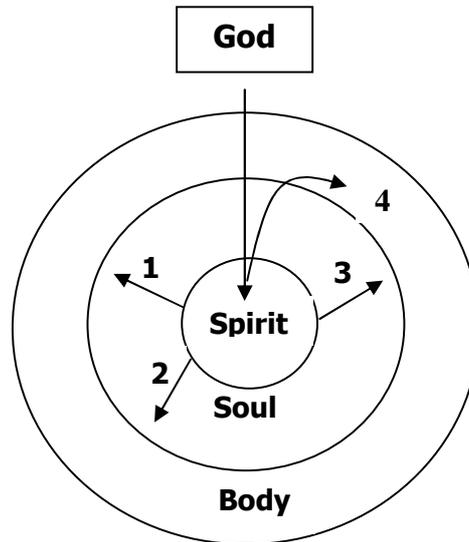
The Gentiles were never meant to have a **new** faith but according to Paul “are no longer strangers to the covenant and ordinances of Israel” **Eph 2: 10-12**

3. God promises a “new”/**renewed** covenant in **Jer 31: 31** but one must look to see with whom that promise is made. You will find that it is with the House of Israel and the House of Judah i.e. with the **nation** of promise.

Jer. 31:31: "Behold, the days come, says Jahweh, that I will cut a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah,"



God uses the same principle unto personal salvation.



- 1. Renew the mind**
- 2. Heal the emotions**
- 3. Release the will**
- 4. Rivers of Living Water shall flow –
*John 7: 38***

Fourth Principle

Everything which is to be established in the **spiritual**, **must first** be established in the **natural/physical**.

1Cor. 15:46: *“But not the spiritual first, but the **natural**; afterward the spiritual.”*

We find an Old Testament example, which defines this transformation.

A. Restore to:

Ezek. 36:24: *“ For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all lands, and will gather you into your own land.”*

Restore in:

Ezek. 36:25-26: *“25 And I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols.
26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will **take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.**
27 And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them.”*

B. We find the confirmation of this principle in the New Testament.

Heb. 8: 1-23 *“1 NOW THE main point of what we have to say is this: We have such a High Priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the majestic [God] in heaven,
2 As officiating Priest, a Minister in the holy places and in the true tabernacle which is erected not by man but by the Lord.
3 For every high priest is appointed to offer up gifts and sacrifices; so it is essential for this [High Priest] to have some offering to make also.
4 If then He were still living on earth, He would not be a priest at all, for there are [already priests] who offer the gifts in accordance with the Law.
5 [But these offer] service [merely] as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of [what has its true existence and reality in] the heavenly sanctuary. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was warned by God, saying, See to it that you make it all [exactly] according to the copy (the model) which was shown to you on the mountain.*

6 But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior and more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, [because] it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimar, higher, and nobler) promises.

From the Earthly Priest – Melchizedek – to High Priest in the Heavenly sanctuary.

Outworking of the seasonal cycles, the feasts and the spiritual dimension in terms of this principle:

From the above-mentioned examples we see that the physical manifests first before victory comes in the spiritual dimension.

The **physical** dimension, which I want to highlight, is the **cycle of seasons**.

Spring	Summer	Autumn
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With spring we see **new life** – the beginning of creation all over again.

With summer we see the **fullness** of the **harvest** as the plants etc. give their production.

With autumn we see the ingathering and the **transformation** of the **harvest** into food / produce / **final product**.

To make sure that man grasped the relevance of this dimension and its spiritual counterpart God puts a **second physical** dimension in place to reinforce the message. God calls for His people to keep three major feasts and to go to Jerusalem to magnify the message.

Passover Pesach	Pentecost Shavout	Tabernacles Succot
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With Pesach we find the story of the exodus, just as the earth comes to new life, so to man was granted **freedom**.

With Shavout we find that God **harvests** this freedom by calling His people to be **a holy nation and kingdom of priests**.

With Succot we find that God wants His people to be presented as a **pure bride** – **complete / mature** and living in **full harmony** with God.

We can now state quite categorically that the physical manifestation of the cycle of season reflects God's cycle of spiritual renewal for man.

The following table draws this comparison to be a conclusion.

Spring New life	Summer Harvest	Autumn Final product
Freedom Pesach	Priest & Holy Kingdom Shavout	Mature Bride Succot

These physical manifestations reflect God's **Desire** for the spiritual dimension.

Time for personal spiritual renewal	Rise to new heights in integrity and spiritual growth – provide leadership through servanthood to a community	Leave a legacy and complete God's calling and purpose for your life
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As we, God's people, achieve this we will reflect the glory of our testimony that God created the world.

We are each given talents / gifts to achieve God's purpose. Anyone who walks down this path will need to see the **milestones or goals** at which to target.

Birth of my calling	Assumption of the mission and destiny	Completed by the calling
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Fifth Principle

The Kingdom of Light (God) will always contend with the kingdom of darkness. God will reign supreme however until Jeshua returns again, we the congregation/Bride must take up the battle in realm of spiritual warfare.

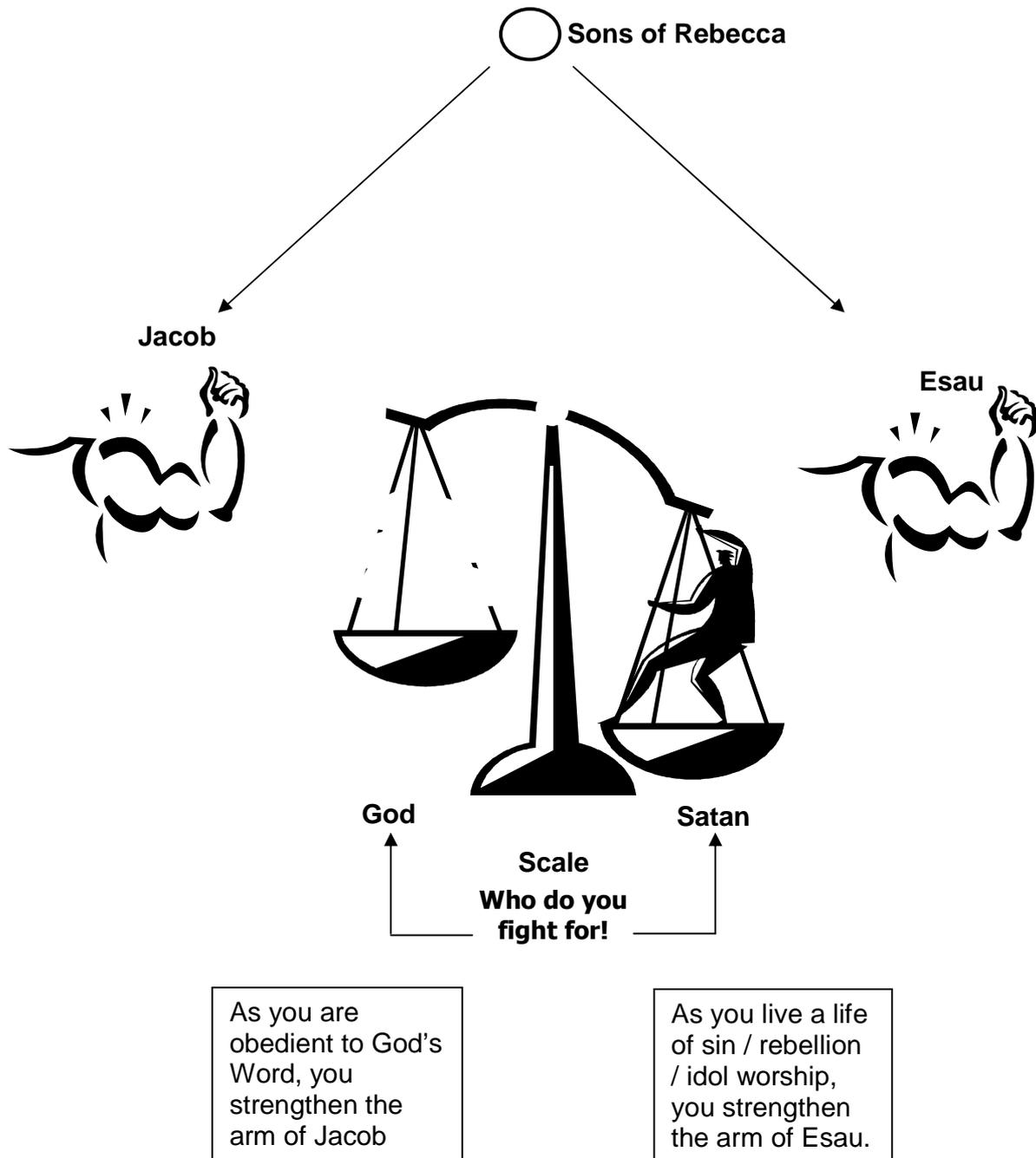
Depending upon the extent that we are **active in practicing Spiritual Warfare** the Kingdom of Light will reign, depending on the degree with which we are **slack/lazy** the kingdom of darkness will grow.



This principle is declared to Rebecca at the birth of the twins.

Rebecca's promise:

Gen. 25:33 *"Two nations are in your womb, the might shall pass from one to the other."*



II. RUTH, THE MOABITE, BECOMES A JEW

The New Testament “church” often uses the book of Ruth as a means to prove that a gentile (Moabite) can be grafted into the Bloodline of Jesus.

We have a clear message in **Act 15** that says that we do not have to **convert** to Judaism, **but** we are expected to keep God’s commandments.

The declaration of Ruth is so powerful!!!

Ruth moves from physical famine to a harvest when she accepts Boaz (type of Jesus) and gets **bread** near the town of Bethlehem. We move from spiritual famine to a spiritual harvest when we accept Yeshua as Messiah and get the Bread of Life from the Man from Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:16

.... your God will be my God

Ruth made a commitment to leave her Moabite ways and to accept and walk in the customs of Naomi and the new nation of choice.

We accept Jesus, **but** do we leave our gentile ways? How close are we to the Roman Church? How close are we to the people of God and their ways? Are we a separate, holy priesthood?

Ruth 1:16

.... wherever you go I will go wherever you stay I will stay Your people will be my people

Have you turned your back on your spiritual relatives? Have you been grafted **into** the natural olive?

We need to walk in **obedience** to the Law, but not **under** the Law, as Yeshua has paid the full price.

Ruth does not live as a gentile (**Eph 4:17**), but as a fellow heir (**Eph 2:12**).

We need to:

- Live a life maintaining that salvation is by **faith** alone while
- Keeping the relevant Biblical customs set out for us in the Old Testament but within a setting and revelation of its New Testament meaning.

Then the love story of Ruth will become the love story of you and me with Jesus forever.

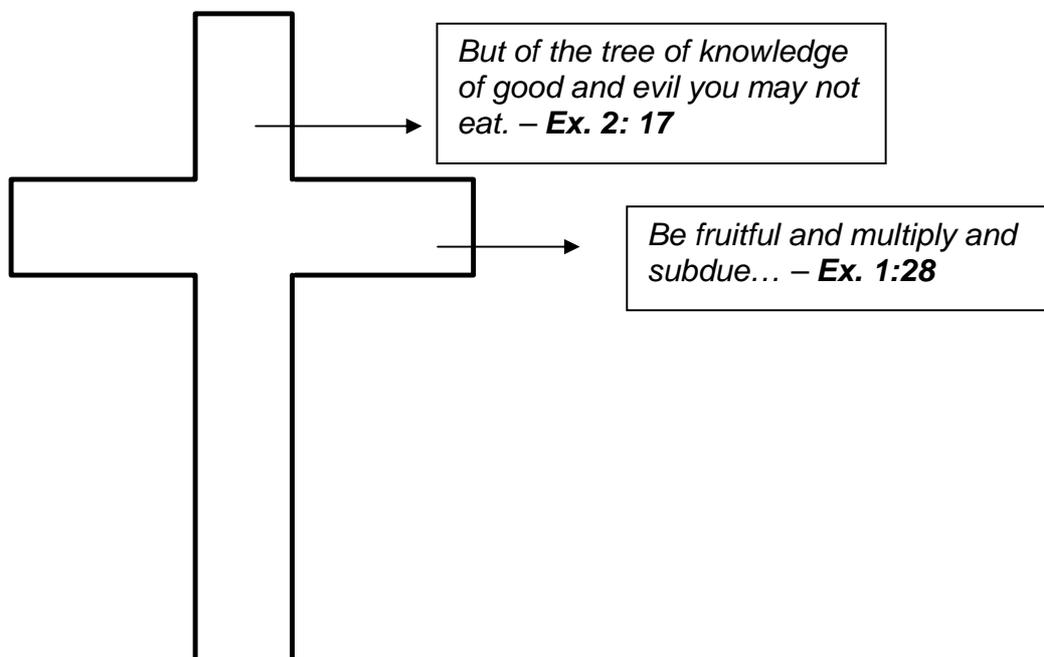
III. ADAM AND EVE

ELEMENTS OF THE COVENANT AND THE EXILE

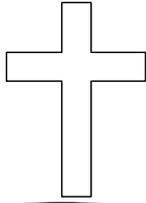
We have known that there is **One congregation**, with One Unchanging / Everlasting God and that if we accept our salvation by faith, then we are a new creation, a firstborn Israelite. It therefore follows that there is only One Covenant, an ever-growing, more encompassing **Renewing Covenant**.

Initial Covenantal Relationship

God creates Adam and Eve – this is the highlight of creation – it was very good. The Covenant was based on relational love by a Creator. The image of the cross can already be seen here.



Note: These were **commandments** to be obeyed even though we had a Living God and a perfect man and **no sin**.



Golgotha

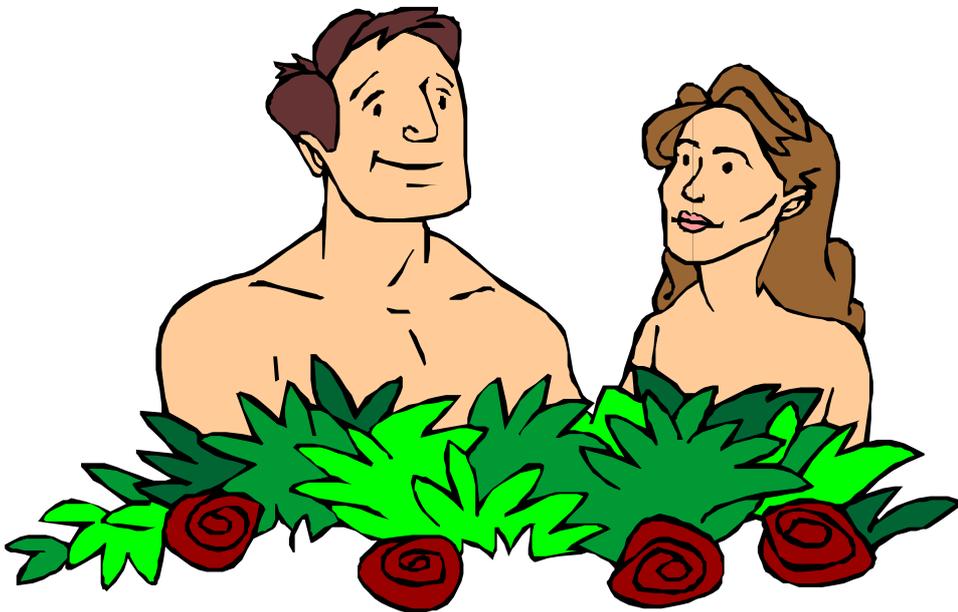
Adam
and Eve

Commandment:

1. Work
2. Knowledge of
Good and evil

unchanged until Jesus returns

Unchanged – we all have
to make a free will choice
to serve God.



IV. GOD'S PLAN FOR RESTORATION FROM EXILE

1. RIGHT OF THE FIRST BORN – RIGHT TO CLAIM THE COVENENTAL BENEFITS

Who is an Israelite?

We are part of **one congregation** that **started at Mount Sinai**, which was **renewed in Acts**, and which is in the process of **transformation** to be the Bride of Jeshua, we need to determine who is:

- the firstborn and
- who is an Israelite?

Paul connects the “general assembly” and the “firstborn”:

Heb. 12:23: “to the **general assembly** and church of the **first-born** who are written in Heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,”

Israel is conceived by God to walk as a first-born and set apart nation that will be a light to the world.

Ex. 4:22: “*And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord: **Israel is My son, My first-born.***”

Ex. 19:5-6: “*And now if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all the nations; for all the earth is Mine.
And you shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.** These are the words which **you shall speak to the sons of Israel.***”

But “Israel” struggles to understand the Words of Jesus. Jesus speaks to **Jews** who think that they have been free (in a sense physically but not spiritually). Jesus goes on to refer them to the laws regarding an **Israelite slave**.

Yeshua takes the release of an Israelite slave (“Pidyon she vieyrm”) and makes the comparison between an Israelite slave who could be redeemed to his full positions/glory if the price of redemption has been paid, **and** says it is similar to the resurrection of their rights to be a Priest if they believe in Him by faith as the Messiah. The truth is, we are set free from the sin of death, **not** from the Word of God (His commandments).

John 8:31-36: “31 Then Jesus said to the **Jews who believed on Him**, If you continue in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.
32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed and were never in bondage to anyone. How do you say, You will be made free?
34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Whoever practices sin is the slave of sin.
35 And the slave does not abide in the house forever, but the Son abides forever.
36 Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.”

This message continues with the Jewish concept of “Pidyon Haben”, we are **bought back** with the price of redemption –we are bought back to become the firstborn – the firstborn restored in the **Order of Melchisedek**.

1 Cor. 6:20: “for you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

As **restored firstborn** we become sons and heirs – a redeemed remnant of the seed of Israel/Yeshua, priests with the full authority by selection and election.

Gal. 3:26-29: “26 For you are all **sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ.
28 There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male nor female; for you are **all one** in Christ Jesus.
29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.”

Heb. 12:23: “to the **general assembly** and church of the **first-born** who are written in Heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,”

Paul asks: “Who are Israelites?”

Rom. 9:4-5
“4 **who are Israelites; to whom belong the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the service of God, and the promises;**
5 **whose are the fathers, and of whom is the Christ according to flesh, He being God over all, blessed forever. Amen.”**

In **Matt. 15: 24** we **fulfil this election** when we answer to the call to be a “lost” sheep that is found.

Matt. 15:24: “ But He answered and said, I am not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Zech. 9:13-14 “13 For I have bent Judah for me as a bow; I filled it with Ephraim, and I will stir up **your sons, O Zion**, against **your sons, O Greece**, and make you as the sword of a mighty man.
14 And Jahweh shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth like the lightning; and the Lord Jahweh shall blow the ram's horn, and shall go out with the windstorms of the south.”

Finally, Paul tells us that we have become a **New Creation** – from a **lost sheep** to a **firstborn Israelite**.

2 Cor. 5:17: “So that if any one is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

2. WHAT IS THE ROLE / PURPOSE OF THE INTERCESSOR?

To pray / intercede for the restoration of God's Holy Presence in the manifestation known as **Jubilee**.

Lev. 25:8-10 “8 And you shall number seven sabbaths or weeks of years for you, seven times seven years, so the total time of the seven weeks of years shall be **forty-nine years**.
9 Then you shall sound abroad the **loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month** [almost October]; on the Day of Atonement blow the trumpet in all your land.
10 And you shall hallow **the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty** throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a **jubilee** for you; and each of you shall return to his ancestral possession [which through poverty he was compelled to sell], and each of you shall return to his family [from whom he was separated in bond service].”

Jer 34:13-17 “13 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,
14 At the end of seven years you shall let every man his brother who is a Hebrew go free who has sold himself or has been sold to you and has served you six years; but your fathers did not listen to and obey Me or incline their ear [submitting and consenting to Me].
15 And you recently turned around and repented, doing what was right in My sight by **proclaiming liberty** each one to his neighbor [who was his bond servant]; and you made a covenant or pledge before Me in the house which is called by My Name.

16 But then you turned around and defiled My name; each of you caused to return to you your servants, male and female, whom you had set free as they might desire; and you brought them into subjection again to be your slaves.
17 Therefore thus says the Lord: You have not listened to Me and obeyed Me in **proclaiming liberty each one to his brother and neighbor**. Behold, I proclaim **to you liberty**—to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, says the Lord; and I will make you to be tossed to and fro and to be a horror among all the kingdoms of the earth!”

Heb 4:2-6 “2 For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [**the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them**]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).
3 For we who have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest, in accordance with His declaration that those [who did not believe] should not enter when He said, As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although [His] works had been completed and prepared [and waiting for all who would believe] from the foundation of the world.
4 For in a certain place He has said this about the seventh day: And God rested on the seventh day from all His works.
5 And [they forfeited their part in it, for] in this [passage] He said, They shall not enter My rest.
6 Seeing then that the promise remains over [from past times] **for some to enter that rest, and that those who formerly were given the good news about it and the opportunity, failed to appropriate it and did not enter because of disobedience,**”

Heb 8: 6-8 “6 But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior and more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, [because] it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimar, higher, and nobler) promises.
7 For if that first covenant had been without defect, there would have been no room for another one or an attempt to institute another one.
8 However, He finds fault with them [showing its inadequacy] when He says, Behold, the days will come, says the Lord, **when I will make and ratify a new covenant or agreement with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.**”

Luke 4: 18-19 “18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],
19 To **proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord** [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.]”

Luke 7:22 “22 So He replied to them, Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the **good news** (the Gospel) preached to them.”

Is. 61: 1-3 “1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound,
2 To **proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord** [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

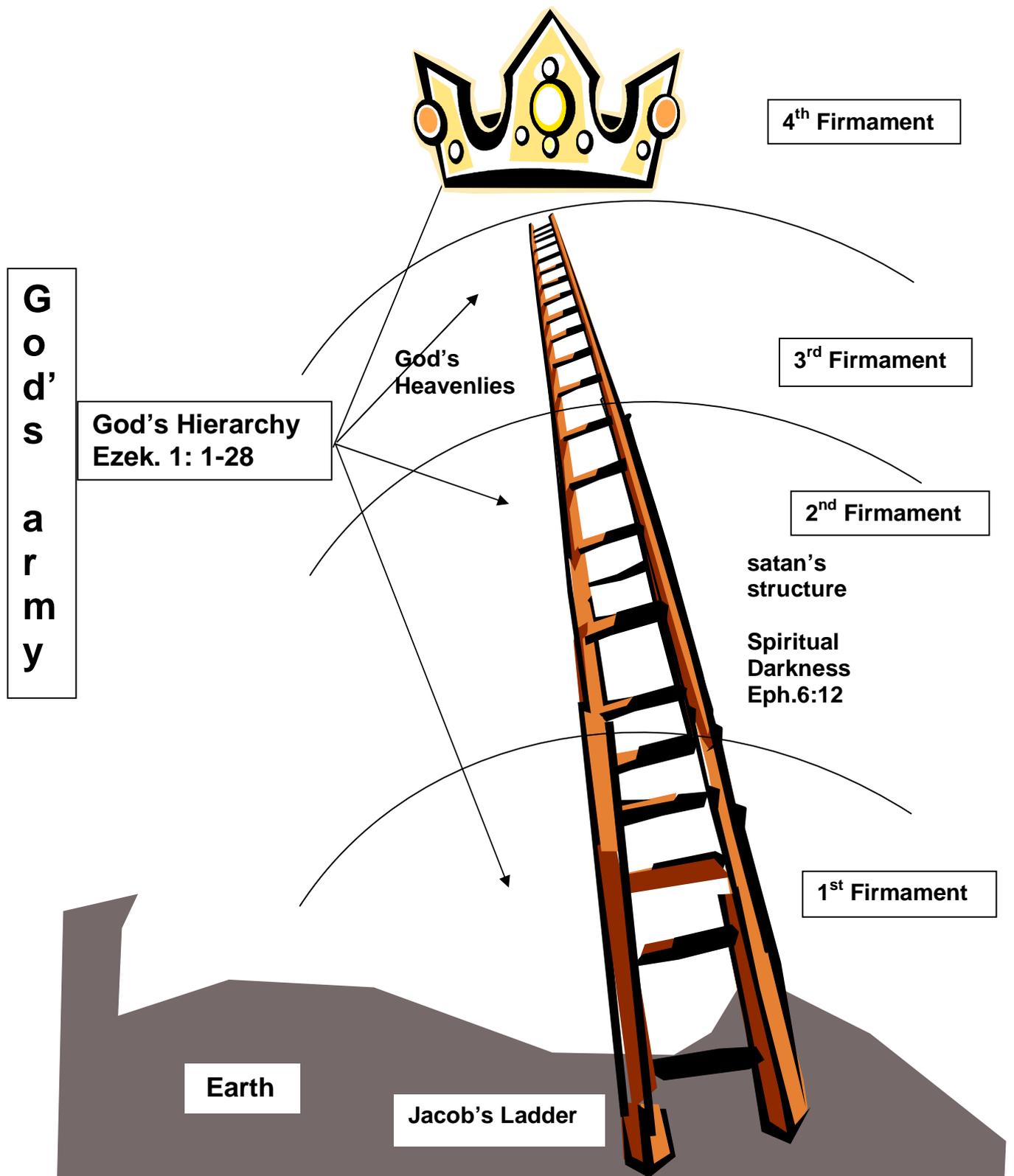
3. SPIRITUAL REALITY AND GOAL

Paul tells us in Ephesians that satan has a hierarchy / structure with which he maintains through oppression and fear. Ezekiel describes God's army of angels which are ready to move on our behalf.

Our **goal** is to open the spiritual atmosphere **above our home / city / land** from a **ladder** (Jacob's ladder – Gen. 28:12) to a **spiritual double Highway** (Is. 40:3; Is. 49:11).

Gen. 28:12 “12 And he dreamed that there was a **ladder** set up on the earth, and **the top of it reached to heaven**; and the **angels** of God were **ascending and descending** on it!”

Is. 40:3 “3 A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth in the desert a **highway for our God!**”



Paul takes only one verse to describe the entire hierarchy of satan. Long before this, in the days of Ezekiel (in the Book of Ezekiel), God reveals **His** structure in much greater detail. There are two good reasons for this:

1. To give us something to imagine / see and to hold onto during trials and tribulations
2. To tell us that this army will be instrumental in the events surrounding the last days and the establishment of the New Jerusalem which is described in the last few chapters of Ezekiel (Chapter 38 and onwards).

This subject needs a far greater detailed study, but for the purposes of this book, I am limiting the discussion to an analysis of the structure so that prayer warriors and intercessors can realize the full potential which can be released.

The place where God resides
Ezek 1: 25-28



Fourth Firmament
THRONE

The firmament above the heads of the Seraphim
Ezek. 1:22, 25
Heb. 9:5



Third Firmament
ARCHANGELS:
CHERUBIM

Ezek 1:5 &6

Ezek 1:13 "Coals of fire"

Is. 6:2 "Coals of fire"

} = SERAPHIM

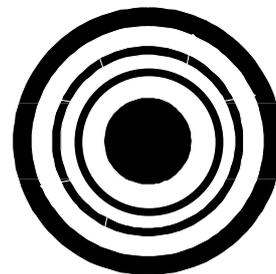
Second Firmament
SERAPHIM

living creatures
with 4 faces

The army is joined i.e in
permanent unity. Ezek. 1:9

Ezek. 1:16 "16 As to the appearance of the wheels and their construction: in appearance they gleamed like chrysolite; and the four were formed alike, and their construction work was as it were a wheel within a wheel."

First Firmament
ANGELS



The Wheels touch the Earth
Ezek. 1:15

EARTH

Practical Restoration of the Blessing

I referred earlier to the original state of blessing and covenant – the Garden of Eden.

God is responsible for the creation during the 6 days and “saw that it was good”.

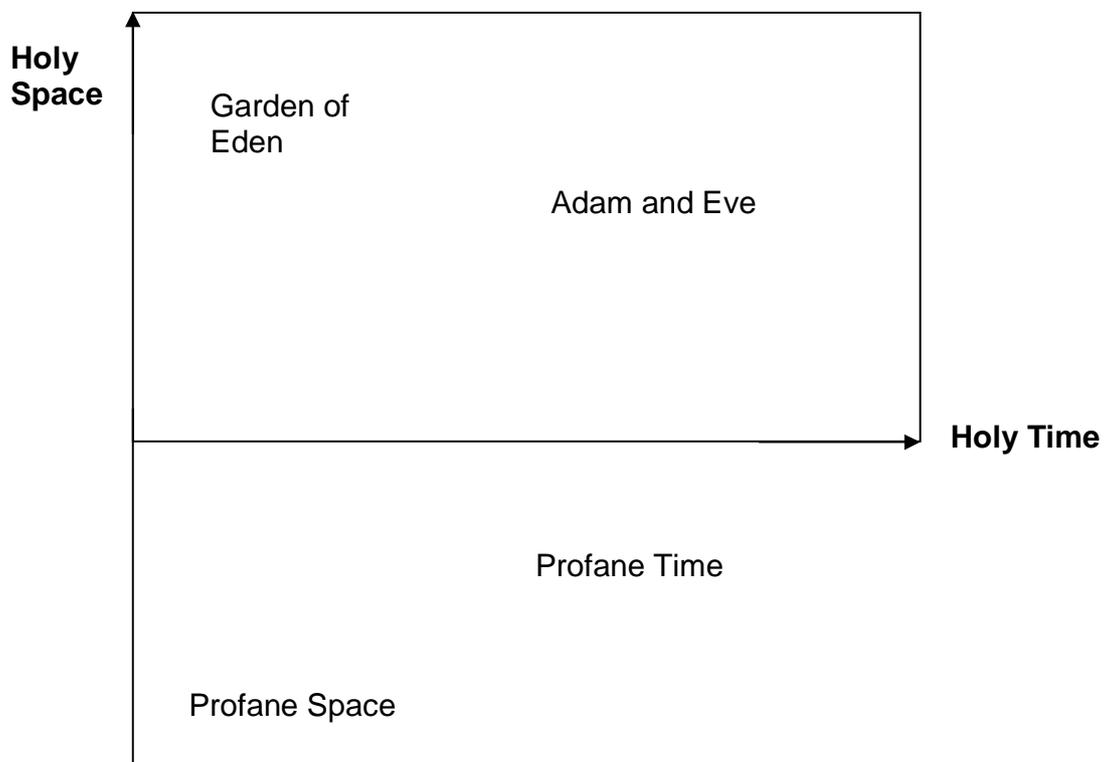
He plants a Garden of Eden.

Gen. 2:8-9 *“8 And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted). 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight or to be desired—good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the tree of life also in the center of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of [the difference between] good and evil and blessing and calamity.”*

Adam and Eve live in this garden in perfect unity.

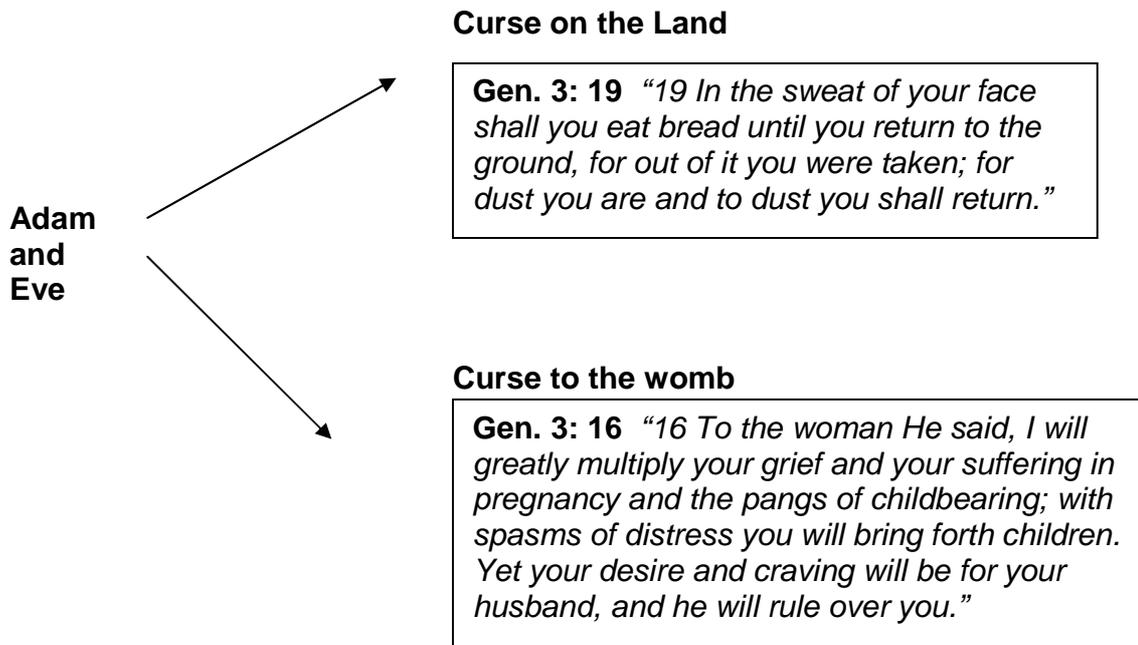
Gen 2: 24-25 *“24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed or ashamed in each other’s presence.”*

On the pictorial representation of Holy Space and Holy Time we see this point in time as follows



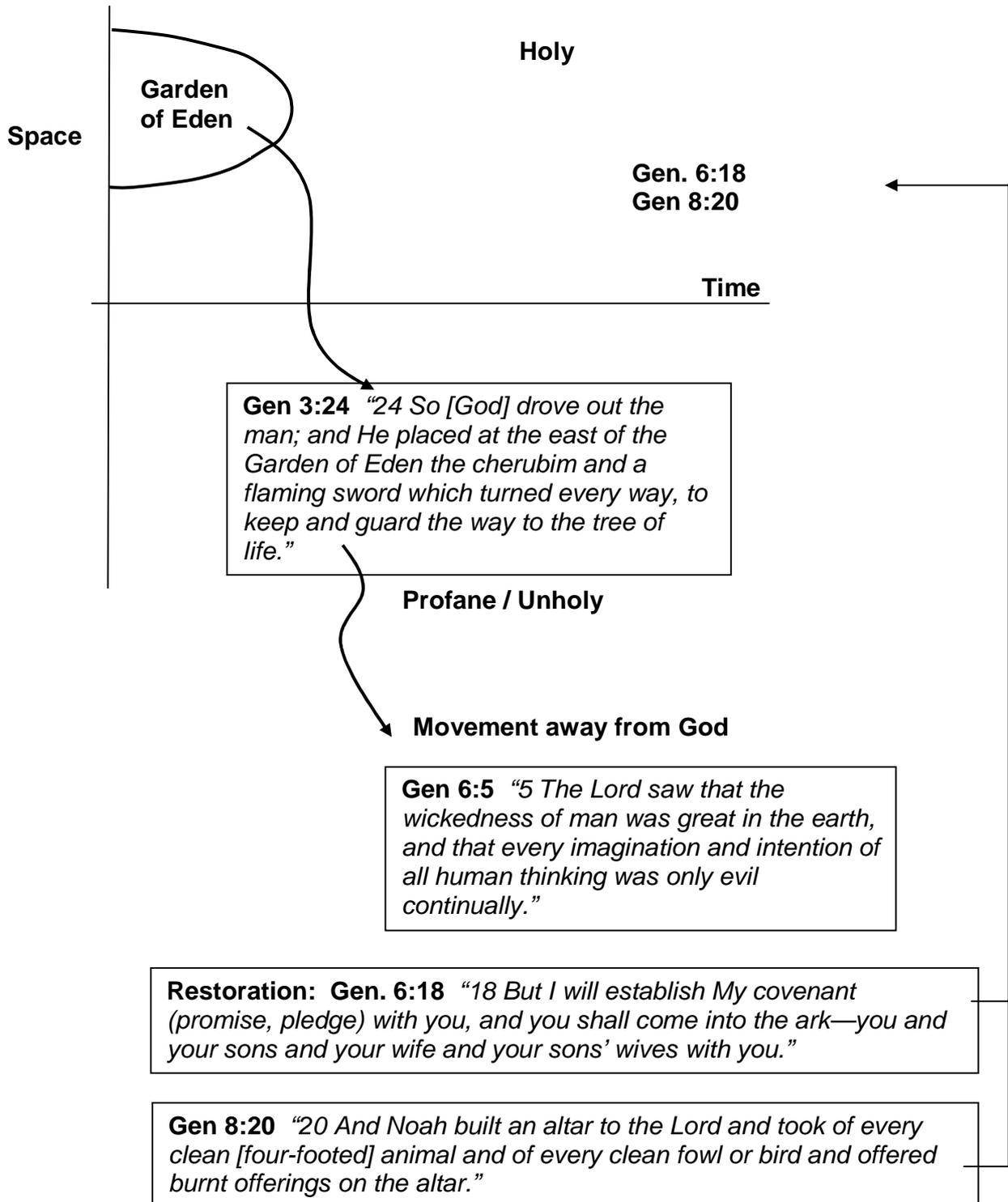
However, Adam and Eve are **disobedient** to the commandment of God and are condemned into exile – a life of aimless wandering until God’s plan of restoration will come into action.

But this time of exile is marked with a transfer from **blessing** to **curse** for both man **and** woman.



So, not only are they living in exile but now live under the **curse** instead of a blessing.

We would suggest that this state of affair could be represented as follows:



God uses water to destroy all elements of evil and to protect the Godly / good seed of Noah.

Gen. 6:8-9 *“8 But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord.
9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.”*

However, we do not find any evidence that the **curse had been cancelled and restored to a blessing**.

Therefore we must conclude that both the curse on the **womb** and the curse on the land remain **in force**.

We see the effects of this curse in force as in just 3 verses we are **back where we started**:

1. God’s established covenant (Holy space and Holy time)

Gen. 9:17 *“17 And God said to Noah, This [rainbow] is the token or sign of the covenant or solemn pledge which I have established between Me and all flesh upon the earth.”*

2. Noah lives in the covenant.

Gen 9:18-20 *“18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan [born later].
19 These are the three sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was overspread and stocked with inhabitants.
20 And Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard.”*

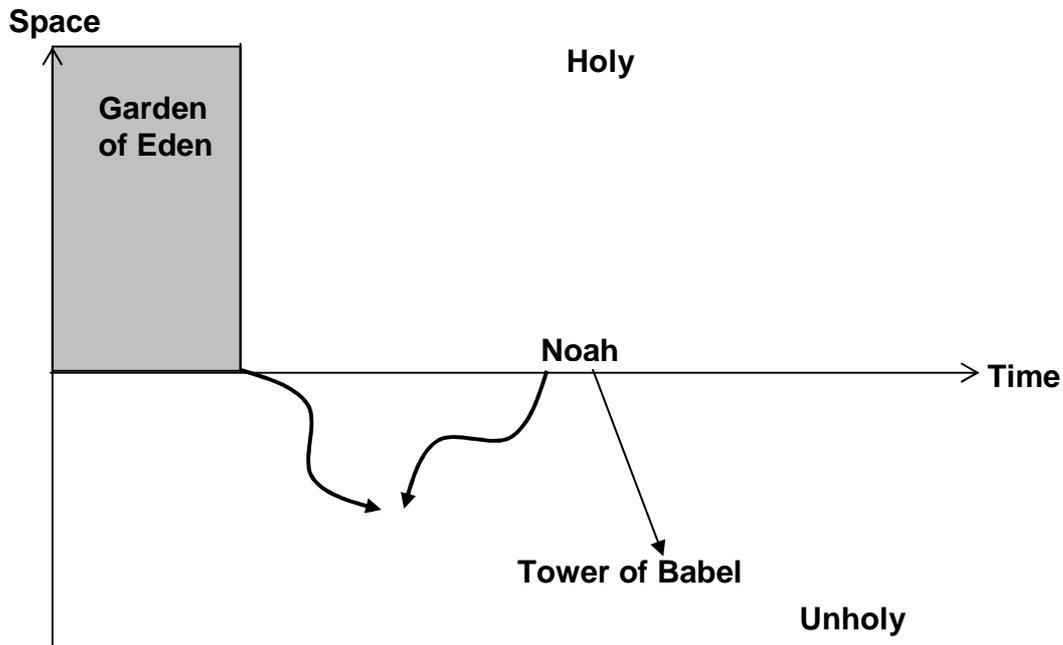
3. Noah moves back into the unholy.

Gen. 9:21 *“21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered and lay naked in his tent.”*

4. “Weakness” progresses to the level of the Tower of Babel.

Gen 11:1 *“1 AND THE whole earth was of one language and of one accent and mode of expression.”*

Graphically this can be presented as



God however finds a man – Abraham and his family to come, Isaac and Jacob who have the potential to meet with God, walk with God and live with God.

And it is here that we find the story of the **reversal of the curse** into a blessing by a process of faith and obedience.

Reversal of the curse

Abraham is living in **Haran** outside of the future land of promise. His wife Sarah is barren.

God's promise of a Son.

Gen. 12:1-2 "1 NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.
2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]."

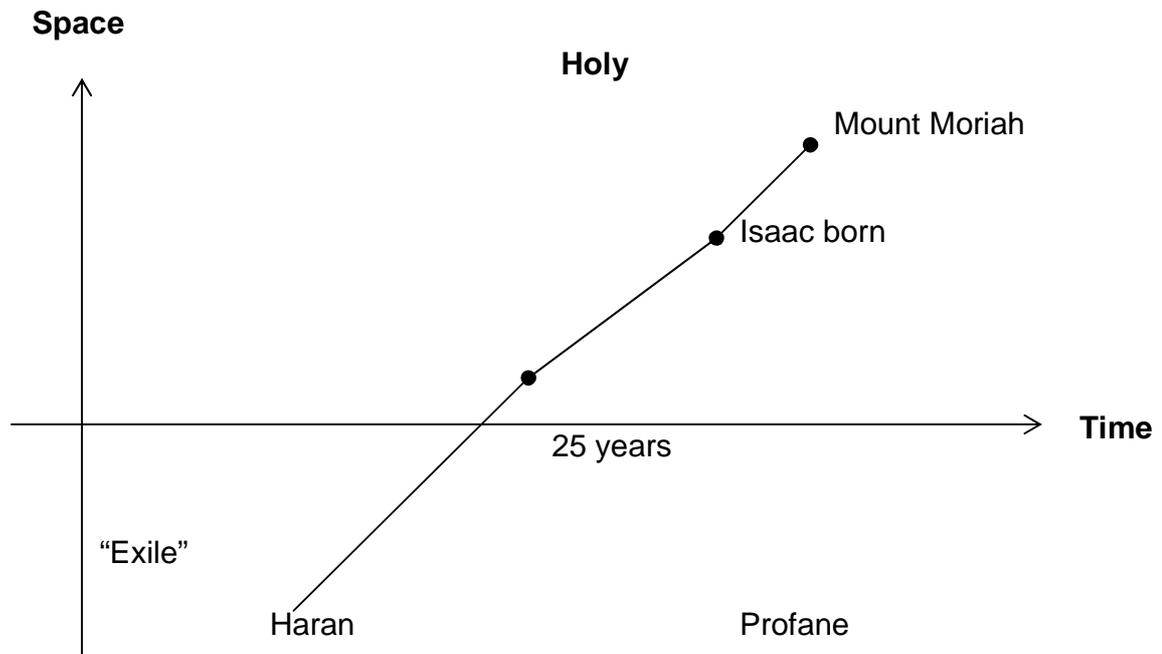
But there is **tension** because

Gen. 11:30 "30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child."

Abraham accepts God's word in **faith** and in **obedience** moves to Canaan.

He has received a promise of a reality that does not exist yet.

And he waits 25 years before it manifest.



The curse over the womb is broken when God gives a **divine** gift which is not dependent on **age** or **fertility** but on your **walk** with God.

Abraham knows God – but is “**born again**” at Mount **Moriah** when he faces **death** through the **sacrifice** of his son.

Jacob follow a very similar path to complete the restoration of the land / earth.

Jacob is living at Beersheba with his father and **receives a similar blessing** as Abraham had.

Gen. 28:3-4 “3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you until you become a group of peoples.
4 May He give the blessing [He gave to] Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land He gave to Abraham, in which you are a sojourner.”

However God focuses his attention on the land

Gen. 28:13 *“13 And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants **the land on which you are lying.**”*

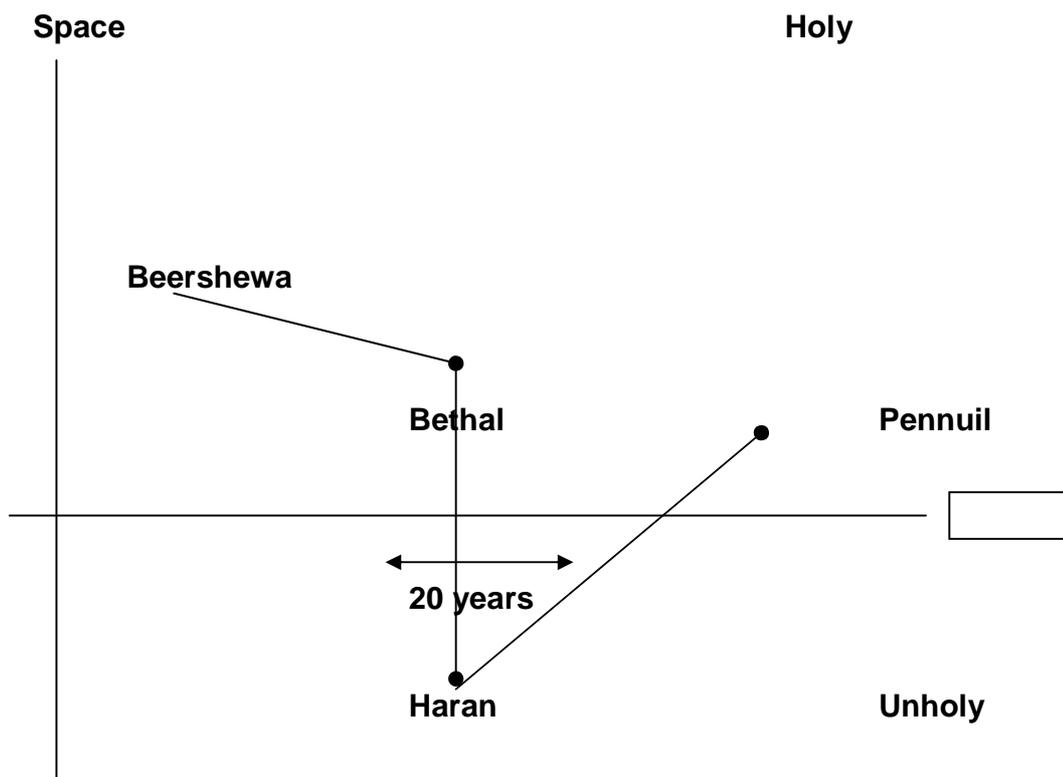
But again there is **tension** because the promise is made **before** a period of exile.

Gen. 29:1 *“1 THEN JACOB went [briskly and cheerfully] on his way [400 miles] and came to the land of the people of the East.”*

Jacob accepts God’s word in **faith** and **obedience**.

He has received a promise of a reality that does not exist yet.

And he waits 20 years before it will manifest.



The curse of the earth / land is broken when **God takes over ownership of the land** (i.e. it belongs to God) and is no longer a birthright – “right” to the land depends on whether you walk with **a limp** or not.

Jacob knows God (since Bethel Gen 28.19)

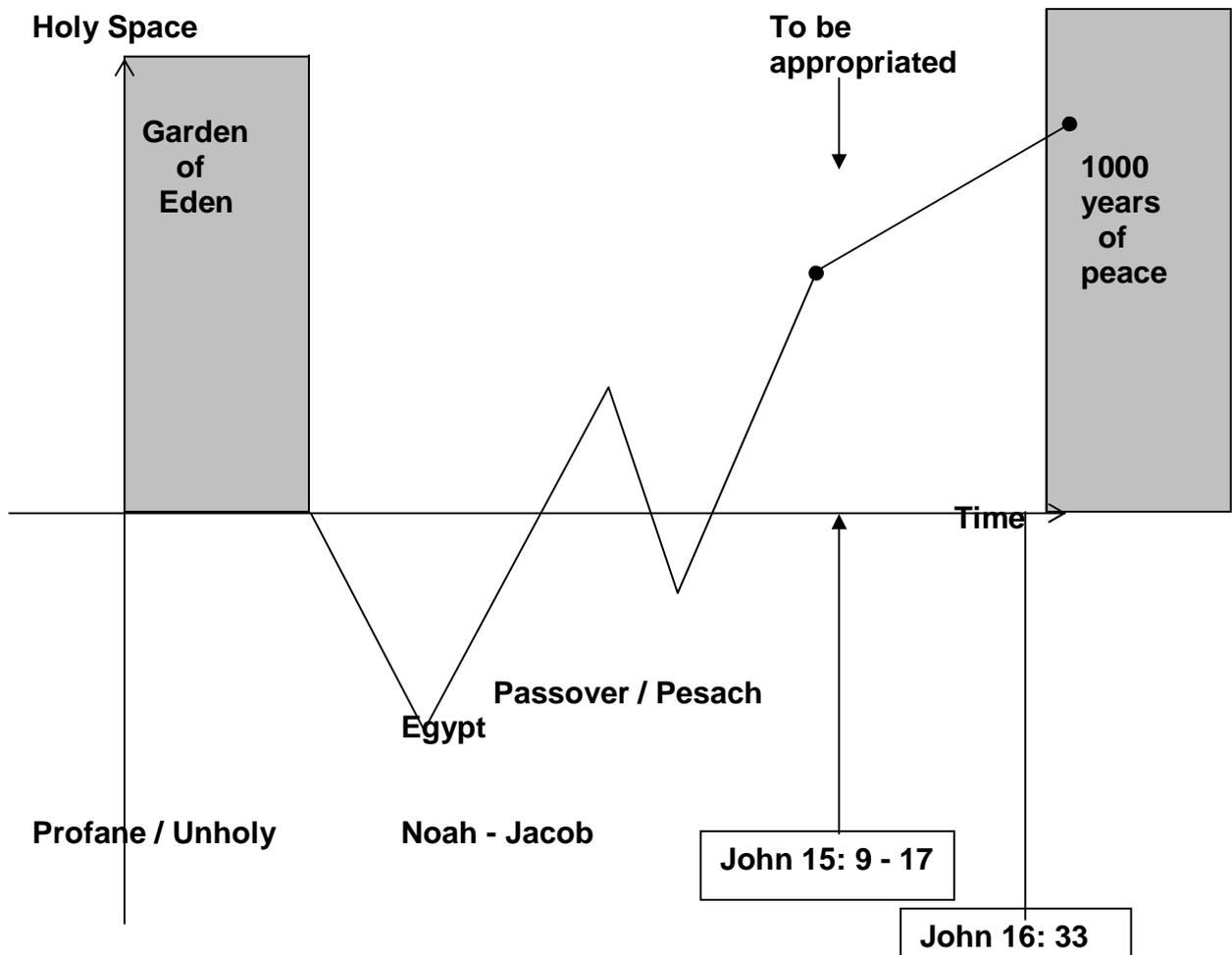
Gen. 28:19 *“19 And he named that place Bethel [the house of God]; but the name of that city was Luz at first.”*

But is “born again” at Penuil when he meets God face to face in a **death** experience.

The process of restoration of the blessing is underway. Until the time of Jeshua we see periods of blessing (God’s people living in convent (Space) and (time)) followed by extensive periods (time) of God’s people living in profane space (idol worship / baseless hatred etc.) and reaping the result of that curse namely exile.

Jeshua come to restore the blessing to its full potential and leave a promise of the **fullness** of the blessing to come.

It remains **our** freedom of choice to chose where we want to be, by God’s grace in faith and in obedience to His commands in blessing or in disobedience under the curse.



John 15:9-17 “9 I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [continue in His love with Me].

10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father’s commandments and live on in His love.

11 I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

12 This is My commandment: that you love one another [just] as I have loved you.

13 No one has greater love [no one has shown stronger affection] than to lay down (give up) his own life for his friends.

14 You are My friends if you keep on doing the things which I command you to do.

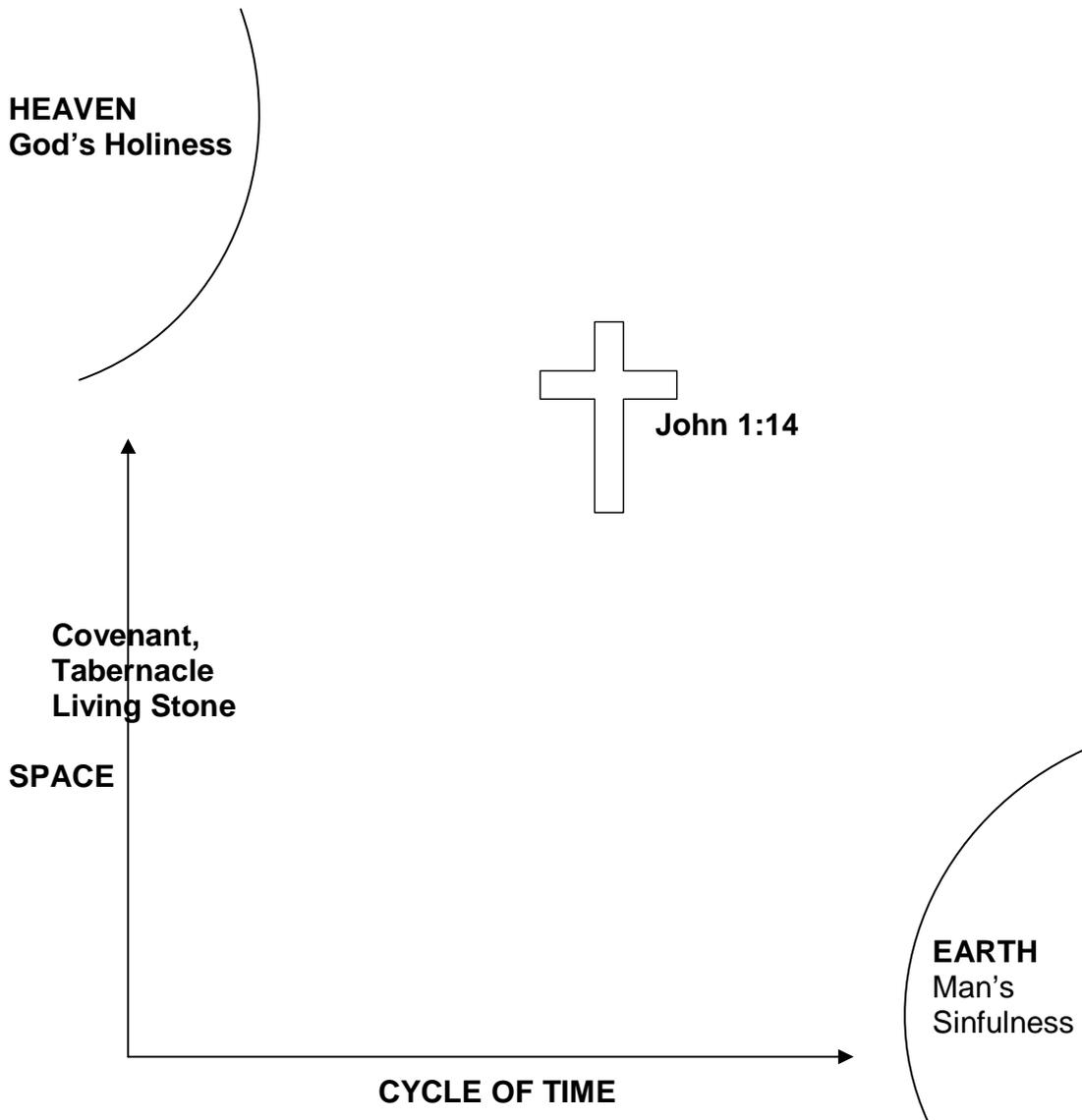
15 I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]

16 You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], He may give it to you.

17 This is what I command you: that you love one another.”

John 16:33 “33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]”

4. HOW GOD SETS THE PATTERN FOR RESTORATION IN PLACE, BY CREATING THINGS ON EARTH AFTER THE PATTERN IN THE HEAVEN.



Ex. 25: 8-9 “8 Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.
9 And you shall make it according to all that I show you, the **pattern** of the **tabernacle** or **dwelling** and the **pattern** of all the furniture of it.”

Heb. 8:5 “5 [But these offer] service [merely] as a **pattern** and as a foreshadowing of [what has its true existence and reality in] the heavenly sanctuary. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was warned by God, saying, See to it that you make it all [exactly] according to the copy (the model) which was shown to you on the mountain.”

V. SPIRITUAL SPACE AND SPIRITUAL TIME

Scientifically, our present reality is determined by the relationship between space & time. Reality is defined by the **three aspects of space** - **height, width** and **depth** - along with the single dimension of **time**. To know the location of something, you must know *where* it was and *when* it was.

If we take these principles from the natural into the spiritual, we see that our present reality will be determined by the relationship between space and time in the spirit. In other words, to the degree that we align ourselves to God's Holy Space and Time, we will transform our present reality to the reality of our position in Christ and release the power of God in our lives.

1. Spiritual Space

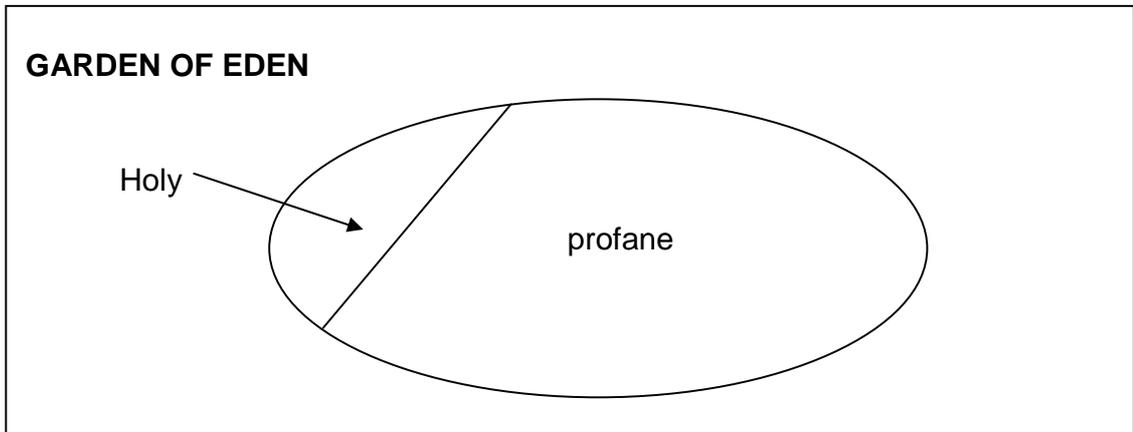
If God's holy space is defined by the terms of His covenants with us, then aligning ourselves to God's holy space means to live in accordance with the truth of His word.

Note Paul's prayer in **Eph. 4:18**

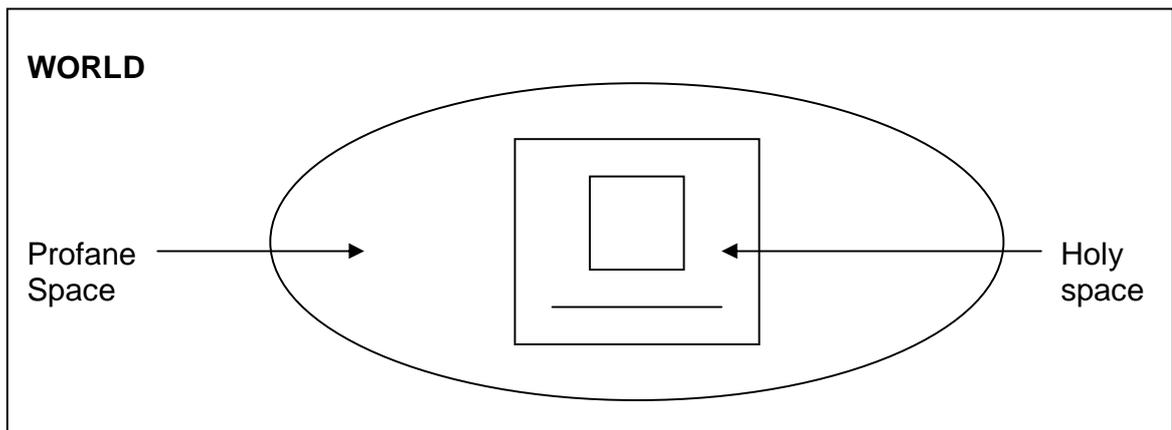
"...so that you, with all God's people, will be given strength to grasp the breadth, length, height and depth of the Messiah's love, yes, to know it, even though it is beyond all knowing, so that you will be filled with all the fullness of God."

Yeshua's love is surely a central part of our Covenant with God, and even though it has no limits, Paul expresses a desire for his disciples to grasp the dimensions of this love in order that "you will be filled with all the fullness of God." This is a clear example of how important it is that we gain a grasp of the dimensions of our Covenant with God - i.e. understand God's Holy Space.

The first example of Holy Space is the Garden of Eden. We know that the world was created and that the Garden of Eden was a part thereof. This was the place where God's Presence was manifested and was therefore Holy Ground. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were **exiled** to go out of the Garden of Eden **into** world, into the **profane space**.



The second example of Holy Space is the Tabernacle. In the Wilderness Moses got the very specific dimensions of the tabernacle. This was the place where God's Glory dwelled. Outside of the Tabernacle everyone lived in the profane world of today.



In the New Testament we find one more example. We are all called to accept the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by acknowledging the Christ as the Messiah. Those who do are reborn and live holy lives are stones of the Living Temple living among a number of profane stones (unbelievers).

2. Spiritual Time

There are two aspects to God's Holy Time: a universal one and a personal one. Universally, God has ordained certain times that apply to all Israel i.e. Shabbat, Biblical feasts etc. On a personal level God has also ordained certain times and seasons specifically in our individual lives. It is important that we realise that we need to align our lives to both of these aspects of God's Holy Time.

God's time (spiritual time) is not limited to current date lines, but also includes the times coupled with events to come. The current indicators of God's time are:

- The feasts.
- The Jubilee year.
- The events prescribed by current prophecy.

God is clearly not worried about time spoken out or defined in linear years. Rather, God looks at a cycle of events that are repeated annually and from time to time, through periods of revival that are in relation to God's plan and purposes.

The cycle of God's feasts prophetically speak into God's plan and purpose and are therefore the **redemptive declaration** that God is Who He is and that He will do what He says.

Each feast, it's meaning in both the Old and New Testament times is dealt with in separate books so that present day "Hebrews" can enjoy the feasts and take part in the **prophetic** and **spiritual declarations**. (Books available from Kanaan Ministries)

The purpose of this chapter is merely to draw the **parallel** from the feasts in the Old Testament time through to the New Jerusalem period. This defines once again that God is **unchanging**.

First Major Feast: Pesach /Passover

Although Yeshua died on Passover as the Passover Lamb He also fulfils the sacrifice of Yom Kippur, becoming the final and complete offer for **atonement** of sin. The feast of Pesach and its minor feast takes place over **7 days**.

We see that Pesach will be celebrated in the New Jerusalem. (Is referred to in Ezek. chapters 40, 48)

Ezek. 45:21-24: *"21 In the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, you shall have the **Passover**, a feast of seven days.*

Second Major Feast: Shavuot

There is no indication that this feast will continue. The giving of the **Torah** and the Holy Spirit have been replaced by God's permanent Presence/Light.

Rev 21: 23

Third Major Feast: Succot/Tabernacles Are and the minor feast of Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur.

Succot is celebrated for 7 days and then God asks for a special eighth day:

We find this feast in the New Jerusalem in the Messianic time.

Ezek. 43:25-27: *"25 Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat for a sin offering. They also shall prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.*

Zech. 14:16-19: *"16 And it shall be, everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jahweh of Hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Tabernacles.**"*

4. Shabbat

Shabbat was instituted first after the covenant. It is part of the Ten Commandments – It has never been changed. We find this day being celebrated in the New Jerusalem.

Ezek. 46:1: *" So says the Lord Jahweh: The gate of the inner court that faces eastward shall be shut the six working days. But on the **Sabbath** it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened."*

Ezek. 46:4: *"And the burnt offering that the ruler shall offer to Jahweh in the **Sabbath** day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish."*

Ezek. 46:12: *"And when the ruler shall prepare a free-will burnt offering or peace offerings willingly to Jahweh, one shall then open to him the gate that faces eastward, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the **Sabbath** day. And he shall go out. And after his going out, one shall shut the gate."*

Messiah as a Sign of Time:

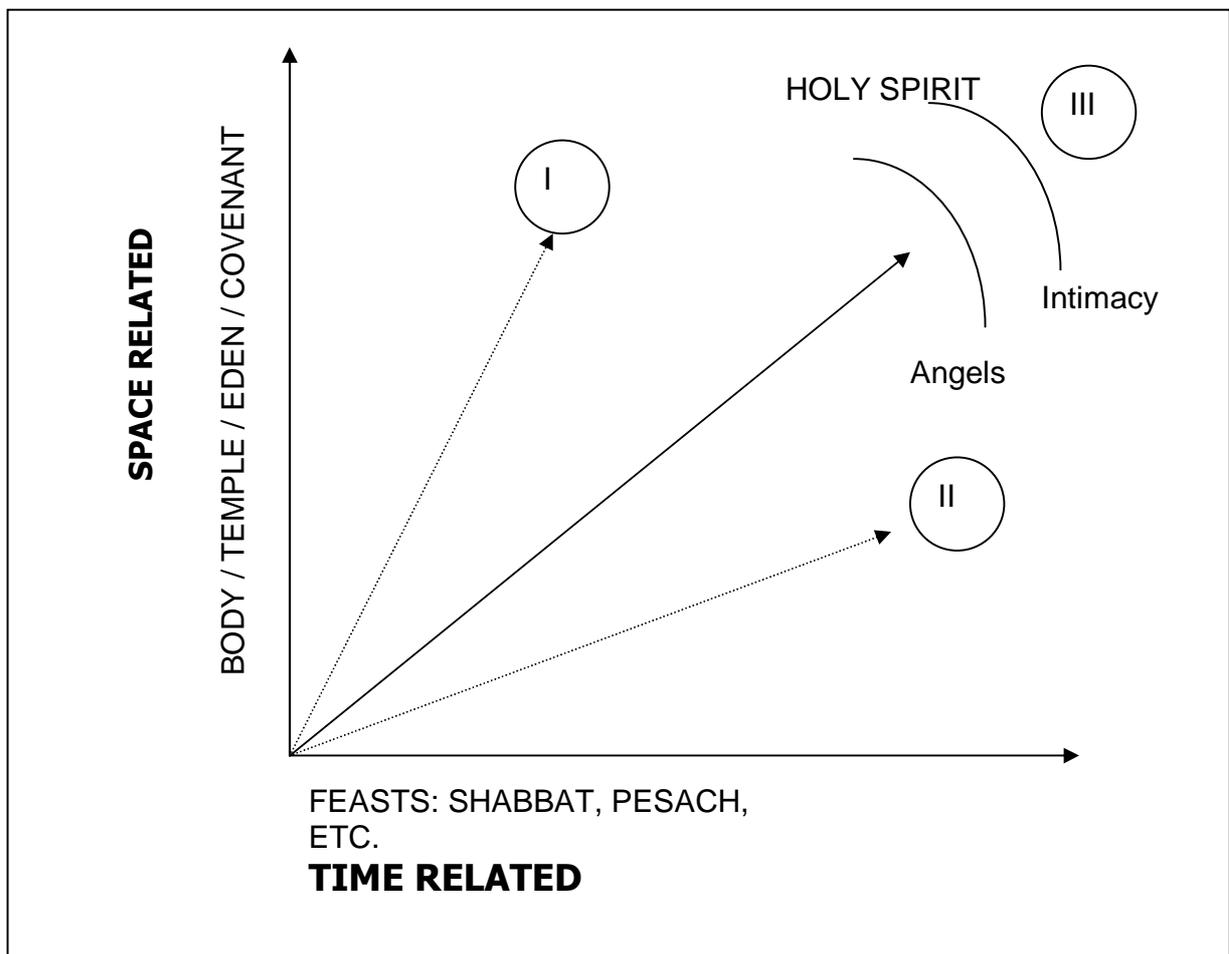
Heb. 13: 8 *"8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages)."*

3. **Rev. 1:8** “I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all).”

Alpha and Omega = Eternal Time

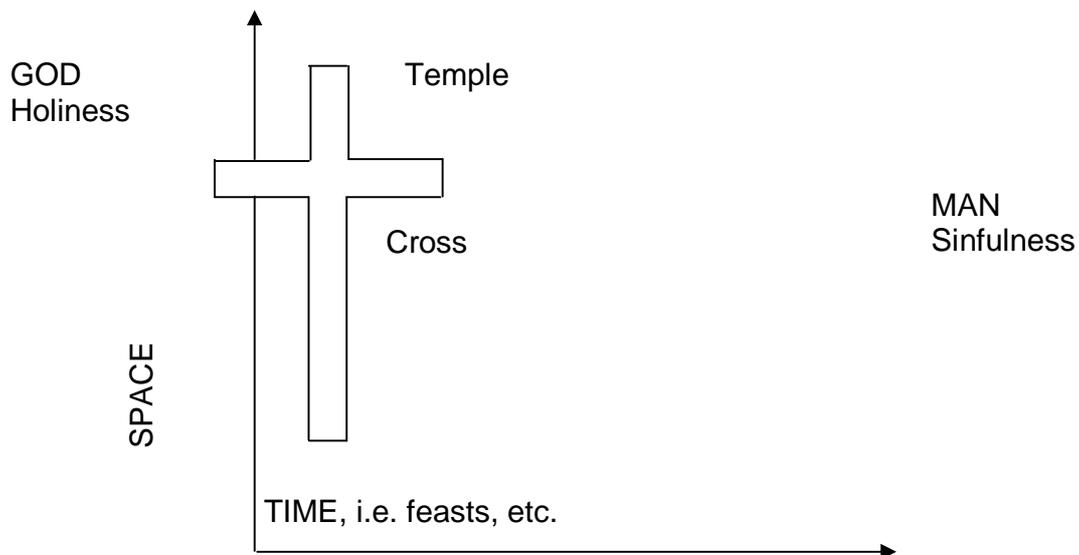
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPACE AND TIME

If we graphically present this then we can see the following facts:



- I. A believer who lives within the bounds of **God's Space** (Covenant, reborn, etc.) but **does not keep the feasts**, lacks the power of spiritual warfare in that no declarations of God's Supremacy are made in the **physical** and therefore also not in the **spiritual**.
- II. A believer who lives within the bounds of God's Time (feasts, prophetic word, etc.) but does not **grow** in the power of the **Torah, Covenant**, etc. lacks the **Spiritual Word and understanding** of God's *principles* to make a firm foundation of this faith.
- III. A believer who walks in **God's Space** (Covenant, Torah, etc.) and who walks in **God's Time** (feasts, prophetic word, etc.) will experience the **power / energy** of God's purposes when the Holy Spirit and the angels work to achieve the final redemptive plan.

God is Holy. Man retains his sinful nature as he strives to transform to God's Image. God's plan to bridge the gap is His **Holy Space** and **Holy Time**.



So, where are we going with this line of thought?

It is becoming clearer to me as time goes on that the general Body of believers in Yeshua as Messiah will have to take time out to determine a standpoint on the question of Israel and partaking of the feasts and the process of returning to our Jewish roots.

VI. ELEMENTS OF AN EVER-RENEWING COVENANT

1. PROTECTION OF MAN - NOAH

Sign: Gen. 9:13 - Rainbow

God looks at the evil of the world and decides to judge the sin – but covenants with the man with whom He finds Grace – Gen. 6: 8

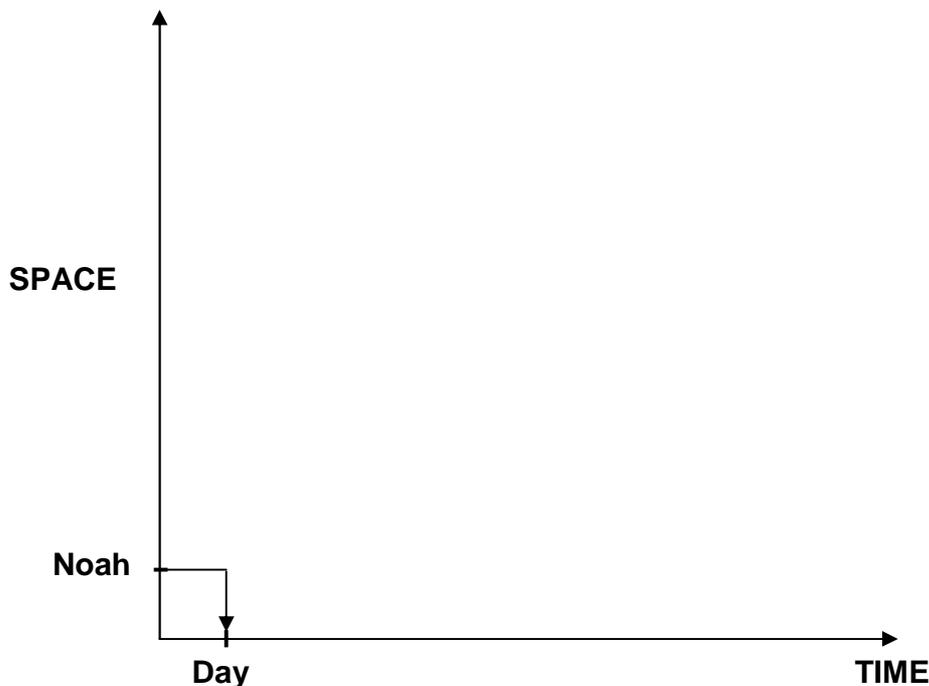
This is the Covenant (the space):



Gen. 6:17-18 “17 And behold! I, even I, am bringing a flood of waters upon the earth in order to destroy all flesh (in which is the breath of life) from under the heavens. Everything, which is in the earth, shall die.
18 But I will establish **My covenant** with you. And you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.”

The covenant with Noah is not only a sign and an event, which foreshadowed the deliverance that Jesus would bring, but was an example of the message of Salvation.

Noah lives in a land full of sin. God provides a plan – Noah must build an Ark. Noah does so by faith – even though it takes many years and it doesn't rain until just before the end. Noah had to accept the plan of salvation and deliverance by **faith**. God gives us a sign to **remind** us of the covenant – a **rainbow**.



The promise of the Memorial (the time)

Deut. 6: 3-9 “3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be watchful to do them, that it may be well with you and that you may increase exceedingly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.
4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord].
5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might.
6 And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds and hearts; [then]
7 You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.
8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes.
9 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



In a Nutshell

Daily I am protected

2. FAMILY - SEED – DESCENDANTS – Abraham

Sign: Jewish Nation reserved through the ages and the change of the name from Abram to Abraham (**Gen 17:5**)



The Covenant (the space)

Gen. 13: 14-18 “14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
15 For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever.
16 And I will make **your descendants** like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted.
17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.
18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt among the oaks or terebinths of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord.”

Gen. 15: 18 “18 On the same day the Lord made a **covenant** (promise, pledge) with Abram, saying, To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates—the land of
19 The Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,”

Abram hears a Word from God – he believes in faith on the promise made.

Gen. 12:1-3: “1 And Jahweh said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you.
2 And I will make you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing.
3 And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

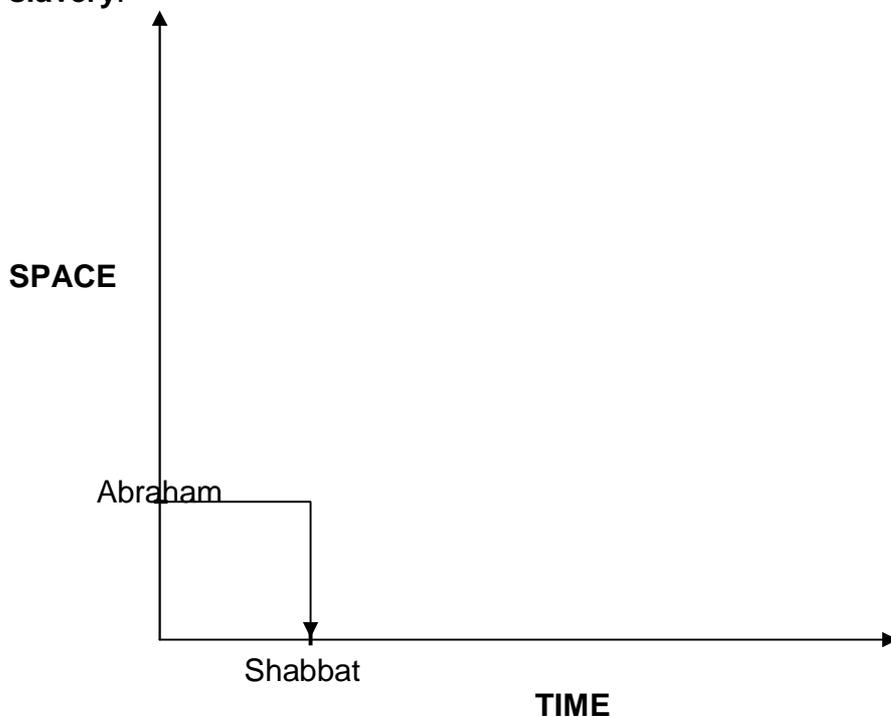
We see that he goes to Canaan in obedience – a work after salvation by faith.

Gen. 12:4: “ And Abram departed, even as Jahweh had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

Abraham and Sarah bring restoration to the earth through a **lifestyle** of righteous living:

- He builds a prayer altar (**Gen. 12: 7; 13: 18**)
- He extends kindness
- He extends hospitality

Abraham accepted by **faith** (crossed over from idol worship to the worship of God only – became the first Hebrew) moved in **obedience**, Sarah moved in **submission** and the promise was for descendants who would be delivered from **slavery**.



The promise of the Memorial – time

Lev. 23:3 “3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation or assembly by summons. You shall do no work on that day; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.”

Gen. 12:7, “7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this **land to your posterity**. So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him.”

3. THE PROMISE OF THE LAND – LEGACY – Isaac

Abraham comes to Canaan – builds an altar and walks the **length** and **breadth** of the land, **building** more altars to claim the land physically before the spiritual inheritance is given.



Gen. 13:3-4; 18: “3 And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been from the beginning, between Bethel and Hai,
4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at the first. And Abram called on the Name of Jahweh there.
18 And Abram moved his tent and came and lived in the oaks of Mamre, which is in Hebron. And he built an altar to Jahweh there.”

Sign: circumcision

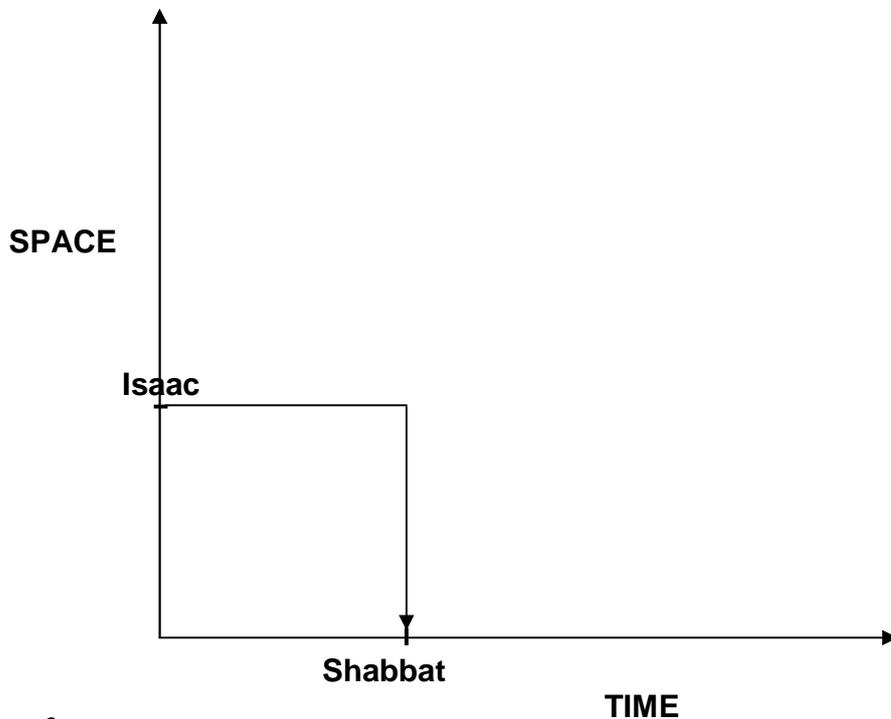
Gen 13: 17 “17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.”

The Covenant / Promise is proclaimed to Abraham, but God says “that it will be **established**” in Isaac. This is fulfilled when Isaac is offered as a sacrifice, lives his entire life in the land of Canaan (something his father and his son Jacob did not do), he dies and is buried in the land.

Gen 17:7-8 “7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting, solemn pledge, to be a God to you and to your posterity after you.
8 And I will give to you and to your **posterity after you** the land in which you are a stranger [going from place to place], all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Gen. 17: 21 “21 But My covenant, My promise and pledge, I will **establish with Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.”

Gen 26:6 "6 So Isaac stayed in Gerar."



Shabbat in a nutshell

I have been created by God
I am able to say NO

The Shabbat will be kept in the New Jerusalem:

Ezek 46: 1, 4, 12 "1 *THUS SAYS the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that faces east shall be shut during the six working days, but on the **Sabbath** it shall be opened, and also on the day of the New Moon it shall be opened.*
4 *And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the Lord on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish.*
12 *When the prince shall prepare and make a freewill burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to the Lord, the gate that faces east shall be opened for him, and he shall offer his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he has gone out, the gate shall be shut.*"

4. THE PROMISE OR COVENANT OF THE NATIONS (Space) – Jacob

Gen. 15: 13-14 “13 And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land not theirs, and shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years.

14 And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. And afterward they shall come out with great substance.

Gen. 32:28 “28 And He said, Your name shall be called **no more Jacob** [supplanter], **but Israel** [contender with God]; for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have prevailed.”

Sign: Jacob’s name was changed and he walked with a permanent **limp** - **permanent** change if you meet God face to face and a change of name to Israel (**Gen 32:28**).



Gen.26: 3-4 “3 Dwell temporarily in this land, and I will be with you and will favor you with blessings; for to you and to your descendants **I will give all these lands**, and **I will perform the oath** which I swore to Abraham your father.

4 And **I will make your descendants** to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your posterity **all these lands** (kingdoms); and by your Offspring shall **all the nations of the earth be blessed**, or by Him bless themselves,”

Gen 28: 3-4 “3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you until you become a **group of peoples**.

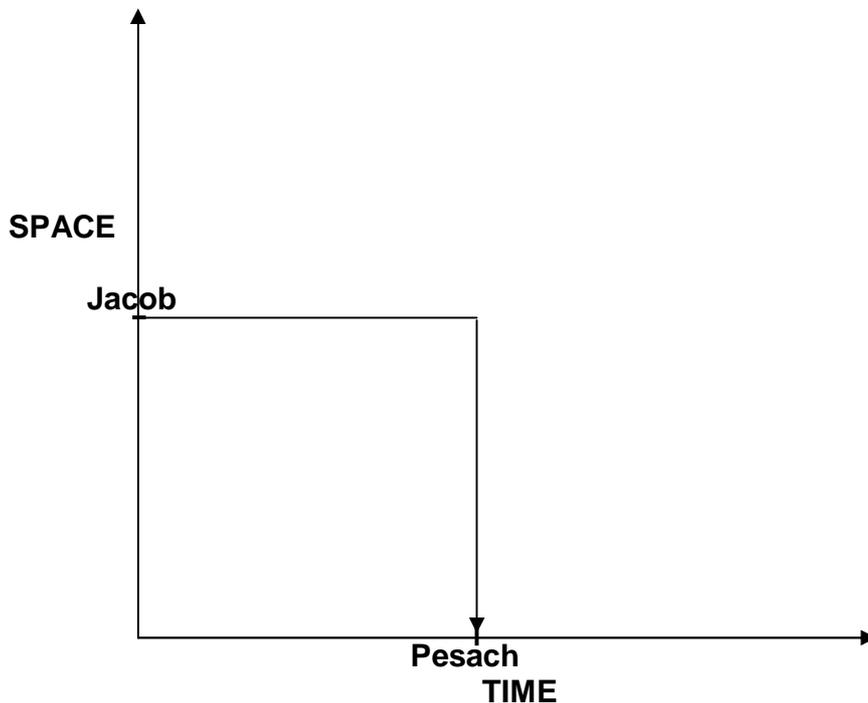
4 May He give the blessing [He gave to] Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may **inherit the land** He gave to Abraham, in which you are a sojourner.”

Gen 28: 12-15 “12 And he dreamed that there was a **ladder** set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to **heaven**; and the **angels of God** were ascending and descending on it!

13 And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.

14 And **your offspring** shall be as [countless as] the dust or sand of the ground, and you shall spread abroad to the **west** and the **east** and the **north** and the **south**; and by you and your Offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed and bless themselves.

15 And behold, I am with you and will keep (watch over you with care, take notice of) you wherever you may go, and I will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done all of which I have told you.”



Pesach in a nutshell:

I am a man in the Image of God.
I will proclaim liberty

The promise of the Memorial (time):

Lev. 23: 4-8 “4 These are the **set feasts** or **appointed seasons** of the Lord, holy convocations **you shall proclaim at their stated times:**
 5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the **Lord’s Passover**.
 6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** to the Lord; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
 7 On the first day you shall have a holy “calling together;” you shall do no servile or laborious work on that day.
 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no servile or laborious work on that day.”

First fruit

Lev. 23:8-12 “8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no servile or laborious work on that day.

9 And the Lord said to Moses,

10 Tell the Israelites, When you have come into the land I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the **sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest** to the priest.

11 And he shall **wave the sheaf** before the Lord, that you may be accepted; on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [before the Lord].

12 You shall offer on the day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the Lord.”

The feast of Passover will be kept in the New Jerusalem:

New Jerusalem - **Ezek 45: 21-24** “21 In the first month on the fourteenth day of the [month]; you shall have **the Passover**, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 Upon that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering.

23 And for the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily for the seven days, and a he-goat daily for a sin offering.

24 And he shall prepare as a meal offering to be offered with each bullock an ephah of meal, an ephah for each ram, and a hin of oil for each ephah of meal.”

5. THE PROMISE OR COVENANT OF A GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE – Moses.

Until now the Covenant and promise had been between God and a single man or his immediate family. After the promise made (that Abraham’s descendants would be slaves in Egypt for 400 years and would be set free to return to Canaan) we find that God again moves to **expand** the Covenantal relationship. He uses Moses to come to the people while in bondage and present God’s plan of salvation and purpose – this time to a **nation**.

The **nation** takes the step of faith to believe in the **Blood of the Lamb** on the doorpost, to keep the first Passover and to move out to Mount Sinai.

The **Covenant** with the nation is made at Mount Sinai.

Sign: Holy Spirit **fire** and tablets of the Ten Commandments



Ex. 19: 17-20 “17 Then Moses brought the people from the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
18 **Mount Sinai** was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.
19 As the trumpet blast grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice.
20 The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.”

Ex. 19: 5-6 “5 Now therefore, **if you will obey** My voice in truth and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own peculiar possession and treasure from among and above all peoples; for all the earth is Mine.
6 And you shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests, a holy nation** [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites.”

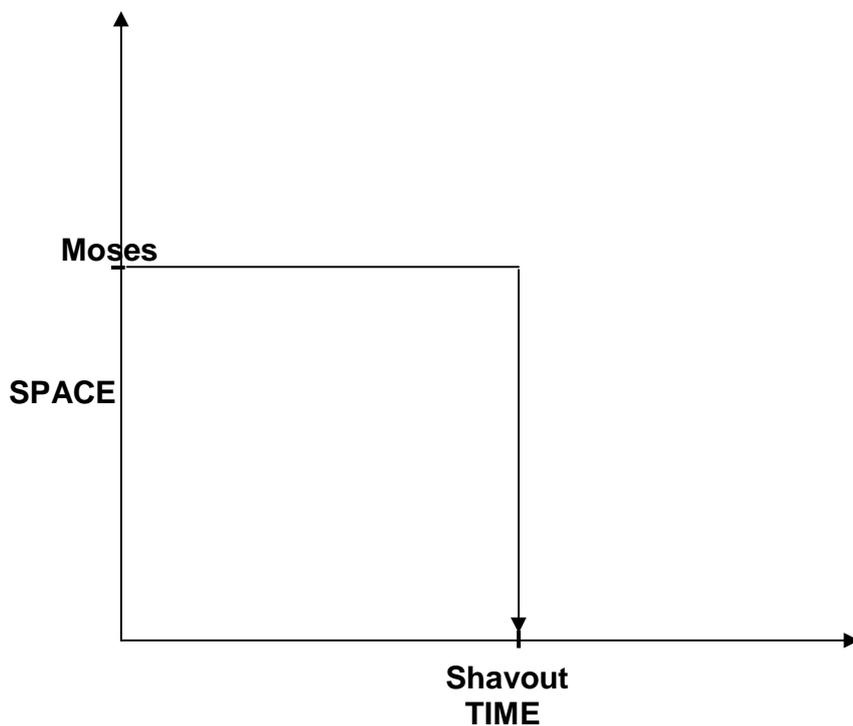
Ex 19:8 “8 And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the Lord has spoken we will do.** And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.”

Ex. 24:3 “3 Moses came and told the people all that the Lord had said and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, **All that the Lord has spoken we will do.**”

Ex. 34:10 “10 And the Lord said, Behold, I lay down [afresh the terms of the **mutual agreement between Israel and Me**] a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels (wonders, miracles) such as have not been wrought or created in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing [fearful and full of awe] that I will do with you.”

We find the New Testament fulfillment of this with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts. 2:1-4 “1 AND WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,
2 When suddenly there came a **sound from heaven** like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it **filled the whole house** in which they were sitting.
3 And there appeared to them **tongues resembling fire**, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.
4 And they were **all filled** (diffused throughout their souls) **with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].”



Shavuot in a Nutshell

I am a king, priest and prophet

The Promise of the Memorial (Time)

Lev. 23:15 – 22 *“15 And you shall count from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths; [seven full weeks] shall they be.
 16 **Count fifty days** to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord.
 17 You shall bring from your dwellings two loaves of bread to be waved, made from two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven, for firstfruits to the Lord.
 18 And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs, a year old and without blemish, and one young bull and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their cereal offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire, of a sweet and satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
 19 Then you shall sacrifice one he-goat for a sin offering and two he-lambs, a year old, for a sacrifice of peace offering.
 20 The priest shall wave the two lambs, together with the bread of the firstfruits, for a wave offering before the Lord. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.*

21 You shall **make proclamation the same day**, summoning a **holy assembly**; you shall do no servile work that day. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am the Lord your God.”

THE FEAST OF SHAVUOT IN THE NEW JERUSALEM:

God’s Presence makes the Light

Rev. 21:23 “23 And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

6. THE PROMISE OR COVENANT OF A KINGDOM AND PRAISE

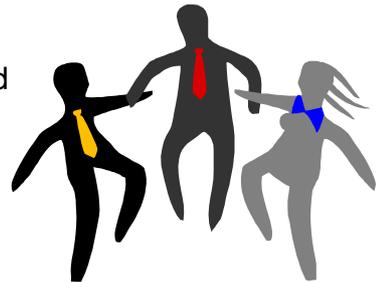
The Covenantal relationship has expanded from a promise **not to destroy** mankind by the flood, to **descendants** too numerous to count, to a **land** of their own forever, to a **nation** with a governmental / priestly / social system which we accept by **faith** and **obey in love** – thereafter receiving the blessing that God has promised.

Anyone who rejects this promise (i.e., do not have faith in God’s plan / purpose) and those who wilfully disobey Him, experience the **consequence** of their actions.

However God is not finished!! During his lifetime, David comes to the realization that God has done so much for him.

God **covenants** with him that:

- God will establish His **kingdom** in the life of David forever.
- Solomon would build the first temple.
- **Praise and worship** would continue forever.



Sign: Chosen people / temple built with Living Stones.

1 Chron 17:9-27 “9 Also I will appoint a place for My people Israel and **will plant them**, that they may **dwell in their own place** and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first,
10 Since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Moreover, I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore, I foretell to you that the Lord will build you a house (a blessed posterity).

11 And it shall come to pass that when your days are fulfilled to go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will **establish his kingdom**.

12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his **throne forever**.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy and steadfast love away from him, as I took it from him [King Saul] who was before you.

14 But I will settle him (Him) in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his (His) throne shall be established forevermore.

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16 And David the king went in and sat before the Lord and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house and family, that You have brought me up to this?

17 And yet this was a small thing in Your eyes, O God; for You have spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God!

18 What more can David say to You for thus honoring Your servant? For You know Your servant.

19 O Lord, for Your servant's sake and in accord with Your own heart, You have wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.

20 O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God beside You, according to all that our ears have heard.

21 And **what nation on the earth is like Your people Israel**, whom God went to redeem to Himself as a people, making Yourself a name by great and terrible things, by driving out nations from before Your people, whom You redeemed out of Egypt?

22 You **made Your people Israel Your own forever**, and You, Lord, became their God.

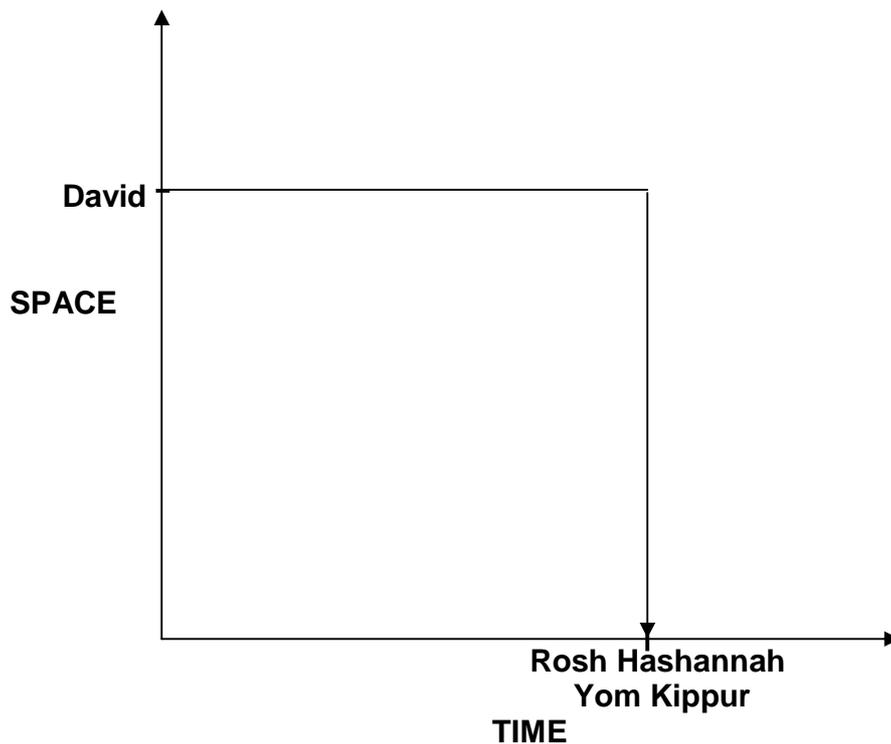
23 Therefore now, Lord, **let the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house be established forever, and do as You have said**.

24 Let it be established and let Your name [and the character that name denotes] be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God; and the house of David Your servant will be established before You.

25 For You, O my God, have told Your servant that **You will build for him a house** (a blessed posterity); therefore Your servant has found courage and confidence to pray before You.

26 And now, Lord, You are God, and have promised this good thing to Your servant.

27 Therefore may it **please You to bless the house (posterity) of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for what You bless, O Lord, is blessed forever.**"



Rosh Hashanah in a Nutshell
I am prepared to meet my God

Yom Kippur in a nutshell
I am repentant before God at all times

The Promise of the Memorial (time):

Is 55:7 “7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him **return to the Lord**, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon.”

Lev. 23:23-25 “23 And the Lord said to Moses,
24 Say to the Israelites, On **the first day of the seventh month** [almost October], you shall observe a day of solemn [sabbatical] rest, a memorial day announced by **blowing of trumpets**, a holy [called] assembly.
25 You shall do no servile work on it, but you shall present an offering made by fire to the Lord.”

Eze 28: 21 – 22 “21 Son of man, set your face toward Sidon and prophesy against her.
22 And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, and I will show forth My glory and be glorified in the midst of you. And they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord when I **execute judgments** and punishments in her, and am set apart and separated and My holiness is manifested in her.”

Hos 14:1-2 “1 O ISRAEL, **return to the Lord your God**, for you have stumbled and fallen, [visited by calamity] due to your iniquity.
2 Take with you words and return to the Lord. Say to Him, Take away all our iniquity; accept what is good and receive us graciously; so will we render [our thanks] as bullocks [to be sacrificed] and pay the **confession of our lips.**”

Lev. 23: 26-32 “26 And the Lord said to Moses,
27 Also the tenth day of this seventh month is the **Day of Atonement**; it shall be a holy [called] assembly, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting in penitence and humility] and present an offering made by fire to the Lord.
28 And you shall do no work on this day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.
29 For whoever is not afflicted [by fasting in penitence and humility] on this day shall be cut off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them].
30 And whoever does any work on that same day I will destroy from among his people.
31 You shall do no kind of work [on that day]. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
32 It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting in penitence and humility]. On the ninth day of the month from evening to evening you shall keep your sabbath.”

7. THE PROMISE OR COVENANT OF JUBILEE - Jeshua

Clearly we can see that the covenant has been an ever-growing, more encompassing **relationship**. Also we can see that the impact at the Cross of Golgotha on this covenant was to expand the **relational element** of this Covenant. An analyses of **Ezekiel** and **Revelations** show that some elements of the sacrificial system and the feasts are still in operation, i.e. something instituted in the time of Abraham and Moses is still **relevant today** and in the **future**.

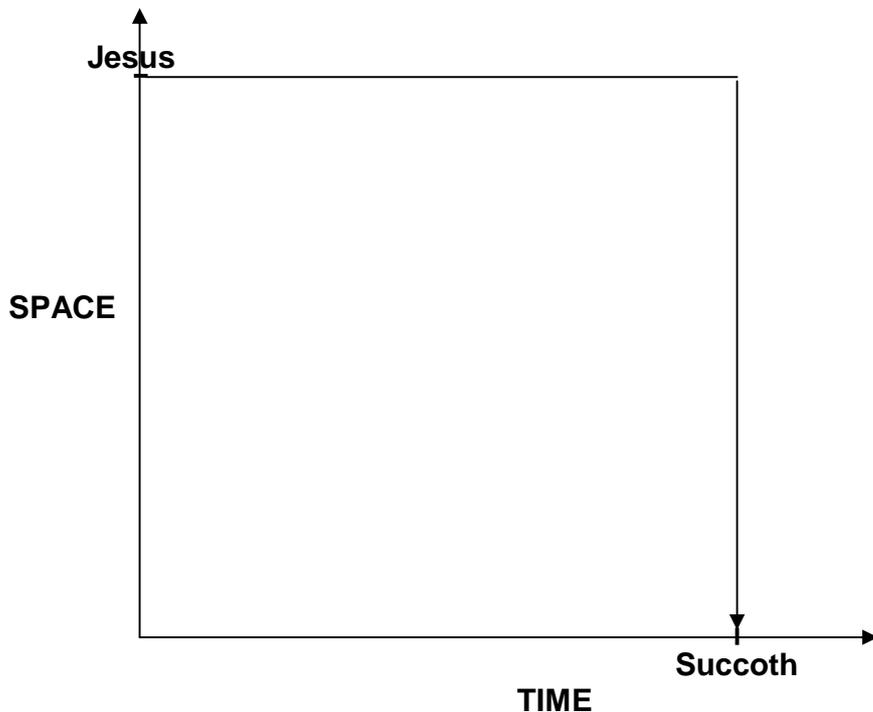


Sign:

Jer. 33:25 “25 Thus says the Lord: If My covenant with **day and night does not stand**, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and the earth [the whole order of nature],”

Jer. 31:31-34 “31 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the **house of Israel** and with the **house of Judah**,
32 Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, says the Lord.
33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the Lord, **I will put My law within them, and on their hearts will I write it; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.**
34 And they will no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they will all know Me [recognize, understand, and be acquainted with Me], from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will [seriously] remember their sin no more.”

Jer. 33:14-16 “14 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promise I have made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
15 In those days and at that time will I cause a righteous Branch [the Messiah] to grow up to David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
16 In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall dwell safely. And this is the name by which it will be called, The Lord is Our Righteousness (our Rightness, our Justice).”





Succhoth in a nutshell

1. God loves me and protects me
2. God causes me to walk in peace.

The Memorial of Succhoth (time)

Lev. 23:33-44 *“33 And the Lord said to Moses,
34 Say to the Israelites, The fifteenth day of this seventh month, and for seven days, is the **Feast of Tabernacles or Booths** to the Lord.
35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work on that day.
36 For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation and you shall present an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work on that day.
37 These are the set **feasts or appointed seasons of the Lord**, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to present an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and a cereal offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day.
38 This is in addition to the Sabbaths of the Lord and besides your gifts and all your vowed offerings and all your freewill offerings which you give to the Lord.
39 Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month [nearly October], when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days, the first day and the eighth day each a Sabbath.
40 And on the first day you shall take the fruit of pleasing trees [and make booths of them], branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick (leafy) trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.
41 You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year, a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month.
42 You shall dwell in booths (shelters) for seven days: All native Israelites shall dwell in booths,
43 That your generations may know that I made the Israelites dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.
44 Thus Moses declared to the Israelites the set or appointed feasts of the Lord.”*

The feast of Succoth / Tabernacles will be kept in the future:

Messianic New Jerusalem - Ezek. 43:25-27 *“25 Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram out of the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.*

26 For seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so the priests shall consecrate, separate, and set it apart to receive offerings.

27 And when these days have been accomplished, on the eighth day and from then on, the priests shall offer your burnt offerings upon the altar and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.”

Zech 14:16-19 *“16 And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against **Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year **to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths.***

17 And it shall be that whoso of the families of the earth shall not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain.

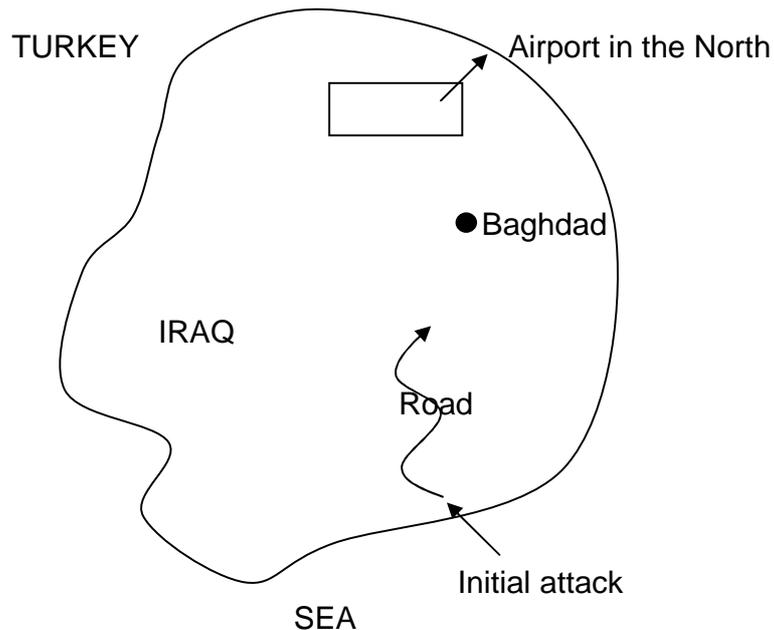
18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up to Jerusalem and present themselves, upon them there shall be no rain, but there shall be the plague with which the Lord will smite the nations that go not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the consequent punishment of the sin of Egypt and the consequent punishment of the sin of all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

VI. THE PRINCIPLE OF SPACE AND TIME IN THE PHYSICAL OR NATURAL

1. Historical Example

The recent war in Iraq was a prime example of the use of this principle:



The Americans and the British army attacked from the sea at the bottom of Iraq. They progressed fast at a rate 50 miles a day. At a stage we heard that the USA had stopped \pm 150 miles from Baghdad. Rumors started to fly - no food, etc.

Suddenly we were shown how 1000 paratroopers were dropped in Northern Iraq, after a flight of 8hours, at an aerodrome on which they could have landed with no opposition whatsoever.

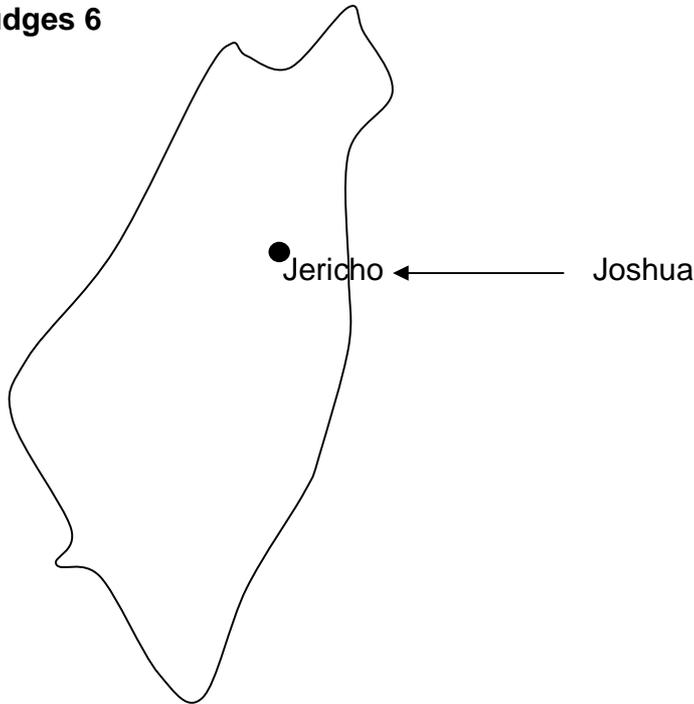
For 4-5 days we all watched the drama and suddenly the American army marched into Baghdad and it was all over in just a few days.

Analysis - The USA had run out of fuel - they needed **time** to restock. So, they utilized the element of **space** to create a **time** of 4-5 days.

2. Biblical Example

We find many examples of this principle in the Bible - a good one is the story of the defeat of Jericho.

Judges 6



This generation had wandered around the wilderness for 40 years. Those who were old enough to be children at the time of the exodus, would remember something of the faith needed to march out of Egypt. However, they had **not** needed to have to **exercise** their **faith** for 40 years - everything had been **provided**.

They arrived at the river Jordan (**Joshua 3**), they had passed through and seen the miracle of the river which stopped flowing, they had been circumcised (**Joshua 5**) into the Covenant, but had not had to exercise their **own faith**.

God uses the **time** and obedience of the six days of **walking** to build faith, i.e. to form substance and meaning to the space element i.e. the Covenant.

3. Scientific Example.

Let us consider the famous scientific formula that led to the development of the most potent weapon ever created - **the nuclear bomb**. The formula is of course **$E=mc^2$** . If we desire to create potent spiritual weapons against the enemy we might do well to glean some spiritual principles from this scientific formula. Let us examine the **components of the formula**:

E = Energy - spiritually we can relate this to a release of the power of God in our circumstances and to the spiritual impact that we are having in our area of influence.

m = mass - the weight or substance of a thing. The substance of our Covenant with God defines our spiritual mass. To put it in a different way, the more of God's Holy Space (the truth of His Covenant with us) we understand *and live in*, the greater our spiritual mass will be.

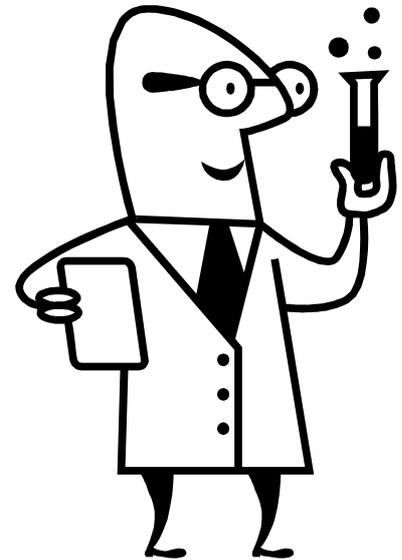
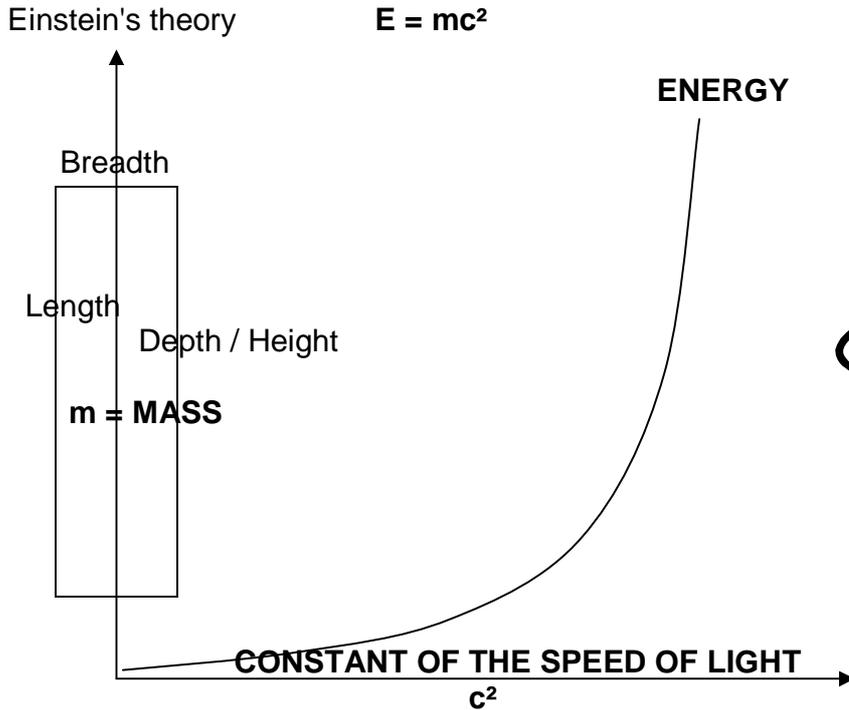
c= The constant of the speed of light. The speed at which light travels is constant. It is a scientific law that has been ordained by God. Speed can be defined as the distance travelled or movement over time. In other words, **God has ordained a specific law that governs the movement of light over time.**

Interestingly, Yeshua says in **Matt. 5:14** to His disciples "*You are the **light** of the world...*". If we are the spiritual light of the world, could it be that the same principles that govern the physical light should apply to us? Could it be that God has ordained a law that governs our movement over time? I submit to you that this is indeed the case and that the two aspects of God's holy time govern the universal and personal movement of God's people through time.

The formula can now be describes as follows:

E (the spiritual impact that we have) = **m** (the measure to which we understand and live out our Covenant with God i.e. God's Holy Space.)
x **c** (the measure to which we align our lives to God's universal ordinance of time ie. Shabbat, festivals etc.)
x **c** (the measure to which we submit to the personal seasons that God has ordained for us individually)

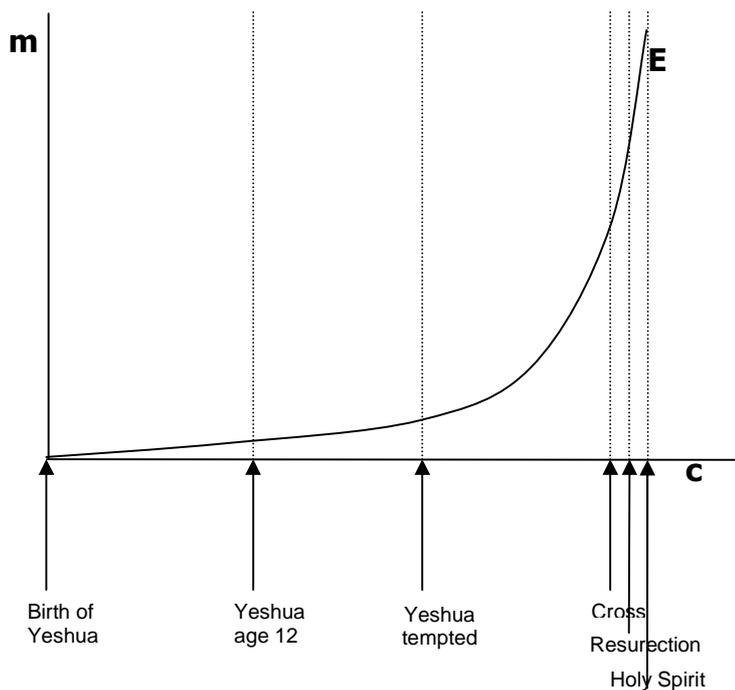
The graph below illustrates the formula **$E=mc^2$** .



4. Yeshua's (Jesus, Son of God of Israel) life on the Curve

The following key events in the life of Yeshua will be used to illustrate His progression along the curve:

1. The birth of Yeshua
2. Yeshua in the temple at age 12
3. Yeshua on the cross.
4. Yeshua being tempted in the wilderness
5. Yeshua resurrected
6. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit



We start our curve with the birth of the Messiah. The next significant event occurs when Yeshua is 12 years old and visits the temple:

⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem **according to the custom of the feast.** ⁴³When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; ⁴⁴but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "**Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?**" ⁵⁰But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, **and was subject to them**, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵²And **Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**

1. Yeshua was aligned to God's universal time ordinance "according to the custom of the feast" (**c**).
2. He already had a clear understanding of His calling, purpose and covenant with God. This is evident from His statement in verse 49 (**m**).
3. Even though He knew it was part of His calling (Holy Space) to engage the elders in the temple, He subjected himself to His parents and in so doing to God's seasons for His life personally(**c**). Note what verse 52 says "And Jesus increased...in favor with God and men". Because Yeshua had combined the elements of $m \times c \times c = mc^2$, He was on His way to have a great impact (**E**) on His generation.

We move on the next event, the temptation of Yeshua in the wilderness:

²²And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (**Luke 3:22**)

¹Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. ³And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴But Jesus answered him, saying, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'**" ⁵Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

⁷“Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered and said to him, “**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**” ⁹Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰“For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’¹¹“and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”¹²And Jesus answered and said to him, “**It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’**” ¹³Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

¹⁴Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.i

Up until after the temptation of Yeshua, He had not had much of an impact (**E**) on His generation even though he had submitted to God’s time for His life and walked in the fullness of God’s space for Him. The nature of the curve, though, is exponential and we see a tremendous growth in Yeshua’s impact on those around him beyond this point.

Much can be said about the temptation of Yeshua, but I would like to examine this scene from the point of view of God’s Space and Time.

1. Tempted to move outside God’s Space (or Covenant).

In each of the three temptations Satan challenged Yeshua to act outside the prescribed boundaries of God’s Holy Space. Yeshua was clear on what God’s Holy Space was and could respond with confidence.

2. Tempted to move outside of God’s Time.

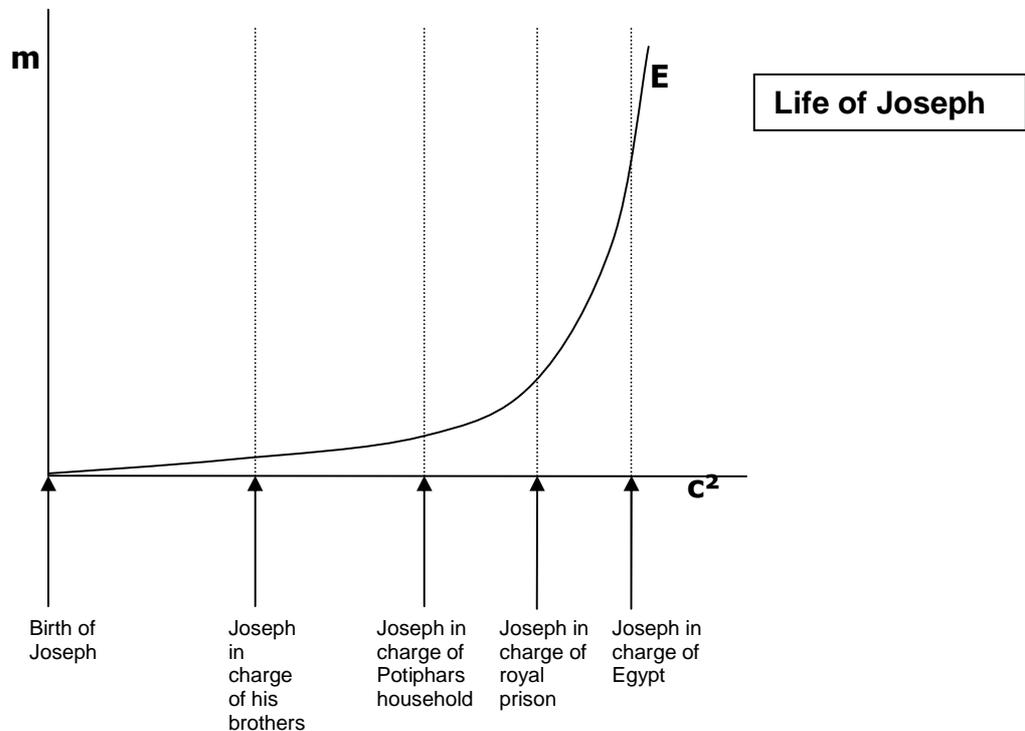
A less obvious side to the temptation is the issue of God’s Time. Consider each of the temptations

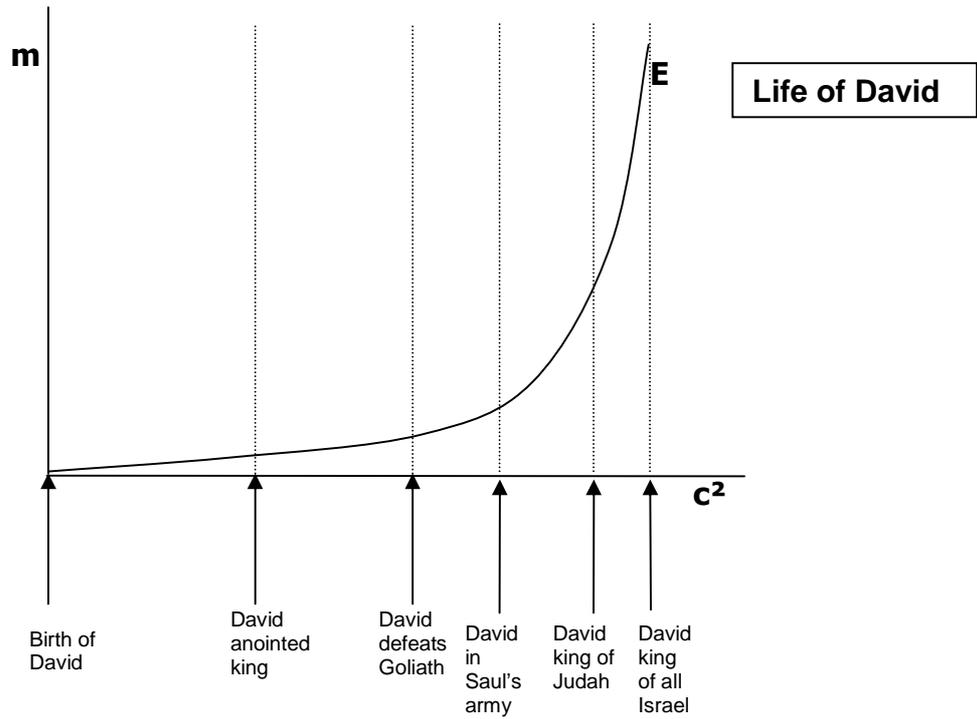
- First Yeshua is tempted to perform a miracle in order to provide bread. This would soon be a part of His ministry and Yeshua is twice recorded to have performed miracles specifically involving bread. Even though this would be part of God’s Holy Space for Yeshua (**m**), the time was not right. In that sense He was tempted to move outside God’s time.
- The second temptation involves the issue of kingship over the world. It is clearly part of Yeshua’s Covenant that He becomes the Sovereign Ruler over all creation i.e. part of God’s Holy Space for Him. However, it was not God’s Time and as such He is once again tempted to move outside of God’s Time.
- The third temptation involves the issue of protection from death. Once again, it was part of Yeshua’s Covenant with God that He would overcome death, but the time was not right.

Once Yeshua had overcome the temptations He moved further along the E-curve and His impact on those around Him grew exponentially. It continued to grow up until the execution of Yeshua, the resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each of these events had an exponentially higher impact on the state of creation and those following Yeshua.

5. Biblical Figures

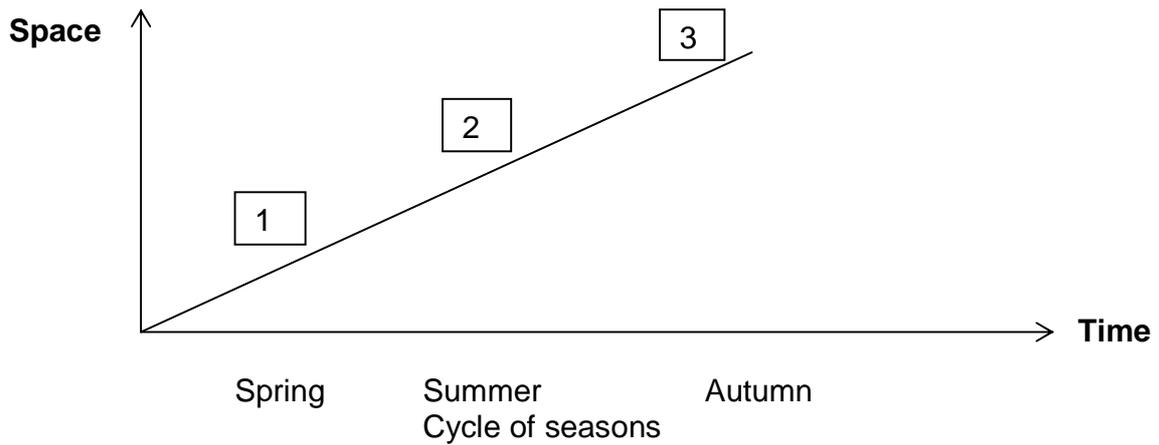
We can plot other Biblical figures along the same curve and pattern as we study their lives and observe how they walked in the fullness of God's Covenant with them and submitted to God's Time for their lives.





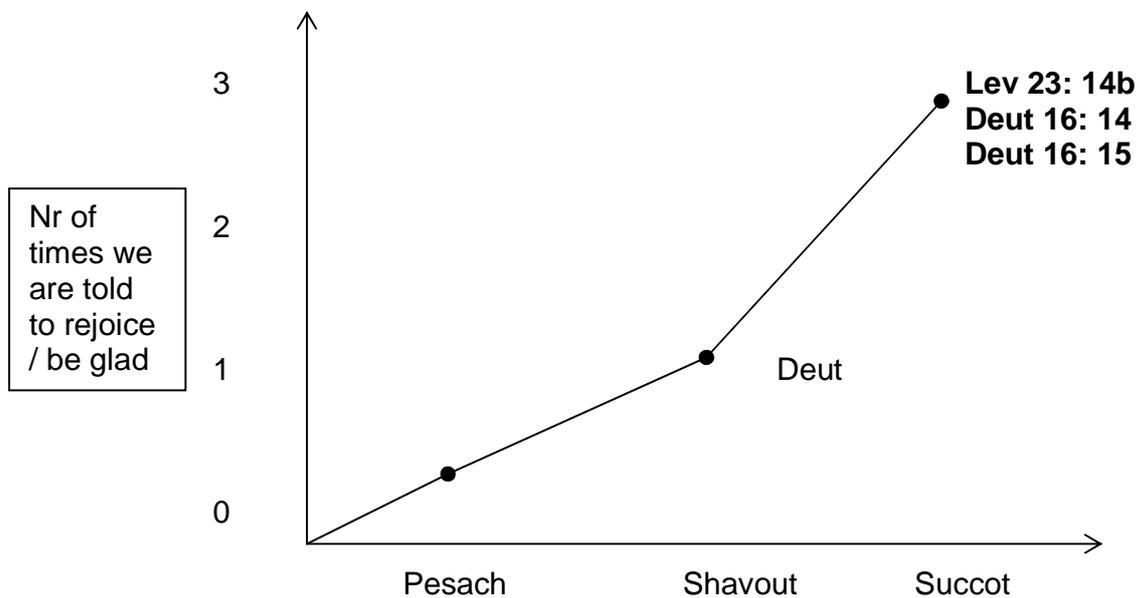
6. Personal Destiny and the Creator of a Legacy

The interplay in space and time has already been alluded to the paragraph describing the principle of a manifestation in the physical before a manifestation in the spiritual.



1. We see the principle of new life, new birth and the status of **baby**, the clouds of glory and the fire **guide** us through the wilderness.
2. We see the principle of the life of an active believer living a life in the fruit of the spirit with the status of Son; the clouds of glory and the fire **cover us** at Mount Sinai.
3. We see the principle of a mature man who has completed life's race and created a legacy, we **live in a cloud of glory** in God's presence at Succot.

Evidence of the progression of the legacy.



Lev 23: 14b *“14 And you shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor green ears, until this same day when you have brought the offering of your God; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your houses.”*

Deut 16: 14 *“14 You shall rejoice in your Feast, you, your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, the Levite, the transient and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns.”*

Deut 16: 15 *“15 For seven days you shall keep a solemn Feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses; because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the works of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.”*

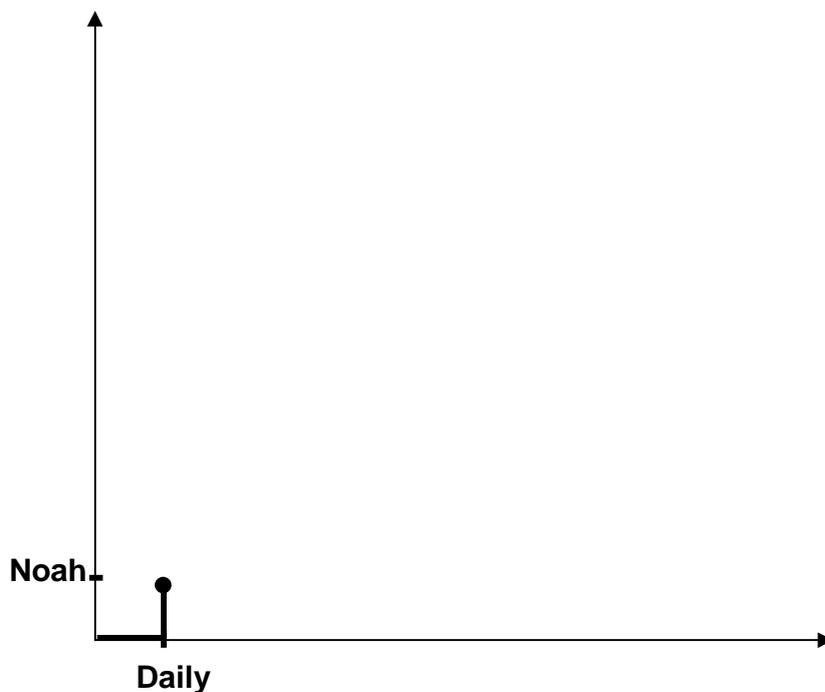
VIII. PRAYER / INTERCESSION ALIGNED WITH ISRAEL IN THE PATTERN OF SPACE AND TIME

In the previous few paragraphs I have showed the clear relationship between the elements of the Covenant and the feasts / times of God.

An analysis of each Feast and Covenant will give the prayer warrior or intercessor an idea of what is on God's Heart as prayer points. It is also clear that each level is the platform for the next level of authority / power. You will not have success unless you gain victory at every successive level.

(Note – these prayer points are merely an indication of items to cover – this is not a complete list. A study of the feasts and their meanings for our lives and meanings as prophetic declaration will help you to enhance this list.)

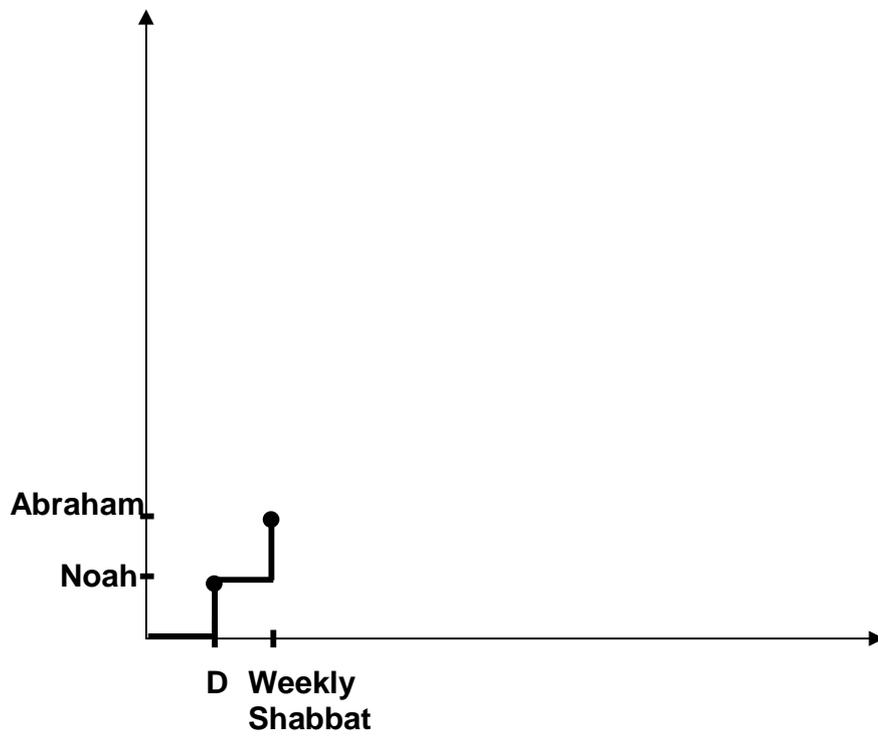
A. INDIVIDUAL LEVEL



Prayer points

- Prayer: Hear of Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is ONE.
- personal
- God as Creator
- My role as teacher, trainer of my child.

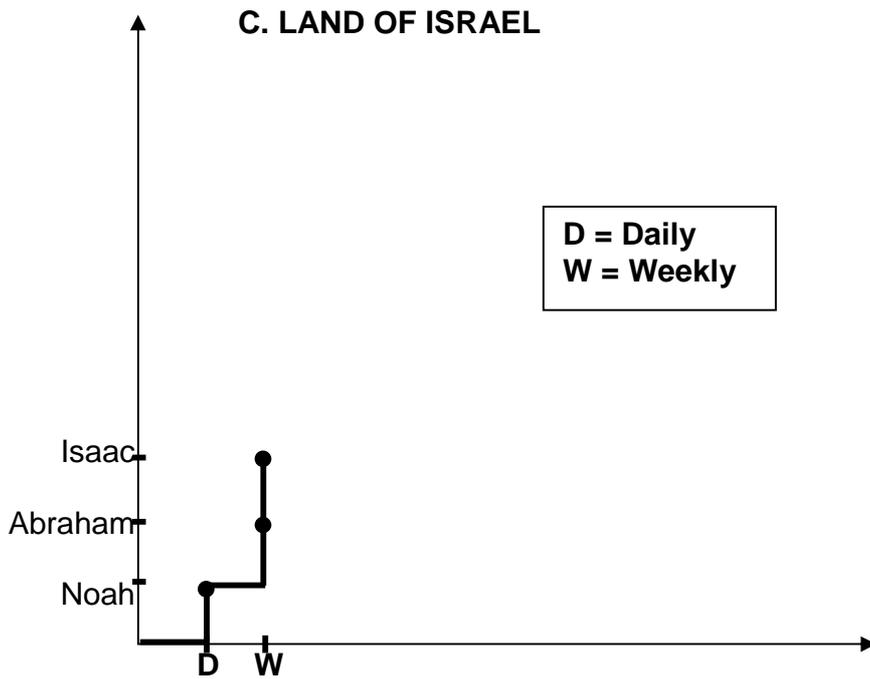
B. FAMILY / INDIVIDUAL



Prayer points

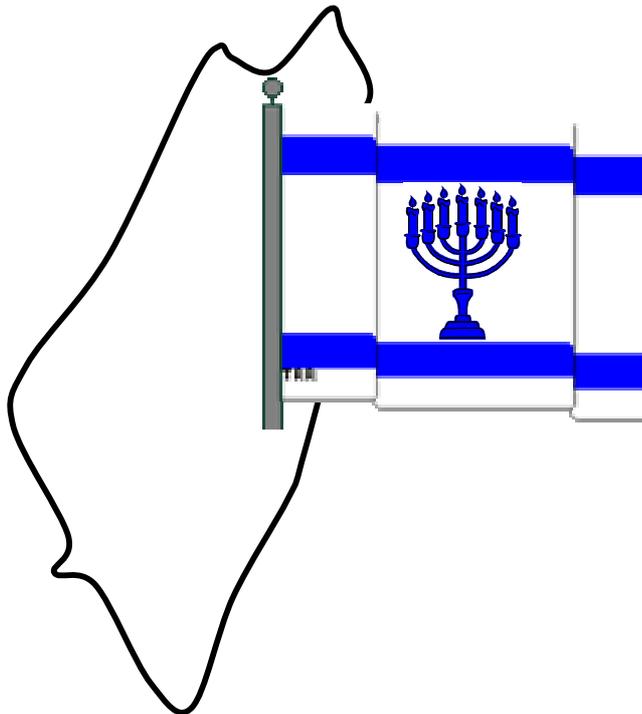
- Pray for family / wife / daughter / sons
- for peace of Jerusalem
- for Reconciliation of Jew / Gentile / Arab

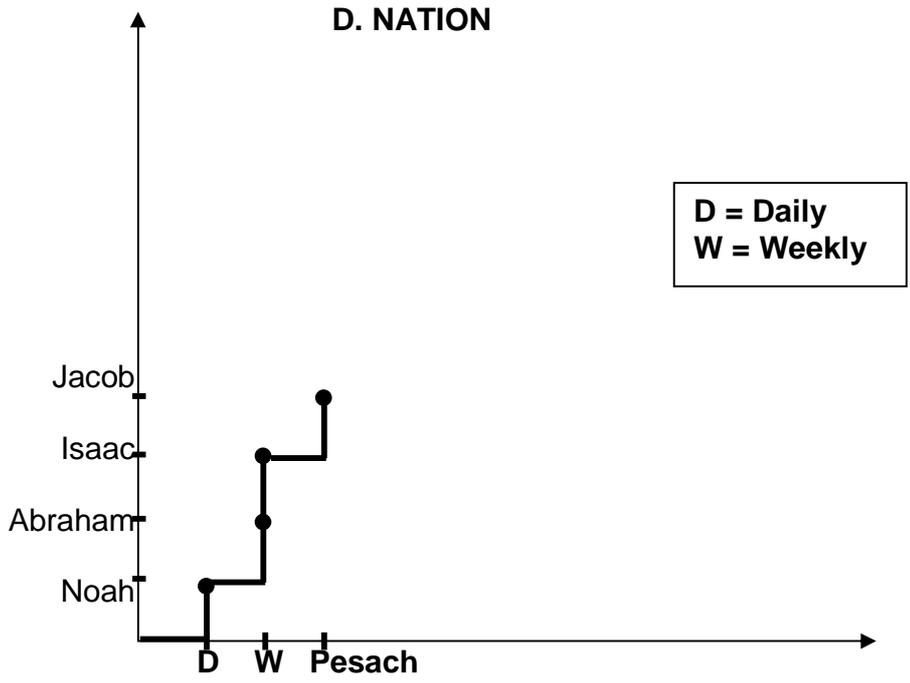




Prayer points

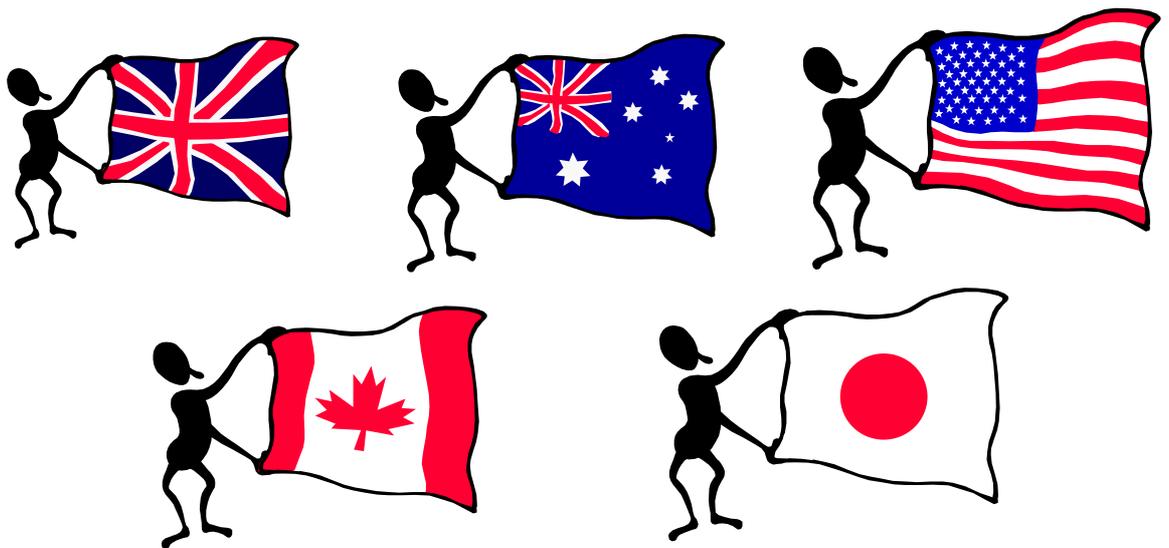
- Pray for the land of Israel and its people (apple of God's eye)
- return of the entire house of Jacob to Israel
- Pray for the full restoration of the land allocated.
- Pray for the New Jerusalem



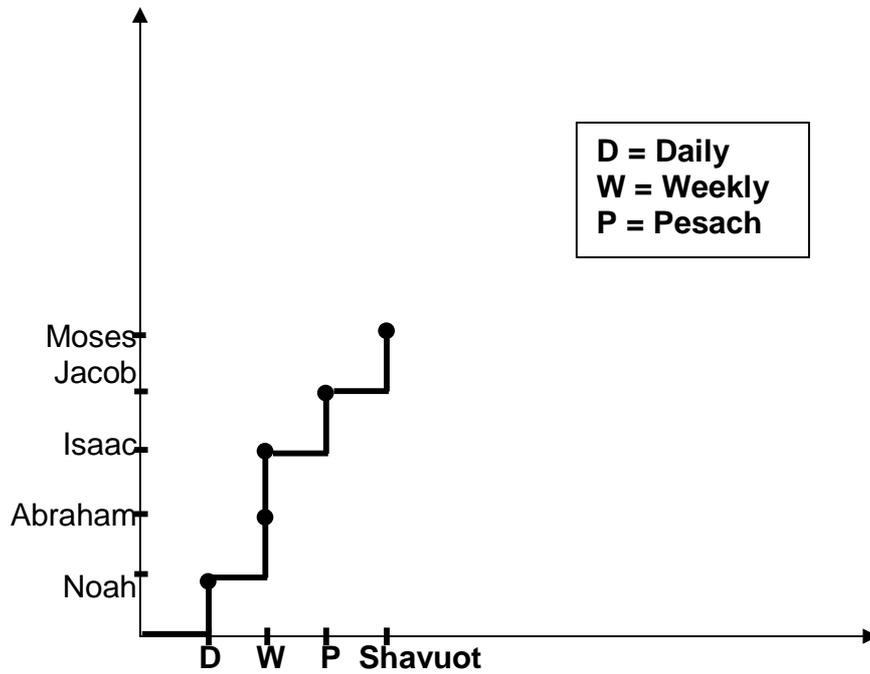


Prayer points

- Pray for the man and his family and the small community (all those who were needed to eat up a whole lamb)
- for an end to slavery and for freedom
- for the fruit of the firstborn
- for the Messianic Body to deal with sin (seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation.) (See Pesach teaching available from Kanaan Ministries)



E. GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

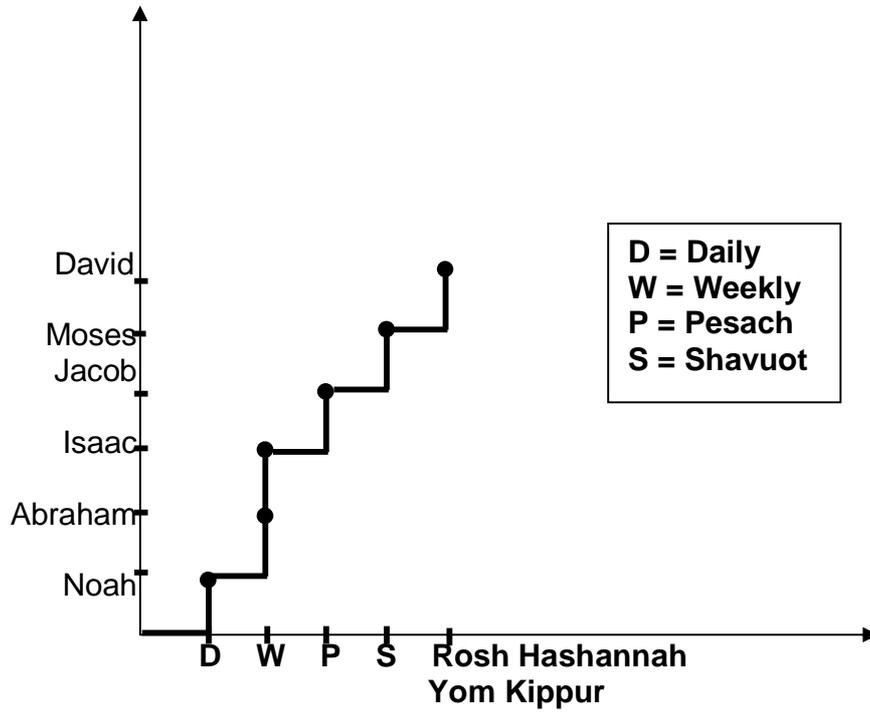


Prayer points

- pray for the nation to be a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood
- for a return to the Torah
- for a return to the Holy Spirit
- for eternity and solidarity



F. KINGDOM AND PRAISE

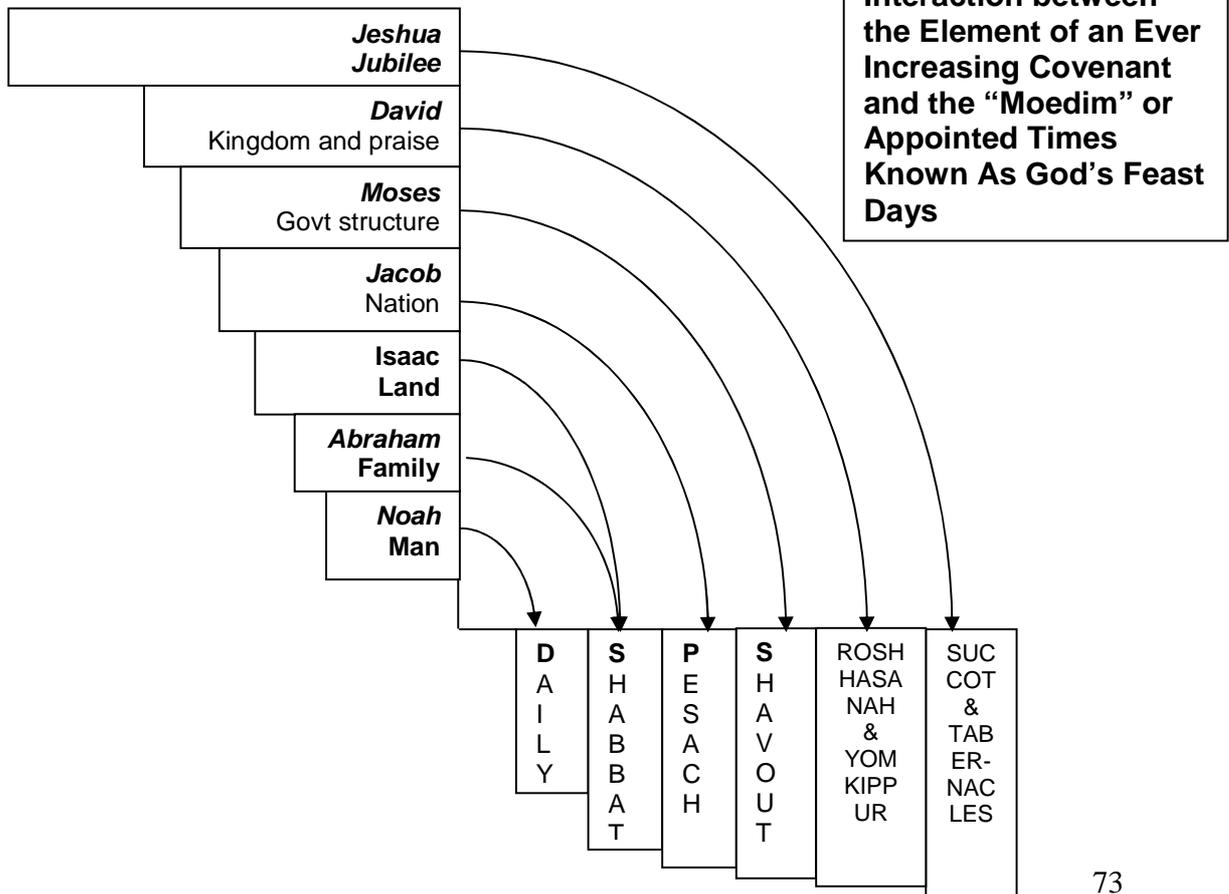
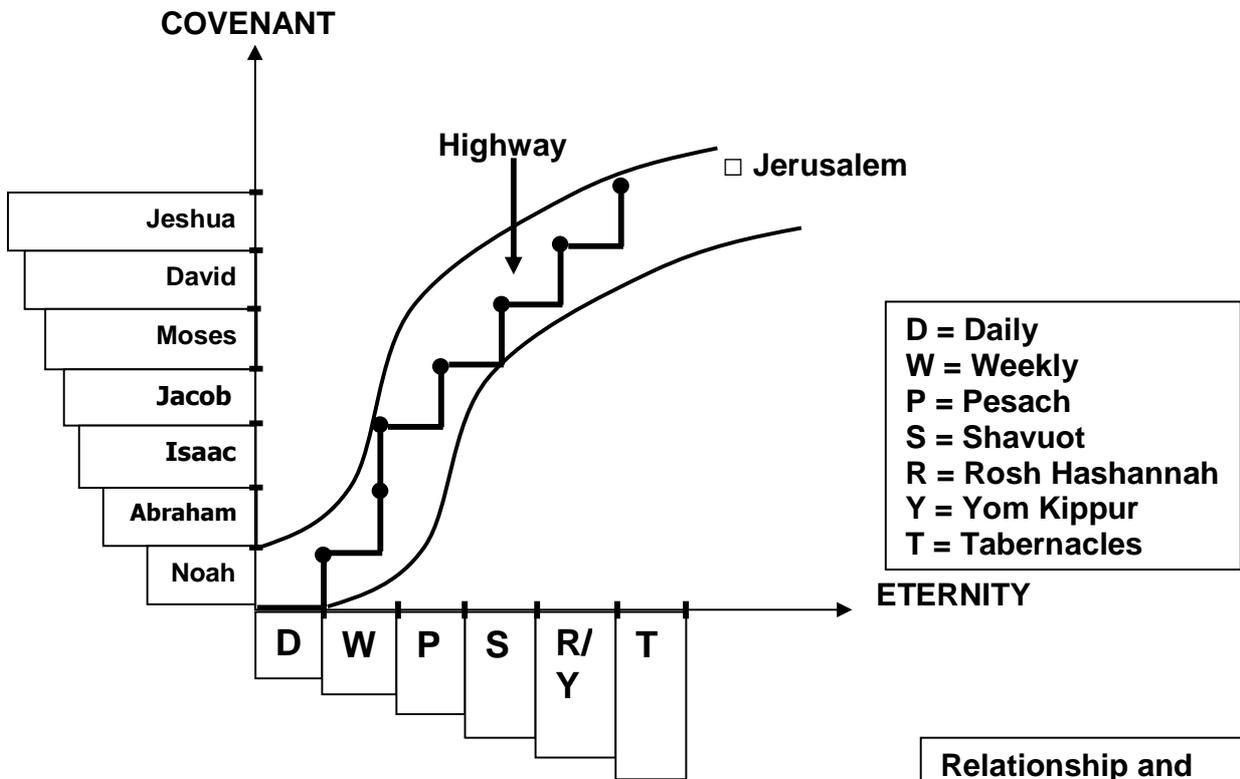


Prayer points

- pray for a repentant heart
- for a Holy Bride
- for the coming of the Bridegroom and the wedding
- for the judgment of works.

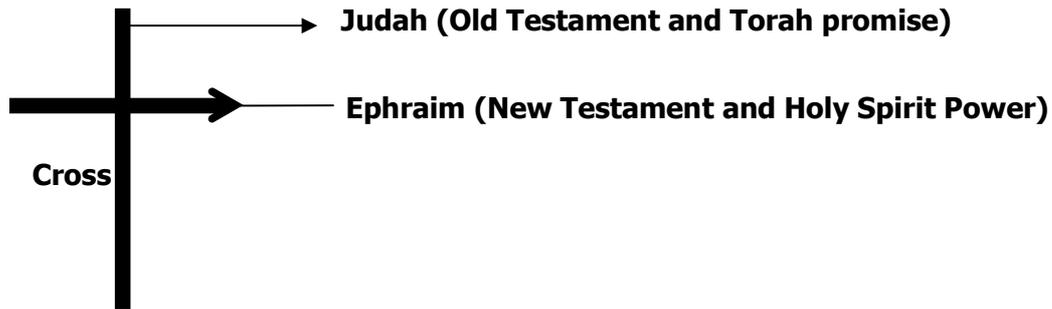


G. JUBILEE



Prayer points

1. Pray for freedom of 1000 years of **restored life**. (No spiritual warfare)
2. Pray for wisdom on how to provoke Judah to Jealousy.

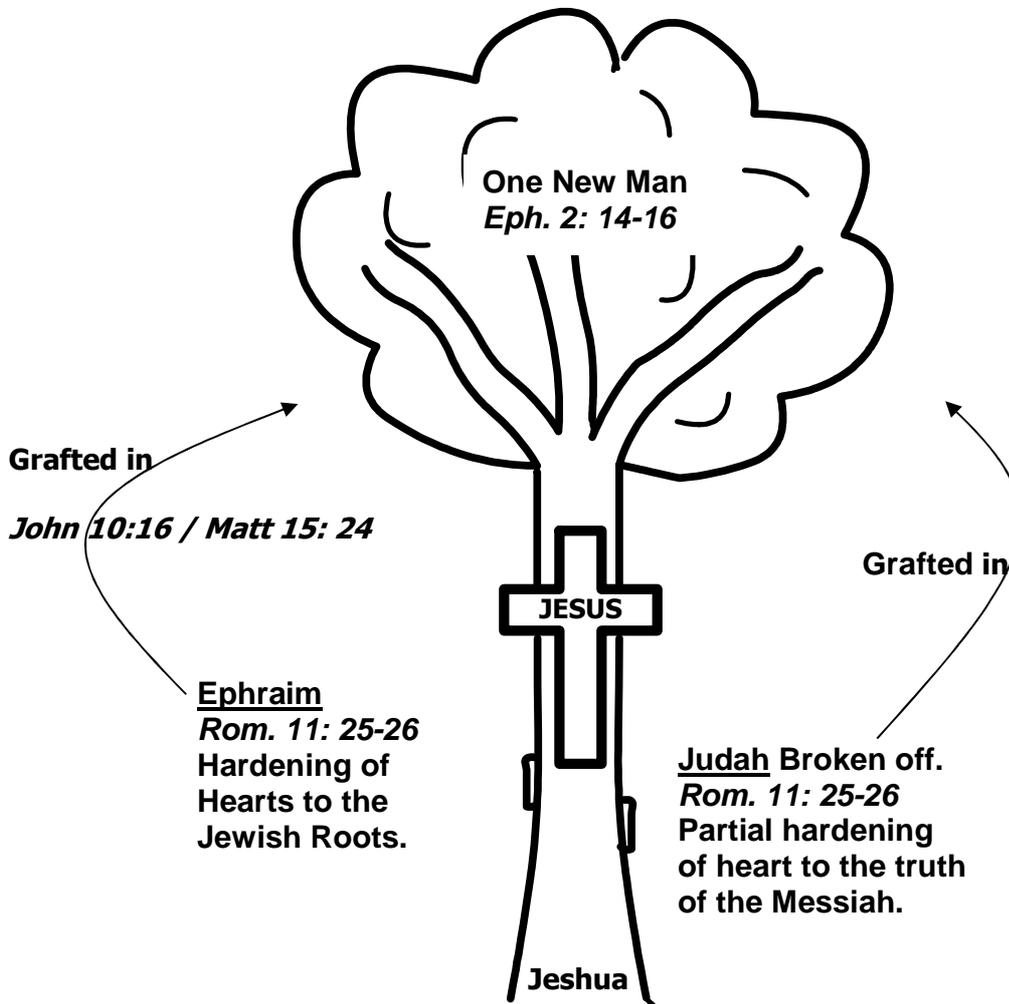


Zech. 9:13: *“For I have bent **Judah** for me as a bow; I filled it with **Ephraim**, and I will stir up your **sons, O Zion**, against your **sons, O Greece**, and make you as the sword of a mighty man.”*

Both are **different**: the line of Judah (Torah) and the promise of the New Testament and Holy Spirit – both are **dependent** on each other.
Wherever the Bow is **pointed** determines the direction towards the Messiah.

John 12:32: *“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.”*

**Result if we are successful in our lifestyle
and have provoked Judah to jealousy.**



Luke 21:24: *“And they shall fall by the sword's edge. And shall be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem **shall be trodden down** by the **nations until the times of the nations is fulfilled.**”*

Prophetic fulfillment in:

1917 – Jerusalem is purchased by the British out of Moslem hands
1948 – Israel is “reborn” in a moment with the proclamation of the United Nations
1967 – Jerusalem becomes the Jewish Capitol again when the Jewish army captures the city.

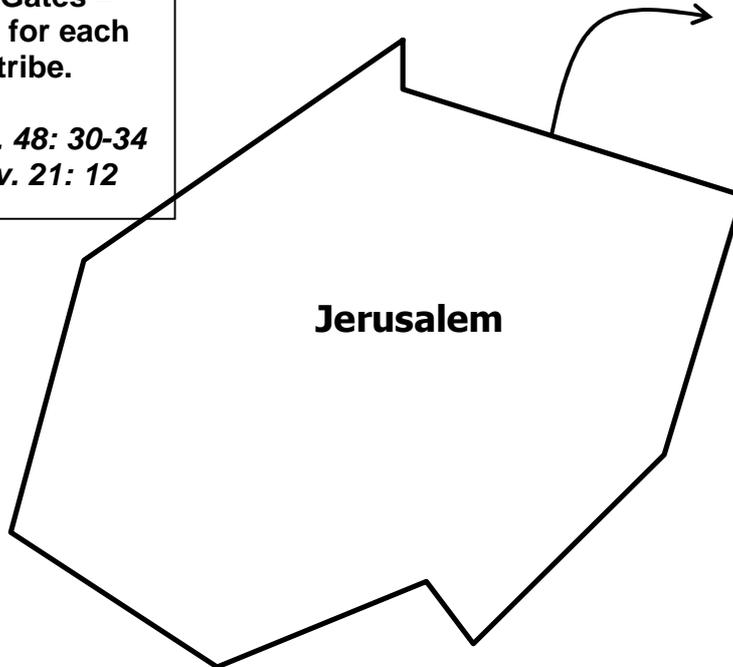
Zech. 2:12 *“And Jahweh shall possess Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.”*

3. Promote prayer for the peace of Jerusalem.

Ephraim (the current Christians) are called as watchmen to prayer:

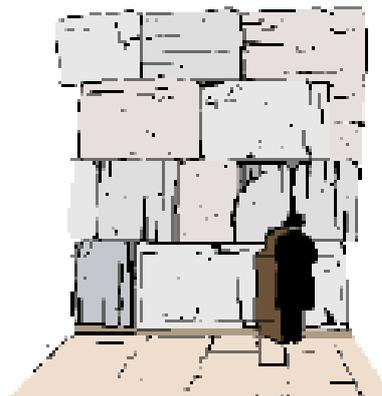
12 Gates –
One for each
tribe.

Ezek. 48: 30-34
Rev. 21: 12



Ephraim must be a watchman all day and all night ... until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth (*Is. 62: 2*).

- a) Watch the path of our feet. *Matt. 26: 41*
- b) Over our hearts. *Luke 11: 35*
- c) Watch and pray that we don't fall into temptation. *Prov. 4:26*
- d) That the supposed light in us is in reality not darkness. *2 John 1:8*
- e) Meditate Word in the night watches. *Ps. 119: 148*
- f) Watch over Judah. *Zech. 12: 4*



4. For the New Jerusalem and New Temple to come

Rev. 21: 1-8 “1 *THEN I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea.*

2 *And I saw the holy city, the **new Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a **bride beautified and adorned for her husband**;*

3 *Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! **The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God.***

4 *God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away.*

5 *And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine).*

6 *And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **Beginning** and the **End**. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life.*

7 *He who is **victorious** shall **inherit** all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.*

8 *But as for the cowards and the ignoble and the contemptible and the cravenly lacking in courage and the cowardly submissive, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd and adulterous and the practicers of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed)—[all of these shall have] their part in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death.”*

Is 65: 17-19 “17 *For behold, I create **new heavens** and a **new earth**. And the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.*

18 *But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, **I create Jerusalem** to be a rejoicing and her people a joy. 19 **And I will rejoice in Jerusalem** and be glad in My people; and the sound of weeping will no more be heard in it, nor the cry of distress.”*

Is 66: 22-24 “22 *For as the **new heavens** and the **new earth** which I make shall remain before Me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.*

23 *And it shall be that from **one New Moon to another New Moon** and from one **Sabbath to another Sabbath**, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord. 24 *And they shall go forth and gaze upon the dead bodies of the [rebellious] men who have stepped over against Me; for their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all mankind.”**

IX. CONCLUSION

1. LOVING OBEDIENCE; NOT LEGALISM

New Heart

We need to have **circumcised** hearts i.e. a willingness to be obedient to all God's commandments

Jer. 4:4 *“4 **Circumcise yourselves** to the Lord and take away the foreskins of **your hearts**, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest My wrath go forth like fire [consuming all that gets in its way] and burn so that no one can quench it because of the evil of your doings.”*

Rom. 2:14 *“14 When Gentiles who have not the [divine] Law do instinctively what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, since they do not have the Law.”*

Col. 2:11 *“11 In Him also you were **circumcised** with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [**spiritual**] **circumcision** [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts).”*

Ezek. 11: 16-17 *“16 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God: Whereas I have removed [Israel] far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, yet I have been to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries to which they have come.
17 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God: **I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries** where you have been scattered, and I will **give back to you the land of Israel.**”*

Ezek. 36: 27 *“27 And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them.”*

With the renewal of the Covenant we should be **living** this lifestyle.

Jer. 31:31-33 *“31 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
32 Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, says the Lord.
33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the Lord, I will put My law within them, and on their hearts will I write it; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”*

Israelites

Eph 2: 12-13 “12 [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged and **outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation**, and **strangers** with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God’s agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.

13 But now in Christ Jesus, **you who once were [so] far away**, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been **brought near.**”

One standard / the Plumb line

Num. 15:15-16 “15 There shall be one [and the same] statute [both] for you [of the congregation] and for the stranger who is a temporary resident with you, a statute forever throughout your generations: as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

16 **One law and one ordinance shall be for you and for the stranger** who sojourns with you.”

Rom. 11: 17 “17 But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a **wild olive shoot**, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree,”

God does not change His mind

Mal. 3:6 “6 For I am the Lord, **I do not change**; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Matt. 5: 17-19 “17 Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to **complete** and fulfill them.

18 For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things [it foreshadows] are accomplished.

19 Whoever then breaks or does away with or relaxes one of the least [important] of these **commandments** and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, but he who **practices them** and **teaches others** to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

BE HOLY

1. We are to be a "set apart" people

Lev. 11: 44 "44 For I am the Lord your God; so **consecrate yourselves** and be holy, for I am holy; neither defile yourselves with any manner of thing that multiplies in large numbers or swarms."

Rom 6:18 "18 And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in thought, purpose, and action)."

1 Pet. 3:9 "9 Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary **blessing** [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves **inherit a blessing** [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection]."

2. AN EFFECTIVE, OBEDIENT, SON OF GOD

Those who:

a) believe in Jesus

AND

b) keep His Commandments.

Rev. 12:17 "17 So then the dragon was furious (enraged) at the woman, and he went away to wage war on the remainder of her descendants—[on those] who **obey God's commandments** and who have the **testimony of Jesus Christ** [and adhere to it and bear witness to Him]."

Rev. 14:12 "12 Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [**habitually**] **keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus.**"

Rev. 22: 14 "14 Blessed (happy and to be envied) are those who **cleanse their garments**, that they may have the **authority** and right to [approach] the tree of life and to **enter** through the gates into the city."

3. JESHUA THE MESSIAH WILL RETURN

Jeshua as High Priest of the Temple:

Luke 4: 18-19 *“18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],
19 To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.]”*

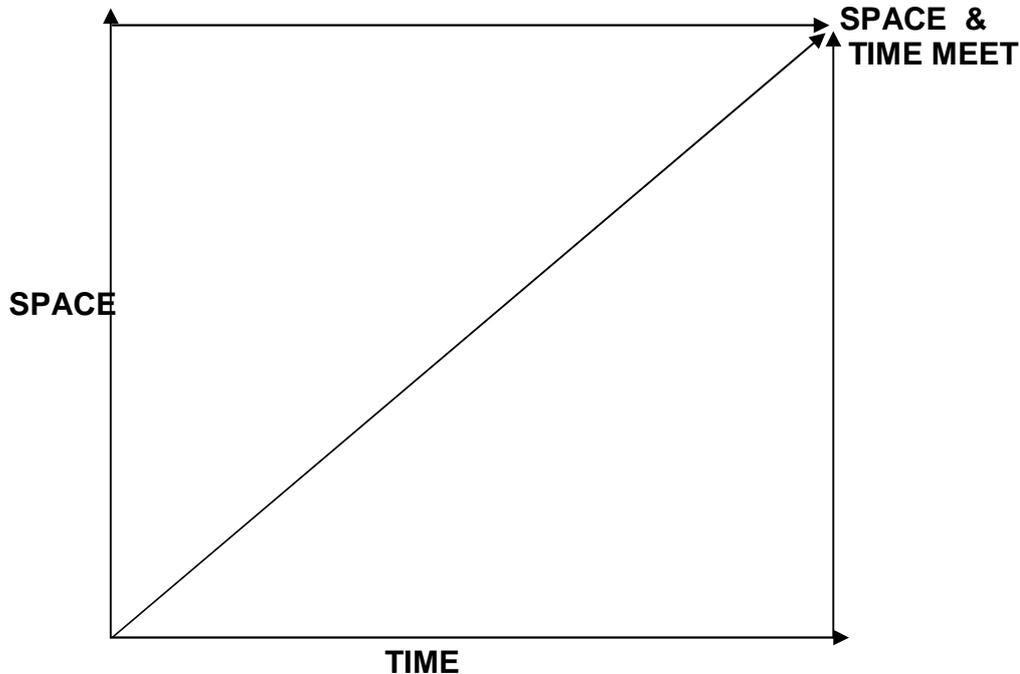
Is 61: 1-3 *“1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound,
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*

What's the difference between Luke 4 and Is 61:1-3? He comes as the **High Priest of War**. Jeshua in Luke stops halfway through the quote, he will return in Revelations as the **High Priest of War**.



4. UNION OF SPACE AND TIME

The Torah / Word tells us that the concept of space and time meet in the Heavens. We see from the Scriptures quoted that the white robes of the High priest are worn in a perpetual state of Yom Kippur **atonement**.



Priests: Ezek. 44: 17-18 “17 When they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall be **clothed in linen garments; no wool shall be on them while they minister at the gates of the inner court and within the temple.**
18 They shall **have linen turbans on their heads and linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes [them to] sweat.**”

Martyrs / Saints: Rev. 6:9-11 “9 When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw at the foot of the altar the souls of those whose lives had been sacrificed for [adhering to] the Word of God and for the testimony they had borne.
10 They cried in a loud voice, O [Sovereign] Lord, holy and true, how long now before You will sit in judgment and avenge our blood upon those who dwell on the earth?
11 Then they were each given a **long and flowing and festive white robe** and **told to rest and wait patiently** a little while longer, until the number should be complete of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”

Is. 66: 20-21 “20 And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord—upon horses and in chariots and in litters and upon mules and upon camels—to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the children of Israel bring their cereal offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.
21 And I will also take **some of them for priests and for Levites**, says the Lord.”

My prayer is that this short introduction to some “Hebrew” thinking will challenge you to question/search until you can see Yeshua clearly.

I trust that these principles have been set out clearly so that we can break down the walls (artificial) that exist in the Body and between us and the Jewish Nation.

God is a God of generational blessing so that many years after the first Covenantal promise to Abraham, those who accept Yeshua as Messiah can continue to reap the blessings.