

## The **INCREDIBLE** Life and **TESTIMONY** of *Yeshua*

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples." Genesis 49:10



The above verse was a prophetic word spoken over Judah, the son of Jacob. He said the scepter and the staff, which are the ruling instruments of a King, shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh (Shiloh is a name for God) comes. Jacob proclaimed that Judah would be the dominating leader over his brothers until the day God comes to lead the people.

We see a beautiful fulfillment of Jacob's words to Judah in this passage:

Rev 5:5 "And one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

What Jacob proclaimed over Judah is called a Prophecy. A **prophecy** is defined as an inspired utterance of something to come. Did you know the bible is FULL of prophetic words spoken about Yeshua? There are over 300 prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled in His lifetime. Did you know that? Many of them occurred during the last week of His life. What are the chances of this? Think about it. Someone hundreds of years before Yeshua was born spoke about Him and then it happened. If we were to write this out mathematically that is 1 chance in  $10^{28}$  or 1 with 28 zero's after that. **[Please spend some time engaging the class with this concept. You can use the odds of flipping a coin and it landing on heads every time for 1 in  $10^{28}$  or something else relevant.]** Can you write 1 in  $10^{28}$ ?

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God sent His prophets to communicate His mercy. In the case of Nineveh, He sent Jonah. To Israel He sent Elijah and Jeremiah He sent to Judah. All of these prophets were sent to proclaim the Word of the Lord about God's kingdom here on earth. Yeshua is ruling and reigning TODAY and His prophets have gone out proclaiming His glory. Read Isaiah 61:1.

Talk about the message of Mercy Isaiah the Prophet shared. [This is a good time to engage with the class] Whom was Isaiah talking about? \_\_\_\_\_ [reference and spend time looking at the context of Luke 4:18] It was a prophecy that Yeshua used to show His hometown's people who He was. In this example, we see how prophets spoke words that were not intended for them, but rather for us.

Look at what is said in this passage:

1 Peter 1:10-12, "As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look."

Who instructed the prophets to speak the messages? \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit

Who were the messages for, the prophets or us? \_\_\_\_\_ US

Were these messages for the Angels? \_\_\_\_\_ No

What did the message of the Prophets tell us about? \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation

God has shown us His plan and has given us proof that Yeshua is, most definitely, who the Bible says He is. Prophecy is one of the most powerful ways we know God's word is TRUTH.

Psalms 119:162, "I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great treasure."

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Yeshua came to be with us, God dwelling among men. The verse you memorized today first was proclaimed by Isaiah the Prophet in Isaiah 7:14. Why did Yeshua come and dwell among us? Couldn't He have proclaimed that He forgave us and that would have been enough? Today, we are going to look at the MOST beautiful picture of Love that ever was or ever will be. The picture we are going to look at is the life of Yeshua the suffering servant.



Sin entered the world through Adam and brought death and separation from God. Through Isaiah, God revealed His plan for Yeshua, the promised Savior, would come to suffer and die, not for His own sin but for those of the people. Yeshua came and was obedient unto death, according to God's promised plan.

In this passage, we see that this promised Savior would be an ordinary man in appearance, like those he came to save, and would suffer and die, not for his own sin but for the sin of others.

Isaiah 53:2, "For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

From this verse we see that Yeshua possessed nothing physical that would have caused us to look to Him or even consider Him. Yet, Yeshua served us in the most powerful way. Sin always brings about suffering and shame. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, they immediately hid themselves because of their shame. When the suffering servant came, He would experience the suffering and shame that was part of sin's consequence, though the sin for which He suffered was not His own. He would willingly endure this suffering, not because He deserved it, but because it was required for Him to walk in complete obedience to His Father's will.

Isaiah 53:4, "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed."

Through animal sacrifices, God provided a picture of the necessity of a sin payment - a substitute to take God's punishment for sin. The Messiah would be the "lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Yeshua would receive the piercing, crushing, and chastisement that we deserved. The sinless servant would take upon Himself the iniquity of all.

Passover reminds us of the blood of the Lamb placed upon the doorpost as a perfect picture of Yeshua's blood being applied to you and me. As a result, those cleansed by His blood receive His healing and peace. What rightly belonged to man, sin, suffering and death, was placed upon Him. What belonged to Him, righteousness and life, was given to man, through repentance and faith in Him.

What set this plan in motion? What caused Yeshua to be the suffering Servant?

Isaiah 53:10, "But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand."

The prophecy of Isaiah communicated how Yeshua would suffer in our place 700 years before it happened. Yeshua died for our sins. He took the punishment we deserved. He did all this to fully obey the will and plan of His Father, walking in perfect obedience and surrendering to Him. Because of His perfect obedience, even to the death on a cross, we can be counted free. Do you know Yeshua today? **[Teachers take time to share the gospel message and walk children individually to Yeshua]**

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Today, we are going to talk about 2 priesthoods and their roles in God's plan for His creation. One priesthood was temporary, depending upon constant cleansing from their personal failures. While the other priesthood was pure and holy, being set apart for the ministry of the Lord. One priesthood originated from man, while the other was eternal. Can you name the two Priesthoods? 1) Aaronic 2) Melchizedek

In the story of Exodus, YHVH called upon Moses to return to Egypt and say to Pharaoh, "Let my people GO!" God told Moses He would have his brother, Aaron, go with him and stand against the Pharaoh as His witnesses. As the freed Hebrew people were walking through the wilderness, the Lord established Aaron and his descendants as priests and mediators between the people and the Lord.

Exodus 30:30, "You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me."

The Aaronic priesthood stood as mediators judging and making decisions for the Hebrew people all throughout their wanderings. In Deuteronomy 17:9 we see the Lord instructing His people to go before the Levitical priests and make decisions for the people according to the Law of God. The people were to heed their instructions and follow their rulings. These priests had 1 MAJOR problem; can you guess what it was? They were sinners who needed mediation for themselves. Romans 3:23

[Read Hebrews 7:26-28] [Talk about the need for the Levitical Priesthood to have anointment just like every other person.]

Let's talk about the priestly order of Melchizedek. What is this, does anyone know? [give the children a chance to answer] The first time we see Melchizedek in scripture was when Abram brought Him and a tenth of the spoil after returning from rescuing Lot. Abram paid a tithe (tenth) to Melchizedek the Priest as a priest of the Most High God. This man Melchizedek is a great mystery, but there are a few things we do know about Him.

Hebrews 7:3, "Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually."

Melchizedek has no beginning or end of days; He is a priest FOREVER. Just as He made mediation for Abram in Genesis 14, Melchizedek is forever making mediation for God's creation. In fact, the Priestly order of Melchizedek was BEFORE the Aaronic (Levitical) priesthood. Because Melchizedek has no beginning or end, it shows He is a perfect, sinless priest who doesn't need a sacrifice for Himself. Instead, He can act for the Glory of the Lord and the benefit of God's creation forever. God showed King David a picture of this.

Psalm 110:4, "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." [Please reference Part 1 concerning the prophecy over Judah and the ruling scepter that will not depart from David's family, look at Ps 110:1-2]

David was writing about Yeshua! What do we know about Yeshua? He was born supernaturally without a Father. God caused Mariam, His mother, to bring Him into this world. Yeshua then grew up and live normally like everyone else. He had no glory that would have caused people to look to Him, yet He served God and His creation to death and then He ROSE from the grave! He was sinless, never needing a priest to make Him clean. We know that Yeshua IS forever, He doesn't have a beginning or an end time!

Hebrews 7:23-25, "The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him since He always lives to make intercession for them."

This truth we are learning is so powerful. This truth reveals that Yeshua is God who came to live and die bringing peace between mankind, who has fallen away from God through sin. Now to whoever will come to the Priest who is able to make them righteous, they will have life! Praise the Name of Yeshua!

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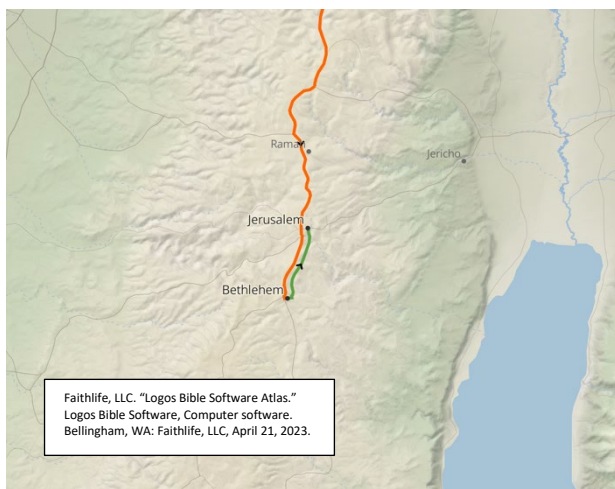
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Micah 5:2, "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."



In this passage, we see a prophecy. Do you know what a prophecy is? A **prophecy** is defined as an inspired utterance of something to come. Notice this passage talks of ONE who will go forth as a ruler of the people. The verse says something else about who this ruler will be. "*His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.*" His days are from the days of **ETERNITY**? Whom could this be talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

The Isaiah prophecy and the prophecy in Micah are most definitely talking of Yeshua and His birth! Have you ever stopped to think about the importance of sinless Yeshua being born into this world? [Talk to the class about Hebrews 2:17-18 and the necessity for Him to come into the world sinless yet meek and humble.] Take some time to write down some things you know about the birth of Yeshua:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

[Invite the class to open their Bible to Luke 2:4-14. Read this for them and talk about the events of these prophecies coming true in real time.]

Let's take a look at some history of the ancient town of Bethlehem. The city of Bethlehem is the place where Jacob's son, Benjamin, was born to Rachel. After the birth, Rachel died and Jacob named his son, Benjamin, which means "son of my right hand." (*Gen 35:19*) Jacob calling Benjamin, "The son of His right hand" reveals a testimony of who Yeshua is.

Psalm 118:16, "The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

Even though Yeshua has done valiantly for us, His life was not easy. In fact, He was under attack even as a baby. The king of Israel, Herod, was approached by magi from the Far East searching for the true King of Israel, Yeshua the Messiah. Herod tried to deceive them to find out where Yeshua was so he could kill Him. But God told the magi not to return to Jerusalem or Herod. God protected His Son and sent Joseph and Mary to Egypt until Herod died and the danger to Yeshua passed.

The expression 'right-hand' conveys strength and victory. 1 Corinthians 15:57 says, "but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord **Jesus Christ**." Yeshua, the Lord's RIGHT HAND, was born in meekness and humility, just like you and me, to accomplish GREAT and MIGHTY things. Did you know that through Yeshua, you are also called to achieve Great and Mighty things?

The prophet Isaiah told us that Yeshua would be called Emmanuel, which means:

"God with us"

Do you believe Yeshua is with you? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you believe that Yeshua loves you? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you believe Yeshua was born to take away your sins as an obedient son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[Close the class by reading Romans 8:38-39. Bring to light the miracle of Yeshua's coming and how important it is that we understand the Love God has shown to us through Yeshua. His son.]

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While Yeshua and His disciples were ministering in the Galilee region, a crowd began to gather, and Yeshua instructed them to get into a boat and cross to the other side of the sea. As they crossed the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee), a storm suddenly arose. In fact, the storm was so fierce that the waves were filling the boat with water. Although the disciples were fishermen, they became frightened, but Yeshua was sleeping! Let's read the account from the Scriptures to see what happens next.

Matt 8:25-27, "And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, "Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"



Have you ever been so impressed by something someone can do, only to find out there's another AMAZING thing they can do that you didn't know about? Imagine that's exactly how the disciples felt! While on the shore, Yeshua healed a leper, the paralyzed servant of the Centurion, and Peter's mother-in-law. Yeshua had the power to heal those He

was next to as well as those far from Him through the power of His spoken word. The disciples must have been in awe of what Yeshua was doing, but then He, Yeshua, told the wind and the waves to be still. Isn't this Amazing!

Considering all that Yeshua was doing in front of the disciples, you'd think they would have enough faith to call out in the Lord's name and calm the waves themselves. No, they went to Yeshua, who was sleeping, and begged Him to take care of them. Why would Yeshua call out their lack of faith?

Do you ever struggle with faith? Which parts of your life could use more trust in God?

[Read Joshua 10:11-15] Give the context of what was happening and how Israel came up to protect their allies from the 5 Kings.

In his time of great need, who did Joshua turn to? YESHUA

What did Joshua ask of the Lord? SUN TO STAND STILL

We see two main points in this story. The first is how the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth, commanded the Sun and Moon to stop just as Joshua requested. Can you see how the Lord has authority over the Sun and Moon? The second point is how Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun and moon stop. Joshua had the faith to believe in God's power to act. Both of these points are very important for us and our lives.

Let's recall the story of Yeshua calming the waves and the wind. The disciples were amazed because Yeshua was GOD! He is the same God who commanded the Sun and Moon to stand still during Joshua's time. Additionally, we can say that Yeshua expected His disciples to have the same faith as Joshua, who remained courageous and strong.

Yeshua demonstrated His authority over the sick, the paralyzed, and even the wind and waves. He invites us to have deep faith in Him and trust Him in every circumstance we face. Do you realize that He wants you to call out to Him and believe in His ability to calm the storm of your life? He does, and you can call out to Him. He will hear you and rescue you.

Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."

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The Gospel of Matthew, in chapters 8-9, is full of stories of Yeshua traveling through the region of Galilee, healing people of all their ailments and diseases. People were coming from every part of Israel to see the healer, Yeshua. Yeshua's reputation was growing, and the religious leaders were unhappy about how famous Yeshua was becoming. Since it was not yet the time for Yeshua to be betrayed or handed over to sinful men for His crucifixion, He told two blind men to keep quiet about what He had done.

Matt 9:30, "And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows *about this*!"



The fact that Yeshua wanted His fame to remain quiet for a while is very important to faith. First, remember prophecy and its role and purpose. Prophecy is given to declare what is yet to happen. Yeshua still had much to accomplish before He would be handed over to evil men. Second, Yeshua was there to glorify the Father, not Himself. Because of this, Yeshua wanted these miracles to be kept silent so that people would glorify the Father and His love, not the excitement of a public healing on

earth. Yeshua was pointing attention forward, beyond where people are in the moment. He is still doing the same for you and me today.

How has the compassion of Yeshua caused you to glorify God more? [Point the class's attention to Yeshua's work of salvation, His willingness to die on the cross, His powerful resurrection, and the knowledge of the resurrection power being in us (EPHESIANS 1:18-23)]

Isaiah 35:3-5, "Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped."

Can you see how God is glorified in this verse? Yeshua, being God on earth, wanted all glory and honor to be directed to God, not to God in the flesh. Let's look at one example of this prophecy of Yeshua being fulfilled. [Read Matthew 9:27-31]

What did the two blind men call out? "Have mercy on us son of David!"

What would cause two men to cry out in such a way? The two men knew their only hope of healing and a better life was YESHUA

What was the one question Yeshua asked the two men? Do you believe that I am able to do this?

The men responded to Yeshua with a big ole "YES"! Filled with joy and hope, they confirmed their faith in His power to make them see again. Consider why Yeshua asked them about their faith.

Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Do you see it? Yeshua is asking whether the men have faith or not to reward them and bless them for their reliance upon God. Do you believe Yeshua is God? Do you believe Yeshua is a rewarder of those who seek Him?

Listen to what Yeshua told the disciples of John when they asked Yeshua if He was the "Expected One". Luke 7:22, "And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: ***the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.***"

The disciples of John believed in the scriptures and the testimony of Yeshua. They proclaimed Him as the Messiah. Their eyes were opened to truly know Him and recognize Him as GOD. Are your eyes open to see that Yeshua is your God who offers you salvation? Take a moment to pray to Yeshua now and ask Him to open your eyes so you can see Him more clearly!

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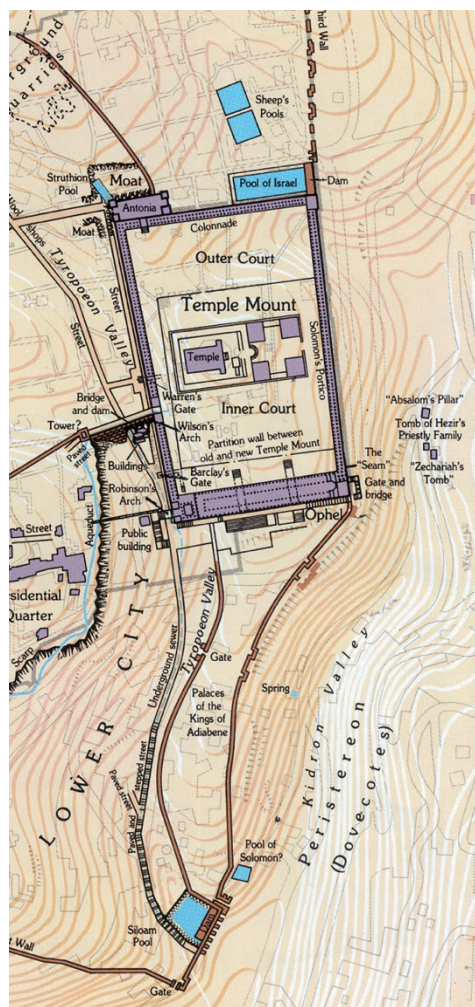
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We've been exploring who Yeshua is and what kind of incredible savior He is! So far, we've discussed several miracles our King, Yeshua, performed. *Can you remember the two miracles we've covered so far?* The first involved the Wind and the Waves! The second was about sight. [Quickly have 2 students review the miracles]

Today, we will continue exploring Yeshua and His miracles and healing works.



The picture on the left shows a small view of the Temple Mount and a significant set of pools. The pool is labeled the Sheep's Pool on the map, but it's called by a different name in John 5. Do you know what the Bible calls this pool: Bethesda?

Facts:

- The pool of Bethesda is 50' deep!
- Bethesda was just smaller than a football field.
- Once a year a person would be healed of any ailment they had after entering the pool.

Let's open our Bibles and start reading from John 5. [Read 1-4 and discuss the types of people who would have been around the pool hoping for healing.] Bethesda is often translated as "House of Mercy." Do you think this name suits a place where the Lord would bring healing to His people?

Let's continue reading from John 5. [Read verses 5-9]

1. How many years did the lame man sit by the pool?
2. Why had he been waiting for so long?
3. Why didn't anyone help him?
4. Who DID help him?

Please notice what Yeshua said to the lame man before giving him healing. He said, “Do you wish to be healed?” Does this seem strange to you?

Of course, the lame man wanted to be healed, but he thought it was hopeless because no one would help him into the pool. Do you think we can sometimes feel like this too? There is only one way we can be made well. Going to the doctor, taking medication, seeing a chiropractor, and changing your diet are all ways we try to bring healing to our bodies. We seek counsel from others and try many remedies, but all the while Yeshua asks us, **“DO WE WISH TO BE WELL?”** Yeshua offers you and me an invitation to receive healing—true healing, miraculous healing that only comes from Him. Do you accept Yeshua’s invitation for healing whenever you are sick?

So many of us trust and hope in what we see, but Yeshua is the God of the **impossible!** He makes everything **POSSIBLE**. The lame man was waiting for the water to heal him, then Yeshua appeared and said, **“GET UP”** and that is exactly what the man did.

Share a story of a miraculous healing that Yeshua has performed for you, your family, or someone you know.

Is there someone in your life who needs miraculous healing? You can share with them the invitation Yeshua gives us. Point them to Yeshua and tell them about His miraculous healing and great love for them.

Remember **Isaiah 61:1-2**, “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.”

[Encourage the class with an example from your life where Yeshua brought healing]

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Today, we are going to explore something SO powerful — the power of the **Resurrection**. Often in scripture, we read about truths that appear in stories, giving us a picture of God's heart and His desire for us. We know from Daniel and the lion's den about God's protection over us. We also see from the miracle of Jesus calming the sea and the wind, His power over all creation. Do you know what John 11:4 is referring to? What miracle is Yeshua about to perform? Today, we will uncover His miraculous power over **life** and **death**.



Read Psalm 139:13-16 [Read Psalm 139:13-16 and talk about the miracle of life, His formation of every cell, and detail of our bodies and lives.]

The miracle of life is so **powerful**, yet the reality of this life is physical death. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment." Scripture is clear. Death comes to everyone who has

experienced life. But is death the end? Let's look at this story.

Yeshua and His disciples were near Jerusalem when they received sad news from their dearest of friends. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived in the village called Bethany, about 2 miles from Jerusalem. The word that Yeshua and the disciples heard about Lazarus was a sickness that only Yeshua could.

The family invited Yeshua to come quickly and heal their brother. They knew who Yeshua was and believed that He could do all things; nothing is/was too difficult for Him. When Yeshua heard that Lazarus was sick, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." John 11:4 Yeshua stayed

away for 2 more days and did not immediately go up to Bethany to heal Lazarus. Why didn't Yeshua go immediately to Bethany? John 11:11; John 11:17-19 (Many came from Jerusalem to console Mary and Martha and to testify that Lazarus was indeed dead.) How many days was Lazarus in the tomb before Yeshua arrived? 4

John 11:39, "Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."

We learn that Yeshua purposely waited until there was a smell in the tomb. This gave many people the chance to go and confirm that YES, Lazarus was dead. Then Yeshua spoke with His mouth, "Lazarus come forth."

John 11:44, "The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The incredible power of our Yeshua is LIFE over death, and it is for this reason that Yeshua gave His life, was buried, and then rose Himself from the grave. Many people believed in Yeshua that day because of the miracle of Lazarus coming to life.

John 11:45, "Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him."

Please take time to read Job 14:7-15 to understand what the ancient world believed about the resurrection. Job, a man who walked with God, proclaimed his belief and knowledge of what Yeshua had accomplished. Trust in Yeshua today. Our Messiah is MIGHTY to save even the dead. Praise His name!

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Throughout biblical history, God has used pictures and types to explain truths to His people. Here are some examples: The Garden of Eden is a picture of our Eternal Home; Noah's ark represents salvation through water baptism; and King David is a type of King Yeshua.



Biblical pictures and types show us two main things: First, we understand that what has happened in the past, God will bring about again in the future. Second, by understanding types, we learn about the character and actions of biblical individuals, which reveals God's ultimate plan. Most of all, pictures and types teach us about who we are, God's love for us, His warnings and instructions, and who the Messiah is, was, and is to come. Today, we will take a look at a very important typology found in scripture.

Deut 18:19-20, "I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him."

This Torah passage shows a specific typology of Moses compared to the one Yehovah would send. In this passage, many characteristics are described to define this prophet, who is likened to Moses. Let's see how many characteristics you can identify:

1. The Prophet would come from the Israelites.
2. The prophet will have God's words in his mouth.
3. The prophet will only speak what He is commanded to speak.
4. The words of the prophet will be binding and hold all men accountable.

Who do you think this prophet unto Moses is, whom God would send to us from His own people? YESHUA

Let's examine the scriptures to confirm if our answer is correct. First, let's find out if Yeshua was from God's people.

Matthew 1:17, "So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations."

Next, let's confirm with Scripture whether Yeshua's words were the Father's words and if the Father commanded Yeshua to speak those words.

John 12:49, "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak."

John 8:28, "So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me."

Lastly, will the words of the Prophet hold men accountable?

John 5:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

These examples of how Yeshua is the promised prophet, **God's promised prophet** to His people, are just a few of the many ways Yeshua meets the standard. Here's a fun and challenging question to end class today: Why did God send His prophet? God had already given His law and spoken through Moses, so what was the need to send this other prophet?

Take some time to read these two passages today in class and at home with your parents. Deuteronomy 18:14-15 & Jeremiah 31:31-34 **[Discuss these passages in closing to help the students begin to see the reason for Yeshua, the prophet like Moses to come and write the Law of God on the hearts of His people.]**

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Last week, you were challenged to read Deuteronomy 18:14-15 and Jeremiah 31:31-34. Did you see how important it was for God to send His prophet like Moses, who would write His commandments on people's hearts?

Hopefully, you accepted the challenge and enjoyed what you learned. Today, we will continue exploring an Old Testament typology of Yeshua. Remember, a typology is a picture of a past event that will happen again in the future, as well as a way to identify the character and actions of a biblical individual who shows us God's ultimate plan. We also see another individual who reflects the character of God. Let's take a look at Joseph.

Joseph was the first son of Rachel, Jacob's wife, and he was loved by his father. Jacob made him a beautiful, multi-colored coat. As a boy, Joseph often went out into the fields to be with his brothers. Once, he overheard some of their actions and words that would displease Jacob, their father. Joseph reported **everything** his brothers had done to Jacob, which made his brothers very **angry** with him. Joseph enjoyed doing things his father approved of, but his brothers preferred to do their own things, so they grew jealous of him. Their anger increased after he shared a dream in which they would bow down and worship him.

Genesis 37:10-11, "He related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" <sup>11</sup> His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying *in mind*."

Sometime later, Jacob sent Joseph from Hebron to check on his brothers and the flock. When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they plotted to kill him.

Genesis 37:18, "When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death."

Yeshua was **DESPISED** and **REJECTED** by His own people, just like Joseph was. In his hometown of Nazareth, many didn't believe He was the Messiah. In fact, when Yeshua spoke at the synagogue in Nazareth, the people became **enraged** at Him.

Luke 4:28-29, "And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff."

Can you see how the people of Nazareth, Yeshua's own family, plotted to kill Him just as Joseph's brothers planned to kill Joseph? Here is another example of Yeshua's own people planning to have Him **KILLED**.

Matt 26:3-4, "Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him."

Lastly, Joseph's brothers didn't kill him but instead sold him into slavery to some Ishmaelites for 20 shekels of silver. Consider what one of Yeshua's disciples said:

Matt 26:15, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him."

Who was the disciple who sought to betray Yeshua for 30 Shekels of silver?

Judas Iscariot

Joseph was unloved and despised by his family and those around him. Those closest to him sought to kill him. Yeshua was also hated and despised. His own people and his closest disciple sought to put him to death. God shows us about Yeshua through the life of His servant Joseph. Can you think of any more connections between Joseph and Yeshua?

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Last week, we discussed the difficult life of Joseph, the unloved son of Jacob. We learned that he was loved by his father, but his brothers were angry with him because he shared visions in which he was being exalted above them and they were bowing low before him. Think about it: How would you feel if you had to bow low in service before one of your youngest siblings? Would it be difficult? [Talk to the students about why this would be hard.]

Today, we will be exploring God's plans and purposes. We will see how, even when it seems like God isn't watching us or active in our lives, He has a plan, and we can trust Him. Looking back to Joseph: His brothers sold him to slave traders who took him to Egypt. In Egypt, Joseph became a servant in the house of Potiphar, the Captain of Pharaoh's bodyguard. Joseph excelled in his role and was promoted to second in command over the household. But, Potiphar's wife had wicked intentions for Joseph, and because Joseph refused her, she in turn had him thrown into prison.



While in prison, the Lord was with Joseph and showed His lovingkindness to him. Soon, Joseph was put in charge of all the prisoners.

Gen 39:23, "The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper."

While in prison, God gave Joseph the ability to interpret the dreams of two of Pharaoh's servants. His interpretations proved to be accurate! Later, Joseph interpreted a dream for Pharaoh himself. When Pharaoh's confidence in Joseph's interpretation grew, Pharaoh declared this over Joseph:

Gen 41:39-40, "So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

From being hated and despised by his brothers to becoming second in the entire kingdom of Egypt, Joseph was elevated to the top, to a position where many people would bow down and honor him. And yes, his brothers bowed low too. When the famine struck the land, the brothers came to buy food. Joseph returned their money to their bags and accused them of theft. As a result, Joseph detained Simeon and sent the brothers away to bring Benjamin to Egypt. When the brothers finally brought Benjamin to Egypt, Joseph inquired of their father.

Gen 43:28, "They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." They bowed down in homage."

The same brothers who once sold their brother into slavery are now humbling themselves in honor of their younger brother. This was all part of God's plans and purposes. We see that Joseph encouraged his brothers and reassured them that God is in control.

Gen 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive."

In the same way, God chose to send His son, Yeshua, to serve each of us. This plan God made allows us to share in the joy of Yeshua's victory. Just as Joseph suffered and was glorified, Yeshua suffered and was glorified. Yeshua was raised from the dead on the third day and has given us hope for our resurrection. Joseph's family was glorified and honored through Joseph, and we are glorified through the Life and Testimony of Yeshua. Now, we can trust in Yeshua until the end of days, knowing that God intends all of this for our good and His glory.

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Have you ever enjoyed a time with friends that was so wonderful and fun that you didn't want it to end? Then, you asked your parents when the next time this fun would happen. Today, we will look at the final lesson of 'The Incredible Life and Testimony of Yeshua,' focusing on Yeshua's return. In fact, the first-century Christian church met together, encouraging one another daily with the promise of the Messiah's return.



Acts 1:9-11, "And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Can you understand why there would be so much excitement about Yeshua's return? The disciples were told by two angels that He would come back. From then on, they started teaching others to prepare for His return.

While Yeshua was still with His disciples, He told them about His plans to leave them, but not forever. Then He would return and gather them to Himself.

John 14:3, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also."

Yeshua told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house in Heaven. We should understand that Yeshua is coming back for us on the day He has set. To help us wait for Him and to be confident that He IS, in fact, coming for us. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us. Here is what Yeshua told His disciples about the Holy Spirit's arrival:

John 14:16-17, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."

When Yeshua ascended into Heaven, He asked the Father to send the Spirit of Truth to be with those who believe. This happened on Shavuot (Acts 2). God's Holy Spirit was poured out on the people of Jerusalem during a Gospel message by the Apostle Peter. Many people speaking different languages could understand what Peter was saying to them. As a result, they believed and were filled with the Spirit of GOD! They then began to live their lives with the hope that Messiah would return for them too.

Yeshua wants us to be ready for His return, so He told us there would be many tough times ahead. He wants us to endure and stay strong in our faith until He comes back. [READ Matt 24:29-31; 1 Thess 5:14-23 Talk with the class and share with them ways you are intending to endure.]

What areas of your life is Yeshua asking you to change to be found blameless at His coming? Check one below:

1. \_\_\_\_Patience with those around you
2. \_\_\_\_A better helper to your parents
3. \_\_\_\_More forgiveness in your heart
4. \_\_\_\_More Praising and Rejoicing
5. \_\_\_\_More Prayer and Surrender to God
6. \_\_\_\_Gratefulness and Thankfulness
7. \_\_\_\_Stop Evil and more Faithfulness

Thank you for being honest about what you checked. Now, you should share this with your family and those around you, asking them to help you stay strong in the faith until Yeshua returns.

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John 16:16, "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me."