

Branch Out and Grow

Growth is the Essence of Life...

We began our journey of discovery in the first volume of *Observations* in *Mashal* / Proverbs 6, pondering how what Yahowah revealed was applicable to our time. We were introduced to the Covenant, and to our Heavenly Father, but also to the Adversary, who we learned used Paul to plague mankind.

This led us to the prophetic declaration of *Yasha'yah* / Isaiah, where we have striven to discern how *ha Satan*, in the guise of the Whore of Babylon, has become the Lord of Christianity, beguiling billions of souls. We have made some notable sojourns along the way, stopping to more fully examine *Babel*, *Tsyown*, *hineh*, *beryth*, and now *tsemach*.

The reason behind our most recent investigation was to discern if *tsemach* was a reference to “plants flourishing” when the Land is restored to the conditions experienced in ‘Eden upon Yahowah’s return in 2033, or if it was used to explain that the Covenant’s children would “branch out, growing exponentially while flourishing and living an abundantly enriched life” beginning at this same time. We also recognized that *tsemach* could be “the Branch,” and thus be evocative of Dowd, and possibly even Yahowsha’, as it is in *Yasha'yah* 4:2.

Since the “*tsemach* – branch” metaphor is most often used in conjunction with Dowd, we have sought to

understand what is it about this man and his relationship to Yahowah, the Towrah and Covenant, that make the various implications of *tsemach* so vital when associated with him.

Knowing that there was reason to suspect that all three connotations might be applicable, we began our search by pondering a series of questions: What is a branch? Where do we find them? What is the function of a branch? How does it achieve its purpose? Then we sought to appreciate how the answers to those questions were related to Yahowah, Yisra'el and Yahuwdah, Ya'aqob and Dowd, the Covenant and Tsyown? Why did God choose this metaphor? And why does He use it more often than "*mashyach* – anointed Messiah?"

As previously noted, *tsemach* speaks of "plants growing, of living vegetation sprouting, of life branching out and thus thriving, springing forth and increasing greatly, accomplishing the intended purpose of floras, successfully completing everything required to support abundant life." Further, the purpose of a "*tsemach* – branch" is to extend life.

But a branch only functions, doing what it was designed to accomplish, when attached to the proper tree or vine. When a branch is cut off, it withers and dies. But when it is attached and healthy, it is a conduit of life which promotes growth, channeling water and nutrients out of the ground to the leaves, seeds, and fruit, expanding the plant so that it can absorb more light, facilitating the process of photosynthesis.

Additionally, for the branch to function properly, the tree or vine must be rooted in the right location and must grow upright before spreading out. If the tree blows over in a storm or as a result of poor soil, or just because the roots were rotten, what is left on the branch will be choked out by the weeds and never receive sufficient

light.

The implications are obvious. Humankind cut off from Yahowah withers and dies. But when we are firmly attached to Him, we flourish and grow. His *Miqra'ey* provide the means to life, the place where living waters and the nourishing aspects of His testimony enable us to reach out and embrace the Light that is Yahowah.

When we are rooted in Tsyown and Yisra'el by way of the Towrah, we can withstand even the most formidable foe. But when roots decay, when the soil is nutrient poor or contaminated with pathogens, when roots are cut, hemmed in and restricted, unable to spread out, or insufficient for any reason, the tree topples and its branches break. And while those bowing down may escape the most serious storm, in that position they will never be able to look up and see, much less touch, the face of God.

Yisra'el is the Land Yahowah selected for our roots to spread. The Towrah is the nutrient He placed in its soil. The Covenant serves as the trunk of this Tree of Lives. Its most prominent Branch is Dowd. We are its fruit. And collectively, it is all symbolic of the Tree of Lives which grew in the heart of the Garden of Eden.

While most Christians recognize that “the Branch” is a reference to the son of God, they not only remain ignorant of the lessons the metaphor provides, they do not know which son. They do not even see Yahowsha' as branching out from Dowd, and thus Yahuwdah. They don't recognize that both, Dowd and Yahowsha', are rooted in Yisra'el and are sustained by the Towrah. They do not see the Covenant as the trunk of this tree. And they do not appreciate the connection between the Branch and the Tree of Lives in the Garden of 'Eden. And religious Jews hold rabbis in higher esteem than either Branch.

Before we continue, let's review the passage which

brought us to this place. Yahowah revealed...

“In that day, seven belligerent and stubborn, hardened and harsh, women will be overpowering, aggressive, and assertive with one man, approaching while shouting, ‘Our own bread we will eat and our clothes we will wear!’

Nevertheless, let us be called by your name, with it upon us, to remove our reproach as a result of our taunting insults and blasphemous slurs, even our harmful statements. (*Yasha’yah* | Isaiah 4:1)

In that day, which is His day, living vegetation will sprout and thrive, branching out and growing while the Branch will spring forth, greatly increasing every aspect of life, bringing the mission to fruition, successfully completing everything which is required to support abundant life, enabling it to branch out and grow (*tsemach*) for Yahowah.

He shall be beautiful and splendorous, reaching out in a valuable and honorable way, and will, therefore, approach as a glorious manifestation along with the majestic and eminently wonderful fruitful offspring of the Land, also gloriously attractive and shining in appearance as the remnant of survivors of Yisra’el and Yahuwdah. (*Yasha’yah* | Isaiah 4:2)

Then it will come to pass that he who remains in Tsyown, along with the remnant spared in Yaruwshalaim, will be called ‘Set Apart’ for all who approach Him will be permanently written and recorded in the Book for Lives in Yaruwshalaim. (*Yasha’yah* | Isaiah 4:3)

Whereupon meeting these conditions the Upright One of Mine shall wash away the excrement and filth of the daughters of Tsyown and by association purge and rinse away the bloodstains and bloodguilt which

is the consequence of killing and the residue of death of Yaruwshalaim from her midst by way of the Spirit of Good Judgment regarding the Means to Resolve Disputes and by the Spirit of Blowing Rage.
(*Yasha'yah* | Isaiah 4:4)

Then Yahowah will create, initiating something cutting edge over every location and dwelling place along the ridgeline of Tsyown as well as over its Miqra' – her Invitation to be Called Out and Meet, by way of a cloud by day and smoke, then a brilliant shining radiance and majestic light of a flaming fire by night. For indeed, upon all of this manifestation of power and glory will be a sheltering canopy.
(*Yasha'yah* | Isaiah 4:5)

Then there will exist a temporary sheltered dwelling to camp out, a Sukah, serving as a representation of something manifesting greater dimensions by the light of day out of Choreb (the mountain of God where the Towrah was revealed) from the outpouring of floodwaters and from the rain.” (*Yasha'yah* / Isaiah 4:6)

As we are abundantly aware, there are several distinctly different ways we can interpret *tsemach* in *Yasha'yah* 4:2. While it may provide an allusion to Yahowsha' while addressing Dowd as the Branch, the primary impetus here is more likely replanting the gardens found in 'Eden throughout Yisra'el once the earth has been cleansed of mankind's filth.

Abundant life is Yahowah's answer to the plague of death. There is the additional inference that Yahowah's Covenant children will experience tremendous growth and abundant life at this time.

Our search for answers led us to Dowd's final words...

“Now these are the last words of the prophet Dowd, the son of Yshay. So then declared the one man who stood up, was raised up, and was established by the Most High, the anointed Messiah, specifically designated, chosen for this task, and approved, set apart from others and authorized to serve as an agent, bequeathing greater responsibility regarding a specific function and mission, of the God of Ya’aqob, the pleasantly melodious, acceptable, and musical, singer and songwriter of Yisra’el. (*Shamuw’el* / 2 Samuel 23:1)

‘The Spirit of Yahowah spoke through me. And His word, His statements, and His reasoning were upon my tongue. (*Shamuw’el* / 2 Samuel 23:2)

The God of Yisra’el has spoken to me, saying, “The Rock of Yisra’el (of Those who Engage and Endure with God) is a word picture conveying symbolic meaning for man, correctly and appropriately conveying a reverence and respect for God.” (*Shamuw’el* / 2 Samuel 23:3)

So similar to the light of morning, the time to think and consider, the prudent time to search and the best time to seek, when the sun rises during the early part of the day when it is best to observe, consider, and reflect without obscuring phenomena, out of this brilliant light radiates knowledge. From the rain, green and vibrant growth out of the Land. (*Shamuw’el* / 2 Samuel 23:4)

Indeed, my house is not appropriate, neither proper nor fitting, with God. And yet by contrast, He has constituted and facilitated an everlasting Family Covenant Relationship for me.

It is properly ordered and suitably structured, appropriately arranged and clearly formatted, correctly organized and befittingly positioned, in

every way, with every conceivable aspect totally covered, and readily observable, because this is the totality of my liberation and salvation, in addition to everything I desire.

Will He not cause it to branch out and grow, greatly increasing my outreach, bringing my life's mission to fruition, while completing everything which is required to support abundant life by fulfilling the work of the Branch (*tsemach*)?" (*Shamuw'el* / 2 Samuel 23:5)

It is especially telling that *tsemach* was Dowd's final word. Indeed, Dowd's legacy is encapsulated by *tsemach*. His life serves as a branch reaching out to us from Yahowah so that we might learn what God values and expects. Dowd's lyrics reveal what is required to live an abundant life. His *Mizmowr* expound on the *Towrah*, teaching us how to observe it.

Dowd's words are nothing less than the fruit found on the Tree of Lives. They exist so that we might be nurtured by them and live. As Yahowah's favorite songwriter, most beloved son, and preferred shepherd, Dowd is the "*tsemach* – branch which leads to abundant life."

It was by design, by Divine intent, that Dowd's final word was *tsemach*. Everything Dowd did, everything he said, and everything he wrote is encapsulated in *tsemach*. And as such, every moment we spend pondering its implications as they are presented by God, Himself, the more like Dowd, His beloved son, we become. Yahowah called this branch "*tsadaq* – right," as He will us if we continue to learn from him.

So let's celebrate all of the reasons why *tsemach* was "the last word of the prophet Dowd" in the midst of a revelation where he was singled out and "declared the one man who stood up, who was raised up, and who was

established by the Most High.” There is a reason that God told us that Dowd was “anointed, specifically designated and chosen for this task.”

Yahowah wants us to know that Dowd was “approved and set apart from others, uniquely authorized to serve as an agent regarding this specific function and particular mission.” As the “singer and songwriter of Yisra’el,” Dowd’s voice and lyrics were considered “pleasant, melodious, and acceptable” to the God who inspired him to sing them to us.

Dowd was the fourth man in human history, following Moseh, Yahowsha’ ben Nuwn, and Shamuw’el, who could say: “the Spirit of Yahowah spoke through me.” That alone should have been enough to garner everyone’s attention. And yet although speaking for God, he said, “His word, His statements, and His reasoning were upon my tongue,” very few take the lyrics to his *Mizmowr* / Psalms or the lines of his *Mashal* / Proverbs seriously. And this is in spite of the fact that “the God of Yisra’el has spoken” through Dowd. “The rock” of “Yisra’el” serves as “a word picture conveying a reverence and respect for God.”

In his final declaration, we find Dowd recognized that “similar to the light of morning, the ideal time to think and consider, the prudent time to search and the best time to observe and reflect without obscuring phenomena” is “during the early part of the day.” He knew that “out of this brilliant light radiates knowledge.” And that is what he shared with us. His words, like “the rain” promote “vibrant growth.”

Demonstrating that the Towrah exists to perfect the imperfect, Dowd acknowledged, “Indeed, my house is not appropriate, neither proper nor fitting, with God.” “And yet by contrast, He has constituted and facilitated an everlasting Family Covenant Relationship for me.”

This realization is one of many reasons that Dowd serves as the living embodiment of the Covenant – the favored son of the ultimate Father.

Dowd's concluding statement affirms what we have come to learn, that the Covenant "is properly ordered and suitably structured, appropriately arranged and clearly formatted, correctly organized and befittingly positioned in every way, with every conceivable aspect totally covered and readily observable."

He knew this to be true, because he observed the Covenant's conditions in the same place we have, in *Bare'syth* / In the Beginning. Yahowah's plan is laid out for us, properly ordered and befittingly positioned, with every conceivable aspect covered and readily observable.

It was not easy. It took time. We had to know where to look, and what not to consider. But by being observant and thoughtful we figured it out, and so had he. All we had to do was closely examine and carefully consider everything Yahowah had to say about His Covenant in His *Towrah* / Source of Guidance and Direction. It was all laid out for us, everything God expected and offered in return.

In Dowd's own words, the Covenant provides "the totality of my liberation and salvation, in addition to everything I desire." It is true for all of us, for every member of Yahowah's Family.

And let us never forget, it was *tsemach* that brought us to this place, reminding us once again that we are never shortchanged when we seek to understand Yahowah's words. As a result, "Will He not cause us to branch out and grow, greatly increasing our outreach, bringing our purpose to fruition, while completing everything which is required to support abundant life by fulfilling the work of the Branch?" It is a fitting conclusion to the most important life ever lived.

While we have just considered Dowd's final statement, *tsemach* reappears in the last song he sang in route to his Father. In the 132nd *Mizmowr*, the verbal form of *tsemach* provides the ultimate lamp illuminating the way to God. Speaking initially in third person, the son and prophet wrote...

“Yahowah, please remember when approaching Dowd all of his responsive answers and declarations. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:1)

To show the right way, he swore an oath to Yahowah, making a binding promise to the Almighty One of Ya'aqob. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:2)

Even though I enter into the temporary shelter of my family home, although I climb unto my couch and bed, (132:3) even though I give sleep to my eyes and to my eyelids slumber, (132:4) meanwhile and without ceasing I will actually find a site for Yahowah, a tabernacle for the Almighty of Ya'aqob. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:5)

Behold, we heard of it in ‘*Ephrathah* | Bethlehem. We found it in the open environs of Ya'ar. (132:6) Let's choose to go into His tabernacle.

Let's choose to consistently and independently make an informative announcement regarding life near His footstool. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:7)

I want You to rise up, actually take a stand, and choose to fulfill Your vow, Yahowah, on Your own behalf, You, Yourself establishing a tranquil and serene dwelling place for the Ark of Your power to rest. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:8)

Let those who minister by explaining Your intent choose to be clothed and arrayed in what is right, honest, and accurate, correct, proper, and vindicating, and let those who are devoted to You sing

joyfully. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:9)

On behalf of Dowd, Your coworker, never remove Your presence from Your anointed, the one you have set apart, prepared, and authorized. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:10)

Yahowah, You swore an oath and affirmed the truth to Dowd which is therefore trustworthy and reliable.

You will not change it nor turn away from this: ‘That which comes from the fruit of your innermost being, I will place upon your seat of honor. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:11)

If your children continue to actually observe My Covenant and My enduring testimony, by doing so, I will teach them how to respond appropriately, in addition to their children, with them always and forever living and remaining upon your seat of honor.’ (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:12)

Indeed, Yahowah has chosen and prefers Tsyown. It is His desired and marked out dwelling place for the members of His household, (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:13)

‘This is My resting place, the place I intend to occupy, free of domination and oppression, a place to compose one’s thoughts when the work is done, until a distant future time. Here, in this place I will abide and remain because I desire it. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:14)

I will kneel down in love to lift up her fortifications and provisions, supplementing her food supply by providing a pleasant change in the menu, completely satisfying those among her who are open and receptive to the feast. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:15)

Also, I will clothe and array her ministers with salvation and those who are devoted in her will

rejoice, singing joyfully. (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:16)

Here is where I will promote growth from the source of the radiant light (*tsamach*) on behalf of Dowd.

I have prepared and arranged a lamp for My anointed, for My designated, My chosen, and My approved who is set apart and authorized to serve as My agent.” (*Mizmowr* / Psalm 132:17)

Dowd was Towrah observant, and as a result, he understood and accepted the conditions of the Covenant. He realized that this was the right way to approach Yahowah – indeed the only way. He swore an oath to his Father demonstrating this commitment. He realized that Yahowah would do the rest, standing up for him during the *Mowed Miqra'ey*.

But he would not be the only one. So that others might know and respond appropriately, Dowd wanted those serving the people during the Invitations to be Called Out and Meet with God to be arrayed in that which is right.

And this is the essence of Yahowah's message: “If your children continue to actually observe My Covenant and My enduring testimony, by referencing this I will teach them how to respond appropriately, as well as their children, with them always and forever living and remaining in proximity to your seat of honor.”

Those who want to live with God as part of His Family are invited to follow the Signs He Posted on Tsyown to Show the Way. Once there, we will “*tsamach* – grow from the source of His radiant light.” Sharing this reconciling message with us was the mission for which Dowd was appointed.

Eager to return to *Yasha'yah* so that we might more fully appreciate Yahowah's disdain for religion and politics, I was somewhat hesitant to continue chasing *tsemach* further into the prophets. That was especially true because I had already translated the 23rd chapter of *Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah, which is the next place *tsemach* appears. That rendering is provided in the *Name* volume of *An Introduction to God*.

Then after reading Yahowah's declaration with fresh eyes, it became instantly obvious that the entire chapter served to reinforce the purpose of this book, which is to use Yahowah's testimony to expose and condemn religion and politics so that more people might choose to walk away from them and accept the Covenant. It is the most important message we can convey at this time.

With that introduction, with eyes open to consider what God is going to set before us and with ears attuned to what He has said thus far, here is the next prophetic presentation of *tsemach*. Rest assured, there is much more to learn.

It is the greatest irony in human history. Man promotes religion as the means to please God and yet God hates religion. While Yahowah is unrelenting in this regard, He is never as direct or blunt as He is in *Yirma'yah*. His warning begins with "*howy* – woe," a word we do not want directed at us. And we can avoid that easily enough just by forsaking religion.

“**Woe** (*howy* – alas, consider this a warning; from *howah* – caution to those possessed by evil desires and wicked yearnings with devastating consequences) **to the pastors acting as shepherds** (*ra'ah* – to those who tend to, care for, feed, and shear the flock) **who have led astray and destroyed, causing irreparable damage** (*'abad* – who have ruined, who have misled others and

caused them to die, perishing and ceasing to exist, and whose actions have caused things of value to be squandered and wasted (piel participle – a verbal adjective whereby the object suffers the effect of being misled)), **and** (*wa*) **who have scattered** (*puwts* – who have chaotically and or violently displaced, attacking, dashing, and dispersing (hifil participle – a verbal adjective whereby the subject, the bad shepherds, caused the object, the misled sheep, to go astray, becoming like the evil leaders in the process)) **the flock** (*ts'on* – the sheep) **from My shepherding and nurturing** (*mari'yth* 'any – My guidance, leadership, protection, and company; from *ra'ah* – to pasture, graze, feed, associate with, befriend, teach, tend to, and shepherd a flock of sheep),' **declares** (*na'um* – announces and conveys the message with authority, reveals, foretells, and predicts) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH as 'elowah – God instructed in His *towrah* – guidance regarding His *hayah* – existence).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:1)

The English word “pastor” is from the Latin *pastor*, which means “shepherd.” It in turn was derived from *pascere*, which is a “herdsman who feeds sheep.” Therefore, the religious term, pastor, is an especially accurate translation of *ra'ah* in this context. And that's really bad news for those who are religious, particularly clerics.

In this case, Yahowah is stating unequivocally that He is going to hold them accountable for misleading His sheep. Pastors and priests will be judged for having done irreparable harm to God's flock. Clerics the world over will be punished for having scattered God's people, inciting them to believe all manner of religious myths.

In this opening statement we find the ultimate referendum, that of being shepherded by God or by man. Yahowah presents Himself as our Shepherd and us as His

sheep. He likes this metaphor because it projects Him living with His people, guiding His flock, leading us to verdant pastures, and protecting those willing to trust Him. It is why the Hebrew word for “God” is written *l a* , combining a ram’s head and a shepherd’s staff. And you’ll even note that the staff is upside down because it isn’t being used as a walking stick or defensive weapon, but instead deployed to rescue and guide the sheep.

“So consequently (*la ken* – therefore accordingly, in return, rightfully and assuredly as a result) **this is what** (*koh* – focusing our attention on what will follow) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence), **the God** (*’elohym* – Mighty One) **of Yisra’el** (*Yisra’el* – a compound of *’ysh* – individuals, who *sarah* – strive and contend with, engage, endure, and persist with, and are set free and empowered by *’el* – God), **has to say** (*’amar* – promises (qal perfect)) **concerning** (*’al* – on behalf of and because of) **those pastors acting as shepherds** (*ha ra’ah* – those who tend to, care for, feed, and shear the flock),

‘These pastors tending to, leading and feeding (*ha ra’ah* – the shepherds guiding and shearing the sheep) **My people** (*’am* *’any* – My family), **you** (*’atem*), **yourselves, have led astray, pushed away, and scattered** (*puwts* – you have chaotically and or violently displaced, attacking, dashing, and dispersing, even separating (hifil perfect – the subject, in this case the pastors, have caused the object, the misled sheep, to go astray for a period of time, causing them to be like their evil shepherds in the process)) **My flock** (*’eth ts’on* *’any* – My sheep), **and** (*wa*) **you have driven them away by seducing them** (*nadach hem* – you have compelled and enticed them, leading them astray, you have lured and drawn them away, preying upon them, you have exerted enormous pressure and thereby thrust them aside, exiling and

banishing them, you have made them outcasts, causing them to be cast down (hifil imperfect – with the pastors continually seducing and harassing the sheep and thereby causing them to become outcasts for a prolonged period of time)).

Therefore (*wa* – in addition), **you have not been concerned about them** (*lo' paqad 'eth hem* – you have not taken them into account, attended to them, or considered them (qal perfect)).

So behold (*hineh* – at this moment, right here and now, pay attention to this, look up, this point is being emphasized), **I** (*'any*), **Myself, will hold you accountable and will attend to you** (*paqad 'al 'atem* – I will consider what you have done and take it into account, I will take inventory of this, retaining a record regarding your accountability, even summon and punish you (qal participle – a descriptive verb which presents an actual condition)) **because of** (*'eth*) **the wickedness** (*roa'* – the harmful, displeasing, injurious, unethical, mischievous, sinful, and evil nature; from *ra'a'* – bad, wrong, corrupt, and shattering aspects) **of your foolish deeds** (*ma'alal 'atem* – wanton actions and abusive practices; from *'alal* – ruthless behaviors, malevolent dealings, deceptive practices, foolish acts, and childish tendencies), **prophetically declares** (*na'um* – announces and conveys the message with authority, reveals, foretells, and predicts) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:1-2)

The way this concluding statement is worded in Hebrew affirms that Yahowah is going to hold pastors accountable by associating that which they have perpetrated on their flock against them. Therefore, pastors will be seen as “unethical, corrupt, foolish, abusive, ruthless, deceptive, malevolent, misleading, and

seductive outcasts.” Yahowah will “push them away.” So much for the myth that men of the cloth are serving God. Actually, they are serving neither their flock nor themselves.

After every pastor has been rejected by God and removed from His presence, Yahowah will engage as a Shepherd to serve the remnant of His flock; the antithesis of Him acting as a Lord.

“Then (wa – and so) I (‘any), Myself, will obtain and gather up (qabats – I will collect, harvest, pick up, engage relationally with, and assemble (piel imperfect – the flock will be put into action by Yahowah with ongoing consequences)) the remnant (‘eth sha’eryth – the rest and remainder of the descendants, even the residue which is left) of My flock (ts’on – My sheep) from (min – out of) all (kol) of the lands (ha ‘erets – the realms, places, and nations) where (‘asher – in which as a result of the relationship and to show the way home) I have temporarily scattered them (nadah ‘eth hem – I have driven and exiled them for a time, cast and banished them (hifil perfect)) there by name (shem – where their presence is renowned and they have developed a reputation).

So then (wa) My desire is to return and restore them at this time (suwb henah – I have decided to gather them up, bring them back, turn them around, and completely renew them once and for all (hifil perfect consecutive – I will choose to engage at this time in a manner which transforms them, causing them to be more like Me)) upon (‘al) their pasture, abode, and home (naweh henah – their beautiful dwelling place and campground, their residence and settlement).

And (wa) they will be fruitful and flourish (parah – they will reproduce, branch out, grow, and live abundant lives (qal perfect consecutive – during this time

I want them to actually bear fruit)).

Then (wa) they will increase and become great, living a long and abundant life (rabah – they will be tremendously empowered, their status will be substantially elevated, their lives will be prolonged, they will multiply, and they will grow exponentially (qal perfect consecutive – during this time it is My desire that they become numerous, are actually empowered, and thrive)).” (*Yirma’yah / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:3*)

Let’s be clear. “Jesus” isn’t returning for his “church.” Yahowah is returning to Yaruwshalaim on behalf of the remnant of His once dispersed but now reclaimed flock comprised exclusively of Yahuwdah and Yisra’el, and at the moment of their reunification.

The return of Yisra’elites to Yisra’el just prior to Yahowah’s homecoming is affirmed throughout the Prophets. And what once seemed impossible, then improbable, is now inevitable. Not only has Yisra’el been reconstituted as a nation, half of the world’s Jewish population has already returned home.

The remainder will soon be headed that way. Anti-Semitism has grown to intolerable levels in France, England, Germany, Ukraine, Russia, Greece, Spain, Italy, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, and indeed in every majority Islamic nation and most orthodox Christian countries, to the point that returning to Yisra’el is the only option. This reality was exasperated by the tsunami of Muslims making landfall in Europe as a result of America’s invasions into the Islamic Middle East. This is the war Yasha’yah predicted (in chapters 17-18) the United States would instigate.

He also revealed that it would conclude with the destruction of Damascus, Syria followed by the capitulation to the Islamic Jihadists who made it happen, along with thinning Yisra’el at the waist by forfeiting

Samaria, errantly called the “West Bank.” This reversal of the diaspora occurs just in time for the Magog War, a unified Islamic invasion into Yisra’el with the intent of obliterating every last trace of the Chosen People.

I have long suspected that there is very little that Yahowsha’ may have conveyed that had not already been stated in the Towrah and by the Naby’. This is yet another example. In the Olivet Discourse, Yahowsha’ is simply affirming what Yahowah has promised, that after having dispersed His people, prior to His return, God will bring them back home.

Also relevant, on this day, which is *Yowm Kippurym* (the Day of Reconciliations) in year 6000 Yah (sunset on October 2nd 2033 on the Roman Catholic calendar) Yahowah is going to affirm one of the Towrah’s and Covenant’s greatest promises: causing His people to be fruitful and flourish, becoming great, increasing in every imaginable way, so as to live a long and abundant life.

“Then (*wa*) I will stand up for them, establishing for them (*quwm ‘al hem* – I have chosen to take a stand on their behalf, confirming and fulfilling My promise to restore and raise them, setting up for them (hifil perfect consecutive)) shepherds (*ra’ah* – those who will care for and tend to the flock), and (*wa*) they will do what is required to lead, nurture, guide, and protect them (*ra’ah hem* – caring for the flock by providing for the sheep, keeping them safe while living with them and enabling them (qal participle – serving as a verbal adjective to depict an actual relationship)).

And (*wa*) they shall not be frightened (*lo’ yare’* – they shall not be afraid, distressed, concerned, intimidated, awestruck, or terrorized (qal imperfect)) ever again (*‘owd* – any longer), nor will they be dismayed or discouraged (*wa lo’ chathath* – they shall not be confused or abused, shattered or destroyed (nifil

imperfect)), **neither will they be discounted or disregarded** (*wa lo' paqad* – not be improperly considered nor inappropriately evaluated (nifil imperfect)), **' prophetically declares** (*na'um* – promises while addressing the future) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:4)

Beginning on *Sukah*, just five days after His return, Yahowah will reestablish the Kingdom of Dowd, whereby His beloved son will serve as shepherd, with the *Shaphat* / Judges once again guiding the flock. Relying on God, the Covenant's children will be led to green pastures for His name's sake. Confusion and fear will be notions of a bygone religious and now forgotten era. God's people will never be discounted again.

If “Jesus Christ” is so important, Christians should ponder why isn't *his* kingdom being established? Why Dowd? Why Yisra'el? And why as we approach *tsemach* in this prophetic announcement is Yahowah declaring that He, Himself, will be taking this stand?

There is no room for replacement theology in these words, of Gentiles, of the Christian Church, or of some other interpretation of what Yisra'el represents serving as the beneficiary of this yet unfulfilled prophecy. Yahowah is not only aware of where His people are, He has promised to bring them home.

The first four statements in what will become God's most detailed condemnation of religion read in summary:

“Woe, alas, consider this a warning and be cautioned about those possessed by evil desires and wicked yearnings because there are devastating consequences associated with the pastors acting as shepherds who have misled many, causing irreparable damage, with people dying and souls perishing,

because they have chaotically scattered the flock from My shepherding and nurturing, from My guidance, leadership, protection, and company,' prophetically declares Yahowah. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:1)

So consequently, this is what Yahowah, the God of Yisra'el (Individuals who Engage and Endure with God), has to say concerning those pastors acting as shepherds, 'These pastors tending to, leading and feeding My people, you, yourselves, have led astray, pushed away, and scattered My flock.

Further, you have driven them away by seducing them, compelling and enticing them, luring them away and preying upon them. Therefore, you have not been concerned about them.

So behold and pay attention to this, I, Myself, will hold you accountable and will attend to you, taking into account what you have done, because of the wickedness, the displeasing, injurious, and unethical nature of your foolish deeds and abusive practices, which are ruthless, malevolent, and deceptive tendencies,' prophetically declares Yahowah. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:2)

'Then I, Myself, will obtain and gather up the remnant of My flock out of all of the lands where I have temporarily banished them by name, where their presence is renown and they have developed a reputation.

Moreover, My desire is to return and restore them at this time because I have decided to gather them up, bring them back, turn them around, and completely renew them once and for all upon their pasture abode and home.

And they will be fruitful and flourish, branching out and growing. Then they will increase and become

great, living a long and abundant life. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:3)

I will stand up for them, establishing for them shepherds to care for and tend to the flock, and they will do what is required to lead, nurture, guide, and protect them.

They shall not be frightened, intimidated, or terrorized ever again, nor will they be dismayed or discouraged, neither confused or abused, nor will they be discounted or disregarded, improperly considered nor inappropriately evaluated,' prophetically declares Yahowah. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:4)

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This brings us face to face with *tsemach*, the word which brought us to this prophetic announcement. He begins by asking us...

“Now pay attention (*hineh* – behold, look up right now and see), the days (*yowmym*) are coming (*bow'* – will occur),' prophetically declares (*na'um* – addressing future events, announces) Yahowah (*Yahowah* – an accurate transliteration of the name YaHoWaH, our '*elowah* – God as guided by His *towrah* – instructions regarding His *hayah* – existence and our *shalowm* – reconciliation), 'when (*wa*) I will take a stand, establish, and raise up (*quwm* – I will stand upright to accomplish, affirm, fulfill, and restore) through (*la* – by way of and as a result of) Dowd (*Dowd* – the Beloved who is fervent, enthusiastically passionate to the point of boiling over (errantly transliterated “David”)), a correct and upright (*tsadyq* – a righteous, just, proper, honest, and right, an innocent, guiltless, acceptable, and suitable, a vindicating and acquitting) branch as a means to grow

(*tsemach* – a source of increasing growth and means to branch out; from the verbal root *tsamach* – to spring forth, sprout out, and grow up, flourishing abundantly).

And (wa) He shall reign (*malak* – He shall carefully consider, ponder the implications of, and provide a proper response) **as king** (*melek* – as the sovereign authority with royal lineage, as the one to carefully consider for advice and counsel).

He will provide proper teaching to facilitate understanding (*wa sakal* – He will provide information, instruction, and insights through that which He, Himself, will experience, enabling those who pay attention, are discerning, and comprehend it to respond properly and prosper (hifil perfect)) **and (wa) He shall act upon and actively engage in** (*‘asah* – He will endeavor to respond to, profit from, and celebrate, performing, executing, and enabling (qal perfect)) **the means to achieve justice and resolve disputes** (*mishpat* – to exercise good judgment regarding the basis upon which judgment will be exercised and sound and just decisions will be decided and prescribed verdicts rendered in accordance with the plan as it has been depicted; from *shaphat* – to judge, resolving controversies through discernment) **and (wa) that which is correct according to the standard** (*tsadaqah* – that which is upright, righteous, just, proper, right, vindicating, and acquitting) **in (ba) the Land** (*ha ‘erets* – the material realm).” (*Yirma ‘yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:5)

Why is Yahowah taking His stand through Dowd? Why not through ‘Adam, through Noach, through ‘Abraham, through Ya’aqob, through Moseh, or through one of the prophets, the likes of Shamuw’el, ‘Elyah, Yasha’yah, or Yirma’yah? Why not through one of the Disciples, most especially Yahowchanan, Ya’aqob, or Shim’own,? Asked another way, what was it about Dowd that caused God to favor him in this way? It certainly

wasn't Dowd's behavior. He wasn't even a very good king. And while he was inspired by Yahowah as a prophet, so were forty others.

Uniquely, Dowd was a good shepherd and a great songwriter. And considering his lyrics, he was brilliant – likely the most insightful man who ever lived.

I suspect that Dowd was chosen for a great number of reasons. First, Yahowah prefers to work through men, and Dowd was the most effective individual in human history at explaining the nature of the family-oriented relationship God desires to achieve with humankind.

Second, Dowd was unsurpassed when it came to correctly conveying the proper approach to the one thing God most wants us to do, which is to observe, closely examining and carefully considering His Towrah.

Third, Dowd not only accepted, he celebrated, the terms and conditions of the Covenant, becoming God's most beloved son. That is important because it is the only reason we exist.

Fourth, Dowd's glaring failure to obey the Towrah, while still being declared righteous by God, demonstrates that the Towrah, and especially the *Miqra'ey* which he attended, are designed to perfect flawed souls. His life, thereby, obliterates the foundation of Pauline Christianity – the world's most popular religion, which falsely claims that the Torah condemns and cannot save.

Fifth, Dowd was not only ready, willing, and able to do as God desired, he engaged thoughtfully, courageously, and enthusiastically. Sixth, in spite of his enormous wealth, power, and success, Dowd never forgot his place and remained reliant on Yah.

And seventh, Dowd built his home on Mowryah, reigned in Yaruwshalaim, and served as king over a united Yisra'el.

As an interesting aside, it is quite possible that the prophets understood less than their brilliant proclamations seem to infer. They are at times simply repeating what Yahowah told them. But that was not the case with Dowd. While he was clearly inspired, as evidenced by his prophetic pronouncements, his lyrics were typically his own. He studied the Towrah, contemplated what he and Yahowah discussed and experienced, and then shared his thoughts for our benefit. He didn't just know the Word of God, he understood His Towrah – Teaching. He didn't just speak for God, he knew Yahowah.

Unlike Yahowsha's disciples, Dowd's foundation was the Towrah. He had the proper perspective because he read God's story from beginning to end. They, on the other hand, never seemed to appreciate why Yahowsha' answered almost every question by citing Yahowah's prophets. Neither he, nor life itself, can be understood any other way. And what's particularly interesting, at least to the extent anything in the Christian New Testament can be trusted, Yahowsha' quoted more from Dowd's Psalms than from any other source.

The thing that made Dowd unique was his ability to use his “*neshamah* – conscience” to understand what he was observing and experiencing. It is Yahowah's gift to all of us, but Dowd's *neshamah* was either more finely tuned, better focused, or simply used more often than the rest of us. It is the most valuable tool in the universe, providing the means for us to know our Creator and understand His Towrah Guidance. It is our compass to ascertain the proper direction, our filter to distinguish between right and wrong, the perspective required to correctly connect the clues Yahowah has provided along the way. It is the unique human capacity which makes us greater than the “*mal'ak* – spiritual beings.” It is the reason Satan is so envious of us.

Sadly, inexplicitly, most men and women have been conditioned to ignore their “*neshamah* – conscience,” either through religious or political programming, or as the result of terrorism and tyranny. Unused, it ceases to function. That is the purpose of Political Correctness. Collectively these things have rendered billions incapable of knowing and understanding their Maker. Dowd was the most brilliant exception – the brightest lamp along the path to God.

Returning to Yahowah’s declaration, a “*tsemach* – branch” visually depicts a means to reach out and grow up – something Dowd was particularly adept at doing and Yahowsha’ ultimately enabled – one showing and the other providing the means to abundant life. As we know, the branch functions as one of Yahowah’s favorite metaphors, serving to make a connection between these two Towrah-observant individuals.

One explained the Towrah so that we could understand it and the other fulfilled Passover so that we could capitalize upon it. Therefore, whether it is by observing the Towrah through Dowd’s eyes or capitalizing upon Yahowsha’s sacrifice, our growth is enabled by what these individuals said and did on our behalf.

These “branches” come from the same tree, but one without the other serves no purpose. Dowd’s life and lyrics facilitate our understanding of what Yahowsha’ did, helping us realize that the Towrah was written to guide flawed individuals to “*tsadaq* – vindication, to being right” with God. And until we recognize how Yahowsha’ and the Set-Apart Spirit enabled the promises associated with *Pesach*, *Matsah*, and *Bikuwrym*, the benefits provided through them are moot because we would not know how to capitalize upon them. I suspect that this is why the most complete eyewitness accounts of what occurred during Passover, UnYeasted Bread, and

Firstborn Children in year 4000 Yah is found in the 22nd and 88th *Mizmowr* / Psalms, both written by Dowd.

This *tsemach* was described as “*tsadyq* – correct and right, upright and righteous, proper and honest, vindicating and acquitting.” This conveys the Towrah’s ability to make us right with God so that He can help us grow and enjoy abundant life. This is the ultimate expression of Yahowah’s “*dowd* – love.”

As God’s son, Dowd has “*melek* – royal lineage and supreme sovereignty.” And that is important because as the Covenant children, we will as well. But we ought to be careful in this regard. Yahowah isn’t establishing a government. This is an affirmation of His lineage and an indication that we should listen to what the ultimate authority on life has to say.

The concluding paragraph of Yirma’yah 23:5 addresses the point I’ve been trying to convey. The reason that Dowd and Yahowsha’ are connected via the “*tsemach* – branch” is the shepherd provides the “*sakal* – teaching necessary to understand” the lamb’s fulfilment of the “*mishpat* – means to resolve disputes” so that we can effectively “*asah* – act upon” Yahowah’s offer to become “*tsadaqah* – righteous and vindicated.” *Sakal* provides the way to “*tsemach* – abundant growth.”

But more than just knowing what is right, we have to “*asah* – actively engage and act upon” it, as did both Dowd and Yahowsha’. And in a world consumed with salvation through faith, that should garner our undivided attention.

Yahowah provided the “means to achieve justice and resolve disputes,” resulting in “vindication” in a manner which is “just, proper, and correct” by enabling the benefits of Passover, UnYeasted Bread, and Firstborn Children as they were described in the Towrah. It is the

way Yahowsha' fulfilled the Towrah by observing it. He never wavered from any aspect of it.

After all, the only document which even purports to present what is correct and proper in the Land is the Towrah. And since this is a prophecy describing events upon Yahowah's return, there is no purpose for a "New Testament."

Along these lines, it is Yahuwdah being saved, not Gentiles, neither their nations nor their churches. Further, since this will occur on one of His days, and thus during a *Miqra* ', God will not be offering salvation on Christmas or Easter. Yahowah's one and only path to salvation begins with *Pesach* and runs through *Matsah*, *Bikuwrym*, *Shabuw'ah*, *Taruw'ah*, and *Kippuryim*, leading to *Sukah*. These are His days.

"In (ba) His days (yowmym huw'), Yahuwdah (Yahuwdah – Yah is Abundantly Sufficient, Of Yah, From Yah, and Related to Yah) will be saved (yasha' – rescued and delivered, liberated and freed, becoming victorious and preserved (nifal imperfect – the subject, Yahuwdah, acts so as to benefit from the means to ongoing salvation)) and (wa) Yisra'el (Yisra'el – a compound of 'ysh – individuals, who sarah – strive and contend with, engage, endure, and persist with, and who are set free and empowered by 'el – God) will live and dwell (sakan – will camp out and reside, be settled in the home and remain (qal imperfect)) to approach (la – to draw near therefore) confidently by expressing their trust and reliance (betach – totally assured and worry-free, safe and secure).

And thus, this is (wa zeh) His name (shem huw' – His personal and proper designation and renown) which beneficially to show the way to the relationship ('asher – as a result of this relationship and to reveal the place He will stand to give meaning to life along the restrictive path

and to convey the steps to be taken to receive the blessing) **He shall be welcomed and called** (*qara' huw'* – He will be summoned, invited, met, and encountered, proclaimed, read about, and recited (qal imperfect – actually and continuously)): **“Yahowah Is Our Righteousness, Our Justice, and Our Vindication** (*Yahowah Tsadeq 'anahnuw* – Yahowah, our Upright One, our means to be right and thus correct, the just, honest, and fair, way for us to stand upright, be acquitted, and appear innocent, restored by us doing what is right).”” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:6)

Should Christians have missed that it was Yahuwdah, and thus in their vernacular, “Jews,” being saved, not them, or that Yisra'el would be living with God, not their church, there was yet another clue as to the utter stupidity of their godforsaken religion. There was no Jesus Christ, not then, not now, and not ever. The name Yahowah chose during the time that the first four *Migra'ey* were fulfilled in 33 CE (Year 4000 Yah) was Yahowsha'. And it is comprised of Yahowah's name with the addition of the verb “*yasha'* – to free and to save.” It reveals something that should have been obvious: Yahowah is our Savior and Liberator – not “Jesus Christ.”

And upon His return, God is going to use the same naming convention, integrating His name with a depiction of His mission. It was “Yahowah Saves” and it will be “Yahowah Is Our Vindication.” This is what God will be called when He returns to honor the promises He has made on behalf of His people, to the descendants of the House of Yisra'el.

While it will mark His seventh corporeal visit to Earth, not the “Second Coming” as Christians project, God isn't returning as Yahowsha', and most assuredly not as “Jesus Christ,” but instead under His personal and proper name: Yahowah. To this, those expecting Him will add “*Tsadaq*” in recognition that by getting His name

“right,” and being “correct” regarding the means to salvation, they will be “vindicated.” Further, since *tsadaq* speaks of being “upright,” Yahowah has just revealed that He cannot be approached by bowing down.

And speaking of *tsadaq*, when Yahowah returns it will be with Dowd, the one man God has consistently declared is “right.” In due time, we will discover that there will be a second coming, but of the Messiah and King, God’s beloved son, is Dowd.

Also relevant, the reason Yisra’el is being afforded the opportunity to live with God is that they “*betach* – confidently expressed their trust and reliance” upon Yahowah. There was no “Gospel of Grace” nor “faith in Jesus Christ.” Placing one’s faith in rabbinical authority will not prevail, either.

As we turn our attention to the next prophetic statement, I am reminded that just as there will be a second creation following a return to ‘Eden, most every story in the Towrah is both history and prophecy. For example, the exodus from Egypt isn’t the only time Yahowah will rescue His people from an oppressive situation. It is going to happen again, and in the not-too-distant future. This time He will gather His people from nations north of Yisra’el. That will include all of Europe, the United States, and Russia – where more than half of the world’s Jews currently live.

“‘Indeed, therefore (*ky* – assuredly, the reason for this is), behold (*hineh* – look up and pay attention), the days (*yowmym* – the periods of time) are coming (*bow*’ – will approach and come to be fulfilled),’ prophetically declares (*na’um* – predicts, announcing before it occurs), Yahowah (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence), ‘when (*wa*) they shall no longer say (*lo*’ ‘*amar*’ ‘*owd* – they will not continuously claim or

again state), **“Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence) **lives** (*chay* – exists, promising renewal and sustaining life) **who beneficially** (*‘asher* – who to show the way to the relationship and reveal the narrow and restrictive path which leads to life’s benefits) **withdrew** (*‘alah ‘eth* – offered to carry out and lift up) **the Children of Yisra’el** (*beny Yisra’el* – the sons of those who Engage and Endure with God) **out of (min) the land** (*‘erets* – the realm) **of Egypt** (*Mitsraym* – the crucibles of religious and political oppression),” (23:7) **but instead** (*ky’m* – rather) **“Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence) **lives** (*chay* – exists, promising renewal and sustaining life) **who beneficially** (*‘asher* – who to show the way to the relationship and reveal the narrow and restrictive path which leads to life’s benefits) **came to lead** (*bow’ ‘eth* – arrived, returning to guide and harvest, bringing) **the descendants** (*zera’* – the offspring) **of the House** (*beyth* – family and household) **of Yisra’el** (*beny Yisra’el* – the sons of those who Engage and Endure with God) **out of (min) the land** (*‘erets* – the area and realm) **of the north** (*tsapown* – esteemed to the north because considerable treasure is concealed) **and out of** (*wa min* – and therefore from) **all** (*kol* – the totality) **of the places** (*ha ‘erets* – lands, countries, and realms) **He had scattered them** (*nadah hem* – He had exiled and banished them) **by name** (*shem* – of renown there).”

And then (*wa*) **they shall dwell** (*yashab* – they shall live (qal perfect)) **on their soil** (*‘al ‘adamah hem* – upon their land).” (*Yirma ‘yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:7-8)

If Jews were living safely and free to travel, there would be no reason for Yah to intervene and rescue them. Therefore, while it is depressing in the Middle East and

disgraceful in Europe, the treatment of Jews is rapidly deteriorating worldwide. And since Muslims are preeminent in their commitment to kill every Jew while claiming Yisra'el as their own, this prophecy foreshadows the mass northward migration of Muslim migrants out of the nations they have destroyed in the Middle East and into Europe. It foretold the utter stupidity we are currently witnessing – self-destructive behavior being trumpeted by the likes of Angela Merkel and other elitists throughout Europe.

For a people subject to such appalling treatment over the millennia, it is surprising that so many Jews fail to see the writing on the wall. As it was in the decades leading up to Rome's first and second conquest of Yahuwdah and then the Third Reich's assault against Yahuwdym, far too many Yisra'elites are hesitant to move to the only place they can maintain a modicum of safety – Yisra'el. Armed guards around synagogues and schools are not going to stop comatose Muslims from carrying out Satan's agenda to kill as many of the Chosen People as possible. While they tread water in a sea of hate-filled anti-Semites, they will never be safe. Their only hope is to return home.

The only place that Yahowah will protect Yisra'elites is in Yisra'el. Individually, He does not know them because they are collectively estranged from Him. Many are actually ashamed of their nation and God, abandoning their heritage and birthright. I suspect that most have never read the Towrah and Prophets.

The way the statement “when they shall no longer say ‘Yahowah lives who beneficially withdrew the Children of Yisra'el out of the land of Egypt’ but instead ‘Yahowah lives who beneficially came to lead the descendants of the House of Yisra'el out of the land of the north’” is written, suggests that the few Jews who make a pretense of acknowledging their past, are still living in the past. Their God is no longer part of their

lives. And that is why so many have suffered and died. They do not trust Him or rely on anything He has written for them in the Towrah. But now He is telling us and them that their attitude will change in the near future.

Now let's pause a moment and review what we've just considered...

“Now pay attention, the days are coming,” announces by addressing future events, Yahowah, ‘when I will take a stand, establish, and raise up through Dowd, a correct and upright, righteous and proper, acceptable and suitable, vindicating and acquitting branch as a means to grow.

And He shall reign as king with sovereign authority and royal lineage. He will provide proper teaching to facilitate understanding, providing information, instruction, and insights through that which He, Himself, experiences a means to comprehend how to respond properly and prosper.

And He shall act upon and actively engage in the means to achieve justice and resolve disputes in addition to that which is correct according to the standard, and thus upright and vindicating in the Land. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:5)

In His days, Yahuwdah will be saved and Yisra'el will live to approach confidently by expressing their trust and reliance.

And thus, this is His name upon which beneficially to show the way to the relationship He shall be welcomed and called: “Yahowah Is Our Righteousness, Our Justice, and Our Vindication.” (6)

Indeed, therefore, behold, the days are coming,’ prophetically declares, Yahowah, ‘when they shall no longer say, “Yahowah lives who beneficially withdrew the Children of Yisra'el out of the land of Egypt,” (7)

but instead, rather, “Yahowah lives who beneficially came to lead the descendants of the House of Yisra’el from the northern lands and out of all of the places He had scattered them by name.” And then they shall dwell on their soil.” (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:8)

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Only forty people in all of human history were actually inspired by Yahowah as prophets. And yet the title is coveted by all manner of religious zealots. And it is of these presumptuous and misguided individuals that Yirma’yah is speaking. By contrast to Yahowah’s brilliant, rational, and accurate testimony, Yirma’yah is announcing that he finds the words spoken by religious leaders to be intoxicating, negatively affecting the judgment of those who listen to them. And sometimes, as was the case with the false prophets who founded the world’s most popular religions, Paul and then Muhammad, their testimony is so onerous, those who know Yahowah are shaken by its implications. This actual prophet was sickened by the pretenders.

“Concerning (*la* – according to) **the prophets who claim to speak for God** (*ha naby’* – those who attempt to predict the future based upon the pretense of divine inspiration), **my heart and sense of judgment** (*leb ‘any* – my attitude as a result of exercising good judgment, my ability to discern right from wrong) **is ruptured and crushed** (*shabar* – is broken and destroyed, is grievously stricken and shattered (nifal perfect)) **in my midst** (*ba qereb ‘any* – within my inner being), **shaking and affecting** (*rachaph* – softening and weakening) **all of my bones, the very essence of my nature** (*kol ‘etsem ‘any* – the backbone and structure of my existence). **I am** (*hayah* – I exist) **similar to** (*ka* – akin to and resembling) **an**

intoxicated (*shikowr* – an inebriated) **individual** (*'ysh* – man), (*wa*) **like** (*ka* – similar to) **a human being** (*geber* – a person who is overwhelmed and inundated) **overcome** (*'abar* – indulged) **by his wine** (*yayn huw'*) **in the presence of** (*pane**h* – in proximity to and before) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of YaHoWaH based upon His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* – existence) **and** (*wa*) **from** (*min* – because of and out of) **the presence of** (*pane**h* – in proximity to and before) **His** (*huw'*) **set-apart** (*qodesh* – uncommon and unique, separate and distinct) **words** (*dabar* – statements).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:9)

This is indicative of almost every period in human history, but God is speaking of the here and now. At the time of this writing, only sixteen years remain before His return. So then recognizing that this is our time, we should be asking ourselves, who among us is making the direst predictions? Is it conspiracy theorists predicting doomsday events with reckless abandon? Is it the similarly shrill, ignorant and irrational voices of Socialist Secular Humanists forecasting the end of the world as a result of anthropogenic global warming?

There is no shortage of religious seers today, from Christian eschatologists to Mormon prophets, but for the first time in human history their prognostications are drowned out by secular voices – that is, with the notable exception of Islamic terrorists. In the name of their deadly and hellish god, Allah, they are not just predicting the destruction of Israel and the West, they are actively engaged in fulfilling their own prophecies.

From Yah's perspective, these false prophets are inspired by the Whore of Babylon. And while Christianity evolved from the Babylonian religion, Islam remains rooted there because the first written copies of the Qur'an and Hadith were scribed in Babylon. Even Judaism isn't immune. Their most revered text is the

Babylonian Talmud. And so while there are many contenders for worst adaptation of religion in the here and now, in Yisra'el circa 2017 to 2033 CE, Islam will continue to be mankind's greatest menace. God told us so...

“For indeed (*ky* – because surely), **the world** (*ha 'erets* – the Land and material realm) **is filled with** (*male'* – is replete, satisfied, and content with (scribed in the qal perfect, telling us that this problem is real, not hypothetical, that it is not going to continue this way for very long)) **illicit religious worship** (*na'ap* – with idolatrous adulterers, those who are not faithful or monogamous, and those who form relationships with multiple false deities) **as a result of** (*ky min* – surely emanating from) **the presence** (*pane'ah* – the appearance) **of the curse of Allah** (*'alah* / *'Alah* – of the retribution and harm invoked as a result of the improper and vengeful sworn oaths to the invalid and incompetent god Allah, perpetrating severe affliction while swearing an oath of allegiance to Allah).

The world (*ha 'erets* – the Land and material realm) **grieves, mourning as a result of adversarial religious rites** (*'abel* – weeps for the departed as part of staged ceremonies, with mourners wailing while grieving for the dead, a calamity causing parched, lifeless, and dusty conditions without water (qal perfect)).

The pastures and the encampments (*nawah* – the lands suitable for grazing and the most beautiful places where people live) **of the desert** (*midbar* – of the desolate steppe; a compound of *madad* / *ma'ad* / *min* – to stretch and extend, to reject and deny, to leave and move away from *dabar* – the word) **are paralyzed and wither** (*yabesh* – shrivel and dry up (qal perfect)).

And (*wa*) **their course of conduct, whereby they use oppression and extortion to facilitate their**

wayward lifestyle (*maruwtsah hem* – their illicit financial dealings where money and possessions are stolen by those in power [read: Islamic religious and political authorities] to fund a fast-paced, misguided, aggressive, and impulsive way of life) **was, is, and will continue to be** (*hayah* – exists as (scribed in the qal stem which tells us that the subject, the oppressive thieves, actually exist, while the imperfect waw consecutive affirms that this behavior, while continuous throughout their existence, will eventually cease)) **depraved, perverse, and wrong** (*ra'ah* – evil, wicked, and distressful, disastrous, troubling, and misfortunate, agonizing, injurious, and harmful), **and** (*wa*) **their projection of power, influence, and authority** (*gebuwrah hem* – their militant force and religious supremacy, and to a lesser degree their political, economic, and military might, their victories and achievements) **are not right, honorable, nor trustworthy** (*lo' ken* – are never valid, correct, or just, never proper nor upstanding).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:10)

Islam was born as a criminal enterprise. The first act of the Islamic Era was the armed robbery of a civilian caravan. It is depicted in the 8th Surah of the Qur'an, demonstrating that Islam was born “*maruwtsah* – as a means to plunder and oppress.” Its wannabe prophet, Muhammad, wannabe god, Allah, and the religion they conceived was, is, and always will be “*ra'ah* – depraved and perverse,” and its “*gebuwrah* – influence” remains “*lo' ken* – invalid and improper.”

There are two Hebrew words transliterated '*alah*, one which begins with the Ayin and the other with an Aleph – with the latter serving to convey the name of the Islamic god, Allah. And that is how it was written in this prophecy, thereby demonstrating that everything associated with the “*na'ap* – illicit religious worship” of

Allah is an “*alah* – curse perpetrated by an invalid and incompetent god.” This proclamation reveals that “*Allahu Akbar*” is a “harmful, vengeful, and improper oath of allegiance.”

And while Muhammad is universally referred to as a “prophet” by Muslims, and even by non-Muslims, his predictions have all failed to materialize. In fact, the only things he actually said that could be considered credible were plagiarized bastardizations of the Rabbinic Talmud – making much of the Qur’an (from the Hebrew *Qara’* – Recital) a collaborative effort between religions.

According to God, a time would come when the entire world would “*abel* – grieve as a result of adversarial religious rites.” That time is now. The source is Islamic terrorism. It is a plague on humankind, one which flows out of the “*midbar* – deserts” of the Middle East. Islamic Jihadists have done as Yahowah foresaw, paralyzing the world through their oppressive course of conduct, a byproduct of their wayward lifestyle.

Just as God foresaw, Muslims extort the means to their madness through kidnapping for ransom and sexual slavery. Muslims, like their wannabe prophet Muhammad are as “*ra’ah* – depraved and perverse” as any religious devotees in human history. Their every attempt to project their power, beginning with their murderous assault on the civilized world following Muhammad’s death, has been “*lo’ ken* – improper.” While Christianity has led more souls astray, Islam has claimed the most mortal lives.

As we proceed, there is no missing the fact that the adverse influence Yahowah is lambasting is religion. Nothing is more hypocritical or Godless, as deceitful or duplicitous.

“Indeed (*ky* – surely and truly because), **both** (*gam* – also and moreover), **the prophet** (*naby’* – the person

who claims to speak on behalf of a deity) **in addition to** (*gam*) **the priest** (*kohen* – the religious official and ruler, the cleric and minister, the royal advisor and person with religious status), **are hypocritical and Godless** (*chaneph* – duplicitous and deceitful, desecrated and profane, morally corrupt and internally polluted, crooked and filthy, spineless and wavering, defiled and unGodly (qal perfect)), **even** (*gam*) **in** (*ba*) **My house** (*beyth* ‘any – My home [in Yaruwshalaim, Yahuwdah]).

I have found (*masa’* – I have discovered and obtained sufficient evidence to determine (qal perfect)) **they are evil** (*ra’ah hem* – they are wrong, they are wicked, they are disastrous, they are troubling and harmful, they are miserable and immoral), **prophetically declares** (*na’um* – affirms in advance) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – an accurate transliteration of the name YaHoWaH, our ‘elowah – God as guided by His *towrah* – instructions regarding His *hayah* – existence and our *shalowm* – reconciliation).” (*Yirma’yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:11)

We could summarize Yahowah’s warning in three words: God damn religion. Claiming to speak for God, claiming to represent Him, claiming to be appointed by God, prophet and priest are evil, Godless hypocrites.

All religions lead away from Yah. That is not to say that religions don’t lead somewhere. They all do. Some, like Islam, lead to death and destruction. Others, like Christianity, blend pagan idolatry with false promises to create the broadest path to the darkness of *She’owl*.

“So therefore, because of this (*la ken* – so likewise pertaining to this) **it will actually become** (*hayah* – it has genuinely, continuously, and habitually come to exist as (qal imperfect)) **their own way** (*derek hem* – their way of life, conduct, and path) **to their own variation of** (*la hem ka* – toward their version of) **empty words and false**

promises which smooth the way to idolatry (*chalaqlaq* – the unfulfilling walk associated with hypocrisy, the seductive enticements, flattering overtures, and treacherous propositions comprised of unfulfilled promises in association with the creation of false gods which serve to divide and plunder leading to a slippery slope toward an association with another) **in (ba) the darkness** (*ha ‘aphelah* – the absence of light where wickedness and calamity thrive leading to depression and terror (feminine singular)).

They will be thrust down as punishment (*dachah* – they will slip and stagger, be expelled as outcasts, be pushed aside, driven away, and cast down (niph'al imperfect reveals that the perpetrators will be cast down and punished for having pushed others away)) **as (wa) they fall prostrate** (*naph'al* – they bow down, falling from a higher position to a lower, degraded as part of an untimely miscarriage and aborted birth (qal perfect consecutive – indicating that at some point in time they actually chose their fate)) **into her** (*ba hy'* – in her, and thus speaking of being cast into “*ha ‘aphelah* – the place where there is no light”).

For indeed (*ky* – because), **I will bring** (*bow'* – I will cause to be brought) **upon them** (*'al hem* – over them) **misfortune** (*ra'ah* – distress, misery, and suffering, troublesome shepherds, wicked caretakers, and ruinous associates as part of a broken branch) **the year** (*shanah* – the time of change and transformation demarking the season and time) **of their appointed judgment and punishment** (*paqudah hem* – of their reckoning where they will become accountable and placed into custody, of exercising authority over them and assigning responsibility which results in imposing a penalty whereby they are placed into custody, enrolled and entrusted in a place of detention based upon a written record under the oversight of a lord in charge with

authority over the guards),’ **prophetically declares** (*na’um* – affirms in advance) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of the name of YaHoWaH, our *‘elowah* – God as directed in His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* existence and our *shalowm* – restoration).” (*Yirma’yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:12)

For having led so many souls astray, false prophets, pastors, and priests will be judged and punished. Having asked others to bow down before them and their gods, they will fall prostrate in route to eternal incarceration. Hell is going to be a very religious place.

So that we remain grounded in the proper context and retain the desired perspective on God’s overt condemnation of all things religious, here is a brief summation of the previous statements.

“Concerning the prophets who claim to speak for God, my heart and sense of judgment is ruptured and broken in my midst, shaking and affecting all of my bones, the very essence of my nature.

I am similar to an inebriated individual, like a human overcome by his wine in the presence of Yahowah and because of the presence of set-apart words. (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:9)

‘Indeed, the world is filled with illicit religious worship emanating from the presence of the curse of Allah and the retribution invoked as a result of the improper and vengeful sworn oaths to invalid and incompetent gods.

The world grieves, mourning as a result of adversarial religious rites. The pastures and the encampments of the desolate places which reject and deny the word are paralyzed and wither.

And their course of conduct, whereby they use oppression and extortion to facilitate their wayward lifestyle was, is, and will continue to be depraved and perverse, agonizing and harmful, and their projection of power, influence, and authority are invalid and improper. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:10)

Indeed, both the prophet, in addition to the priest, are hypocritical and Godless, duplicitous and deceitful, even in My house. I have found they are evil, both wrong and wicked,' prophetically declares Yahowah. (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:11)

So therefore, because of this it will actually become their own way to their variation of empty words and false promises which smooth the way to serving as seductive enticements, treacherous propositions, and unfulfilled promises in association with their creation of false gods in the absence of light.

They will be thrust down as punishment as they fall prostrate into it. For indeed, I will bring upon them misfortune and misery the year of their appointed judgment and punishment, on their reckoning when they are held accountable and placed into custody,' prophetically declares Yahowah.” (*Yirma'yah* / Jeremiah 23:12)

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I am repulsed every time a preacher or politician asks people to pray because I know that God does not listen to the pleas of the Towrahless. And apart from His commitment to honor the promises He has made to the Covenant's children and to Yisra'el, He does not intervene in human affairs. So there are few things I find

more offensive than public prayers and the requests for them.

“**“And (wa) among (ba) the prophets (naby’ – those who claim to speak for God) of Shomarown (Shomarown – those who are observers, capital of the Northern Kingdom (50 km north of Yaruwshalaim commonly transliterated Samaria); from *shamar* – to observe), I have been shown (ra’ah – I have observed, noticed, considered, and perceived (qal perfect)) requests for something repulsive, pleas which are foolish, and prayers which are abhorrent (tiphlah – actions which are characterless and criminal, speeches which whitewash, smearing over the original intent and are therefore offensive, in addition to a manner of speaking that is unsavory and unseemly, stupid and silly; from *taphel* – worthless and unappealing, unproven and untested, without merit): they claim divine inspiration (naba’ – they attest to being prophets, receiving and delivering messages communicated on behalf their god (hitpael perfect – this stem reveals that the false prophets are not actually inspired but are instead speaking solely on their own initiative for a finite period of time)) in the Lord (ba ha Ba’al – by way of Ba’al, the Lord, Master, and Owner who rules over and possesses, a name and title ascribed to Satan, the title of the god of Babylon and the name of the supreme deity of the Phoenicians and Canaanites), and (wa) they misled (ta’ah – they were wrong and deceived, they intoxicated and led astray, and they caused to err and thus to wandering away (hifil imperfect)) My people (eth ‘am ‘any – My kindred nation and family), Yisra’el (‘eth yisra’el – Individuals who Strive to Engage and Endure with God).”** (Yirma’yah / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:13)

All of Christianity is plagued by this, with pastors and priests pretending to speak to God while trying to impress the faithful with their prayers. They know that the

only ones who are listening are bowed down before them in their congregations. And their requests are indeed foolish, claiming that their church is a house of God, referring to their god as “Jesus Christ,” and ending their prayers with the abhorrent salutation, “In God’s name we pray, Amen.” They ask their god to support government officials, their military, even religious clerics, stupidly cajoling the Almighty into supporting that which He opposes. And of course, many of these same pastors and priests claim divine inspiration, even authorization, but none more so than the pope of the ultimate beast, the Roman Catholic Church.

And as bad as this indictment is against the predominant rite of religion, it’s the fact that their prayers, Christian, Jewish, and Islamic, are offered to “*ha ba’al* – the Lord” that sits at the heart of this indictment. By doing so, the faithful are “*ta’ah* – deceived and misled” into communing with the Adversary and worshiping Satan as if he were God.

Ha Ba’al is “the Lord.” According to God, it serves as both a title and the name of the Adversary. As the antithesis of Yahowah, Satan wants to lord over mankind, controlling, owning, and possessing human souls. And the easiest and most effective way to accomplish this sorry state of affairs is for Satan to convince pastors, prophets, and priests to refer to their god as “*ha Ba’al* – the Lord.” By doing so, Christians, Jews, and Muslims are beguiled into offering prayers to Satan, and worshiping the Adversary, as if he were God.

This is what Satan craves. It is all he actually desires. He does not want to be known or seen as “*ha Satan* – the Adversary,” but instead as above the Almighty. He accomplishes this by becoming the god of Christianity and Islam. Allah is Satan. The Lord is Satan. Only Yahowah is God.

Before we move to Yahowah's next statement, there are four additional things we should consider. First, one of the reasons that the Third Statement Yahowah etched in stone states that the "negation and belittlement of My name, Yahowah, causing it to be for naught, is unforgivable" is highlighted in this passage. Had Christians and Jews not removed Yahowah's name from His Word, it would have been essentially impossible for pastors, prophets, and priests to mislead anyone into believing that the Lord is God or that Allah is God's name. The removal of Yahowah's name from His testimony is the greatest crime ever committed by man or beast.

Second, bible and *babel* are written identically in Hebrew. And *babel* not only means "to confuse by commingling," it is the Hebrew name for Babylon – the birthplace of the beast and of religion – the place most associated with Satan. Further, *babel* is a compound of *ba* and *bel*. *Ba* means "with" and *Bel* is the name and title of the supreme deity of the Babylonians, meaning "Lord." Therefore, Bible means "With Bel" and "With the Lord," and thus with Satan. That is a sobering thought.

Third, while Yahowah is disappointed that the Babylonians were misled by Satan and that the *babel* of their religious, political, patriotic, and militaristic aspirations poisoned the Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks, He isn't complaining about what happened to them. His primary concern was, is, and always will be for Yisra'el. Similarly, while He's angry at clerics, politicians, and generals for collectively squandering the lives of five billion Gentiles through their Church, their victims were never part of God's family. Our Father grieves for His own.

That does not mean that Yahowah does not care about Gentiles. He loves those who, through the Covenant, are grafted into Yisra'el, becoming

Yahuwdym in the purest sense of the word. Yahowah loves His children, wayward and Covenant. Even an estranged child continues to live in his or her Father's heart. That is what this statement is revealing.

Fourth, there is no reason for anyone to pray. And that is why Yahowah never asks us to do so. We are best served when listening to God by reciting His Word. We gain nothing babbling back at Him. He not only knows what we need, He has stated it over and over again. He has made it as clear as words allow that He is not only ready, but is committed, to providing all of the benefits of the Covenant: eternal life, perfection, adoption, enrichment, and empowerment. So it shows a complete lack of respect for what Yahowah has presented in His Towrah to ask God to provide that which He has already offered or to give what He has already promised to bestow.

Every time Christians say "Grace" before meals, every time a Catholic performs the "Rosary," every time they get on their knees or bow their heads in prayer, they are aggravating God by disrespecting His Word. And if that were not bad enough, consider what Yahowah must think of Muslims as they prostrate themselves each day, bowing down in homage to Satan's Black Stone in the Ka'aba.

Moreover, what is it about people who believe that a God whose name they do not know, whose testimony they do not read, whose plan they reject, is somehow going to listen to them, wants to heal them, enrich them, or save them? All such prayers are indeed "*tiphlah* – requests for something repulsive, pleas which are foolish, and prayers which are abhorrent, speeches which whitewash, smearing over the original intent, offensive and criminal, in addition to unsavory and unseemly, stupid and silly, worthless and unappealing, utterly without merit."

While Christianity is the most pervasive plague to sweep the globe, and Islam is by far the deadliest religion, Yahowah despises Judaism too. Although it may only affect one tenth of one percent (recognizing that less than half of Jews are religious) of the world's population, rabbis have earned Yah's wrath for not only claiming to speak for the God of Yisra'el, but also for misleading His Chosen People.

“And with (*wa ba* – so in) **Yaruwshalaim's** (*Yaruwshalaim* – the Source of Guidance and Direction Regarding Restoration (from *yarah* – source of teaching and instruction and *shalowm* – reconciliation and restoration, commonly transliterated Jerusalem's)) **prophets** (*naby'* – those who claim divine authorization and inspiration, conveying a message on behalf of a deity under spiritual influence), **I have been shown** (*ra'ah* – I have observed, noticed, considered, and perceived (qal perfect)) **a shockingly vile, horribly defiling abomination** (*sa'ruwr* – an offensive behavior which is astonishingly disgusting and despicable; from *sha'ar* – a terrible thing which is susceptible to open analysis through reason).

They promote illicit religious worship (*na'ap* – they are spiritually idolatrous adulterers, they are not faithful nor monogamous, and they seduce others into forming relationships with false deities (qal infinitive absolute – a literal depiction using a verbal noun)) **and walk** (*wa halak* – and carry on, go about, and follow (qal infinitive absolute)) **in the disappointing lies** (*ba ha sheqer* – in misleading and irrational deceptions, in the mistaken beliefs and falsehoods, in empty promises and false covenants, in that which is vain and useless, completely wrong, utterly untrue, and useless deceptions, in the frauds for no reason, in false witness and groundless accusations; from *shaqar* – to mislead by wantonly cheating, trickery, and false dealings).

And (wa) they become powerful by strengthening (*chazaq* – unwilling to learn, they use extremely harsh and severe tactics to gain control by empowering (piel perfect consecutive – for a period of time the religious leaders choose to empower the wicked)) **the hands (yad** – the authority, capability, and influence) **of those who are wicked and evil** (*ra’a* – harmful and wrong, displeasing and injurious, envious and noxious), **such that (la** – so as a result) **no individual could disassociate or turn away** (*bilty shuwb ‘ysh* – without exception no man was able to change, to recover, to be restored, or to return) **from (min) this debilitating wickedness** (*ra’ah huw’* – this wrongdoing and ruinous situation, his adversity and misfortune, this means of resisting and then shattering the relationship, this disastrous perversion perpetrated by his friends, associates, and companions).

They are (*hayah* – they were, are, and continue to be (qal perfect – for a time they are actually)) **to Me** (*la* – and according to Me) **all (kol) like** (*ka* – the same as) **Sodom** (*Cadom* – scorched and burning) **and (wa) they live** (*yasab* – they establish a lifestyle and dwelling place) **like it is** (*hy’ ka* – similar to it existing as) **‘Amorah** (*‘Amorah* – Place where Tyrants Manipulate the Enslaved, Making Merchandise of Men, commonly rendered Gomorrah).” (*Yirma’yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:14)

When we as members of the Covenant Family affirm that we are *Towrah* observant, when we acknowledge that we attend *Pesach*, *Matsah*, *Bikuwrym*, *Shabuw’ah*, *Taruw’ah*, *Kippuryim*, and *Sukah*, when we refer to Yahowah by name and show a preference for His Shabat, when we explain the meaning of the Hebrew words God used to communicate with us, Christians opposed to these things dismiss Yahowah’s message by calling us

“Judaizers,” wrongly inferring that we are trying to convert them to the Jewish religion.

But nothing could be further from the truth. God hates Judaism, as do we. And religious Jews do none of these things. They are Talmud keepers not Towrah observers. They ignore most of the Feasts and make a mockery of the others. They never refer to Yahowah by name. And they seldom, if ever, consider the actual meaning of the words God used to introduce Himself to us because they have been brainwashed by rabbis into believing that only trained clerics are qualified to explain “Ha Shem’s” message.

Ponder for a moment just how critical Yahowah is of those claiming to speak for Him in Jerusalem today – which would include, by the way, a host of Islamic Imams and Christian Priests in addition to Jewish Rabbis. He says that He has been shown them promoting “*sa’ruwr* – a shockingly vile, horribly defiling abominations, demonstrating behavior which is astonishingly disgusting and despicable.” According to God, these religious leaders “*na’ap* – promote illicit religious worship, and are therefore spiritually idolatrous adulterers.”

Their preaching is comprised of “*sheqer* – disappointing lies and misleading and irrational deceptions, of mistaken beliefs and falsehoods, of empty promises and false covenants, a false witness laden with groundless accusations.” I dare say, we would be foolish not to recognize that God hates religion.

But if that were not enough to awaken the comatose from their religious slumber, there was more to this prophecy. Yahowah undermined the very foundation of human civilization – of the sectarian upholding the secular. There was no separation of religion and politics in Babylon, Egypt, Rome, or Greece. There has been none in the Roman Catholic Church. There has been none in

Islam. From 400 CE under Theodosius to the fall of the French monarchy in 1792, Europe was plagued by the wicked alliance between cleric and king. The Islamic Middle East continues to be debilitated for this very reason. Moreover, in America, Christian pastors and Roman Catholic clergy are becoming increasingly political.

Throughout time, prophets and priests have obtained positions of power and influence by strengthening the hand of kings, by claiming that the king was ordained to rule by God. In return, the king declares that the only acceptable religion is the one promoted by the priests who have endorsed him. God finds this alliance where the priesthood “*chazaq* – becomes powerful by solidifying” the authority of those who are “*ra’a* – displeasing and wrong, evil and harmful” to be “*ra’ah* – wickedly debilitating and adversarial.”

There are those who say in jest that if God does not punish today’s leaders and the society they have fostered for what they are doing, then He owes Sodom and Gomorrah an apology. Well, not to worry. God views the world today just as He saw Cadom and ‘Amorah. So since He does not change, since He is consistent, what do you think He is going to do to this planet prior to His return?

Fortunately for the majority of people, Yahowah differentiates between priest and parishioner. The souls of the perpetrators will be punished while those of their victims will cease to exist.

“Accordingly therefore (*la ken* – as a result, to such a degree, and to approach) **this is what** (*koh* – thusly now) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – an accurate transliteration of the name YaHoWaH, our ‘*elowah* – God as guided by His *towrah* – instructions regarding His *hayah* – existence and our *shalowm* – reconciliation) **of the vast array of spiritual envoys** (*tsaba’* – the heavenly command and

control regime of energy-based and living implements who serve by following orders) **says** (*'amar* – declares and promises) **concerning** (*'al* – regarding, against, over and above) **the prophets who claim to speak for God** (*ha naby'* – the messengers of the supernatural and the spiritual spokesmen who claim to be inspired and influenced to speak prophecy),

'Behold (*hineh* – pay attention, look up and be aware, noting the details in this narrative), **I** (*'any*) **will cause them to be consumed with** (*'akal 'eth hem* – will destroy them such that they are devoured by (hifil participle – God is causing these false prophets to be consumed by)) **unpleasantness and bitterness** (*la'anah* – a very bitter oil and an extremely unpleasant substance which makes one nauseous (commonly interpreted to be “wormwood”)), **and** (*wa*) **I will let them drink** (*saqah hem* – I will ensure they drink (hifil perfect consecutive – for a limited period of time, as a result of freewill, God is causing them to consume this)) **poisonous** (*ro'sh* – venomous and deadly; a Babylonian plant and always a figurative term (commonly considered as “gall” or “hemlock”)) **waters** (*maym* – fluids and liquids).

Indeed because (*ky* – emphasizing this point and assuring that it is valid) **from** (*min 'eth* – and out of) **the prophets claiming to speak for the God** (*naby'*) **of Yaruwshalaim** (*Yaruwshalaim* – the Source of Guidance on Reconciliation) **comes forth** (*yatsa'* – comes out and is brought forth, spread around and disseminated (qal perfect)) **wicked profanity, insincere hypocrisy, and Godless corruption** (*chanuphah* – that which is unclean, polluted, defiled, corrupt, unreliable, hypocritical, and unGodly) **to all** (*la kol*) **the earth** (*ha 'erets* – the material world and especially the Land).” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:15)

An eternity in *She'owl*, which is what most every pastor, prophet, and priest will endure, will be “*la'anah* –

unpleasantly bitter, nauseous even.” Since there will be no material existence and no light, there will be no fires or bodies to suffer and burn in *She’owl*. But that is not to say that it won’t be unpleasant. Just imagine spending an eternity with religious hypocrites.

They spewed out poison, so it is only fair that they drink what they dispensed. According to God, the false prophets, and thus pastors, preachers, and priests, promote “*chanuphah* – wicked profanity, insincere hypocrisy, and Godless corruptions.”

Knowing Yah’s perception on religion, shouldn’t we follow His advice and ignore what they have to say?

“This is what (*koh* – so now, therefore, as a result) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of the name of YaHoWaH, our ‘*elowah* – God as directed in His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* existence and our *shalowm* – restoration) **of the vast array of envoys** (*tsaba*’ – the spiritual command and control regime of messengers who serve by following orders) **says** (‘*amar* – declares and affirms),

‘You should never listen (‘*al shama*’ – you should absolutely and certainly not hear or pay attention to the audible message (qal imperfect jussive – speaking of the actual and unfolding consequences of this advice offered under the auspices of freewill)) **concerning** (‘*al* – upon or to) **the words, speeches, statements, and messages** (*dabary* – the communications, accounts, treatises, and promises) **of those prophets** (*ha naby*’ – of those claiming divine inspiration) **who claim to speak for God** (*ha naby*’ – who insist they are authorized and inspired by God, who claim to have received a prophecy through divine revelation, or who claim to be the messenger of God (the nifal stem reveals that these false prophets promote and are inflicted by their false pronouncements)) **to you** (*la* ‘*atem* – when they approach you).

They are filling you with worthless and delusional lies which provide an unwarranted sense of false hope (*habal hem 'eth 'atem* – they are promoting that which is useless, untrue, and unreliable to you by taking things out of context, making them of no value to you, as their promises to you are utterly meaningless, empty, and futile, even idolatrous, ultimately misleading you with errant opinions which are futile (the *hifil* stem causes the listener to act like the speaker, and thus embrace the same delusional lies and be consumed with the same false hope)).

Revealing (*chazown* – intelligently seeing and accurately perceiving) **their own heart, disposition, and judgment** (*leb hem* – their inner nature, character, and attitude, their own desires, motivations, ambitions, and thoughts), **they speak** (*dabar* – they communicate and converse, providing a message (*piel* imperfect)) **which is not from** (*lo' min* – not out of) **the mouth of** (*peh* – the source of communication of) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – an accurate transliteration of the name YaHoWaH, our '*elowah* – God as guided by His *towrah* – instructions regarding His *hayah* – existence and our *shalown* – reconciliation).’” (*Yirma'yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:16)

I'm often criticized, suggesting that I'm being mean, because I have undermined the hope people seek from their religion. The faithful have been beguiled into believing that they will be saved, that they are going to heaven, and that they will be reunited with their loved ones when they arrive. But none of that is true. So who is being unkind, those who promote such false hope, or those who condemn the promoters for doing so?

I'm with God on this one. The most reasonable, responsible, and compassionate thing to do is to expose and condemn the “*habal* – the empty promises and worthless lies which foster false hope.” Neither pastors

nor priests, neither prophets nor preachers, neither rabbis nor imams speak for God. You should not listen to them. They speak for themselves and on behalf of their religion.

Beyond the fact that God has just affirmed that religious leaders do not speak for Him, it's not hard to figure this out on our own. All we have to do is compare Paul's and Muhammad's testimony, for example, to Yahowah's. And when we find that their words are in irrefutable and irresolvable conflict with God's, it's obvious who is lying.

So why do 2.5 billion Christians and 1.5 billion Muslims believe men whose testimony is so readily demonstrated to be invalid? In seeking God, why don't they listen to His advice?

“They continuously say (*‘amar ‘amar* – they preach and they promise, they declare and they pontificate, they answer and they claim, they blather on without ceasing (qal participle qal infinitive absolute – a verbal adjective suggesting a literal interpretation of a verbal noun subject to actual and habitual use)) **to those who reject and despise Me, to those who spurn and slander Me, to those who devalue and disregard Me** (*la na’ats ‘any* – to those who treat Me with contempt, who demean My actual status, who treat Me disrespectfully, who discard what I have to say, who blaspheme Me and belittle Me, and who act as if I no longer matter because they abhor Me (piel participle – the object, God in this case, suffers the effects of being spurned and rejected in an especially descriptive manner)) **that they speak the word of** (*dabar* – that they communicate the message of) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – the proper pronunciation of the name of YaHoWaH, our *‘elowah* – God as directed in His *towrah* – teaching regarding His *hayah* existence and our *shalowm* – restoration).

“Peace be unto you (*shalowm hayah la ‘atem* – salvation shall exist for you),” **they say to** (*‘amar* – they proclaim, utter, convey, and declare, promising and telling each other) **everyone** (*kol* – all) **walking** (*halak* – going about and following along) **in the stubbornness of his heart who is refusing to change his twisted thinking** (*ba sharruwth leb huw’* – in the firmness of his convictions and hardness of his heart he remains adversarial; akin to *saraph* – fiery serpent, *sara’* – superfluous and disquieting thoughts, *sarar* – to lord over, and *sharar* – to be adversarial).

“No misfortune, misery, nor suffering shall come upon you (*lo’ bow ‘al ‘atem ra’ah* – no evil, harm, nor trouble, no distress, calamity, nor adversity, no affliction, hardship, nor ruinous situation will befall you, nor will you experience any anxiety).”” (*Yirma’yah / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:17*)

We’d have to look long and hard to find a verb more condemning of the speaker than *na’ats* – especially when directed toward the Creator of the universe. Rather than honoring God or revering the Almighty, pastors, prophets, priests, and in this context, preachers, including rabbis and imams, “*na’ats* – reject and slander, disregard and demean” Yahowah with their testimony. It’s not that they just don’t know God, religious clerics are actually opposed to Him. Which is exactly as I have witnessed. When a Christian or Muslim is confronted by Yahowah’s name or His Word, they “*na’ats* – hold it in contempt while discarding and disparaging” everything God has to say.

As I have conveyed throughout this book: the religious do not speak for God; they speak against Him. Religions do not lead to God; they lead away from Him. Pastors, prophets, preachers, and priests do not serve God; they serve the Adversary. You will not find the Word of God in the Christian New Testament, the

Babylonian Talmud, or Muhammad's Qur'an. Nor will you find it in the ongoing declarations of those who do not love Yahowah's name and who do not cherish His Towrah. And this isn't my opinion, something you are free to discount, but instead Yahowah's position on the matter of religion.

Yahowah is right, once again. The most popular greeting in the world has become "Peace be unto you." It is cited by Jews, Muslims, Christians, and even Socialist Secular Humanists. And yet those who "*sharruwth leb* – remain stubborn and refuse to change their twisted thinking and remain steadfast in their adversarial convictions" will never know the meaning of "*shalowm* – reconciliation and restoration."

As it was with Pharaoh, so it is with most every overtly religious, political, and patriotic individual. Nothing phases them. No amount of unassailable evidence nor irrefutable logic, not even the Word of God, will dissuade them from their beliefs. Their hearts are hard, impervious to the truth, resistant to reason. Talking to them, proving that they are wrong, revealing what is right, is an utter waste of time and breath. Even God, Himself, cannot save a religious person.

Having not seen *sharruwth* before, I enjoyed considering the words which comprise its meaning. Turns out, stubborn twisted thinking is a product of superfluous and disquieting thoughts advanced by the adversarial lord, none other than the fiery serpent.

I'm certain that Islamic Imams tell young impressionable boys and girls considering serving Allah as suicide bombers that they will not suffer any affliction. Christian evangelists promise a release from suffering as well, telling the proselyte that by accepting their salvation mantra they will avoid the misery of hell. The new-age preacher even asserts that those who join their church and

accept their way of thinking will be spared from anxiety. Salvation is cheap and easy. But it is all hogwash. Complete and utter bullshit – literally.

Not one of them speaks for God. Not one knows Yahowah.

“And yet by contrast (*ky* – because indeed, noting the obvious difference), **who** (*my*) **of them was present** (*‘amad* – of them was appointed, assigned, or could even endure standing) **in the counsel of** (*ba cowa* – was confided in, was intimate with, or was consulted or trusted in the company of and by) **Yahowah** (*Yahowah* – an accurate transliteration of the name YaHoWaH, our *‘elowah* – God as guided by His *towrah* – instructions regarding His *hayah* – existence and our *shalowm* – reconciliation) **and** (*wa*) **has seen** (*ra’ah* – looked at, inspected, examined, and observed) **or** (*wa*) **listened to** (*shama’* – heard) **His Word** (*dabar huw’* – His declaration and communication, His message and manner of speaking)?

Who (*my*) **of them has paid attention to and accepted** (*qasab* – of them has received as true and responded appropriately to (hifil perfect)) **His Words** (*dabar* – His Message, His Communication, and His Testimony) **and** (*wa*) **has listened to them** (*shama’* – has heard the message that has been proclaimed)?” (*Yirma’yah* / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:18)

“None” is the obvious answer. If they had observed Yahowah’s Word, if they paid attention to God’s testimony, if they understood what the Almighty revealed, they wouldn’t be religious and would not say such stupid things.

Ultimately, it all comes down to a single idea: are we willing to look at and listen to Yahowah’s Word? And in this regard, *qasab* is telling, because rather than just communicating the idea of “listening,” which is what we

glean from *shama*', it speaks of "paying attention, accepting the message as true, and then responding appropriately to it." It is these very things which form the basis of our salvation.

Once again, before we venture forth, let's survey where we have been. Yahowah just revealed...

“And among the prophets of Shomarown (capital of the Northern Kingdom), I have been shown requests for something repulsive, pleas which are foolish, and prayers which are abhorrent: they claim divine inspiration in the Lord, and they misled My people. (Yirma'yah / Jeremiah 23:13)

With Yaruwshalaim's prophets, I have seen a shockingly vile, horribly defiling abomination. They promote illicit religious worship and walk in such disappointing lies, in misleading and irrational deceptions and mistaken beliefs.

They become powerful by strengthening the hands of those who are wicked and evil, such that no individual can disassociate or turn away from this debilitating wickedness.

To Me they are all like the Scorched and Burning of Sodom and they live like it is 'Amorah, the Place where Tyrants Manipulate the Enslaved, Making Merchandise of Men (commonly rendered Gomorrah).' (Yirma'yah / Jeremiah 23:14)

Accordingly, therefore, this is what Yahowah of the vast array of spiritual envoys says concerning the prophets who claim to speak for God, 'Behold, noting the details in this narrative, I will cause them to be consumed by unpleasantness and bitterness, making them nauseous, and I will let them drink poisonous waters.

Indeed, this is because from the prophets claiming to speak for the God of Yaruwshalaim comes forth wicked profanity, insincere hypocrisy, and Godless corruption to all the earth.’ (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:15)

This is what Yahowah of the vast array of envoys says, ‘You should never listen to the words, speeches, and messages of those prophets who claim to speak for God on your behalf when they approach you.

They are filling you with worthless and delusional lies which provide an unwarranted sense of false hope. Revealing their own heart, disposition, and judgment, they speak that which is not from the mouth of Yahowah. (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:16)

They continuously say to those who reject and despise Me, to those who spurn and slander Me, to those who devalue and disregard Me that they speak the word of Yahowah.

“Peace be unto you,” they say to everyone walking in the stubbornness of his heart who is refusing to change his twisted thinking. “No misfortune, misery, nor suffering shall come upon you.” (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:17)

But by contrast, who of them was present in the counsel of Yahowah and has seen or listened to His Word? Who of them has paid attention to and accepted His Words and has listened to it?” (*Yirma’yah* / Jeremiah 23:18)