

The Tanakh (Old Testament) has 23,145 verses which can be confusing as God jumps around telling His story of redemption. Consider the Bible a puzzle box that needs assembling in a particular order to be understood.

The story of the King of the Universe!

If you are Jewish, you are living in a time when one of the greatest prophecies ever decreed was fulfilled.

Deuteronomy 30:3: *Then Adonai, your God, will bring back your captivity and have mercy upon you, and He will gather you in from all the peoples to which Adonai, your God has scattered you.*

Ezekiel 37:21: *Say to them, Thus said the Lord Adonai/ELOHIM: Behold, I am taking the Children of Israel from among the nations to which they have gone; I will gather them from all around and I will bring them to their soil; I will make them into one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel, and one king will be a king for them all;...*

On May 14, 1948 the United Nations signed a document granting statehood to Israel fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 66:8.

Isaiah 66:8: *Who has heard such as this? Who has seen such as these? Has a land ever gone through it's labor in one day? Has a nation ever been born at one time, as Zion went through her labor and gave birth to her children?*

Not much has changed in the Jewish mind in the last 4700 years when God spoke to Moses. **Exodus 32:9:** *"Adonai said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people." Stiff-necked refers to a stubborn people.*

Pray that God will give you a new heart according to Jeremiah 31:31.

Jeremiah 31:31: (OT) *Behold, days are coming, the word of Adonai, when I will seal a renewed covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah: not like the covenant that I sealed with their forefathers on the day that I took hold of their hand to take them out of the land of Egypt, for they abrogated My covenant, although I became their Master, the Word of Adonai. For this is the covenant that I shall seal with the House of Israel after those days, the word of Adonai. I will place my Torah within them **and I will write it onto their heart**; I will be a God for them and they will be a people for Me.*

Isaiah 8:13-16: (OT)

Adonai, Master of Legions, Him shall you sanctify; He is your reverence, and He is your strength. He shall be a sanctuary, but also a striking stone and a stumbling rock, for the two houses of Israel; a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many people will stumble over them; they will fall down and be broken, trapped and ensnared.

Zechariah 14:16-17: (OT)

It shall be that all who are left over from all the nations who invaded Jerusalem will come up every year to worship **the King, Adonai, Master of Legions**, and to celebrate the festival of Succos. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the land does not go up to Jerusalem to bow down before **the King, Adonai, Master of Legions**, there will be no rain upon them.

Isaiah 6:1-5: (OT)

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting upon a high and lofty throne; high and lifted up, and it's legs filled the Temple. Seraphim were standing above, at His service. Each one had six wings; with two it would cover its face, with two it would cover its legs, and with two it would fly. And one would call to another and say "Holy, holy, holy is **Adonai, Master of Legions**; the whole world is filled with His glory." The doorposts moved many cubits at the sound of the calling, and the Temple became filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am doomed: I am a man of impure lips, for my eyes have seen the King, Adonai, Master of Legions."

"Adonai, Master of Legions" appears 235 times in 14 books in the TANAKH.

1st Samuel: 5 times; 2nd Samuel: 5 times; 1st Kings: 1 time; 2nd Kings: 1 time; 1st Chronicles: 3 times; Psalms: 6 times; Isaiah: 44 times; Jeremiah: 71 times; Micah: 1 time; Nahum: 1 time; Zephaniah: 2 times; Haggai: 4 times; Zechariah: 45 times; Malachi: 24 times.

In the King James and New American Standard Bibles, "Adonai, Master of Legions" appears as "Lord of Hosts". Interesting that the Jewish rabbis that did the translation for the Artscroll Tanakh put Adonai before the words "Master of Legions" in all these 235 occurrences. The Orthodox Jews are not allowed to say God's real name, so they use the Hebrew word "HaShem" which translates to "The name" in some translations and or "Adonai" in other translations. So, it is clear the rabbis are saying "Master of Legions" is God. It is very clear from the Above passages that this is the Messiah Himself, with the name Master of Legions.

The Messiah walked the earth with another name and appeared to others as "the Angel of the Lord" The precise identity of the "angel of the Lord" is not given in the Bible. However, there are many important "clues" to his identity. There are Old and New Testament references to "angels of the Lord," "an angel of the Lord," and "the angel of the Lord." It seems when the definite article "the" is used, it is specifying a unique being, separate from the other angels. **The angel of the Lord speaks as God, identifies Himself with God, and exercises the responsibilities of God** (Genesis 16:7-12; 21:17-18; 22:11-18; Exodus 3:2; Judges 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; 2 Samuel 24:16; Zechariah 1:12; 3:1; 12:8 appearing a total of 78 times). In several of these appearances, those who saw the angel of the Lord feared for their lives because they had "seen the Lord." Therefore, in at least some instances, the angel of the Lord is a theophany, an appearance of God in physical form. (Exodus 33:20:He said "You will not be able to see My face, for no human can see ME and live.")

Exodus 3:2-6: (OT)

The angel of Adonai appeared to him in a blaze of fire from amid the bush. He saw and behold! the bush was burning in the fire but the bush was not consumed. Moses thought, "I will turn aside now and look at this great sight-why will the bush not be burned?" Adonai saw that he turned aside to see; and God called out to him from amid the bush and said, "Moses, Moses," and he replied, "Here I am!" He said, "Do not come closer to here, remove your shoes from your feet, **for the place upon which you stand is holy ground.**"

Numbers 22:31-35: (OT)

Then Adonai uncovered Balaam's eyes and he saw **the angel of Adonai** standing on the road with his sword drawn in his hand. He bowed his head and prostrated himself on his face. **The angel of Adonai** said to him, "For what reason did you strike your she-donkey these three times? Behold! I went out to impede, for you hastened on a road to oppose me. The she-donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. Had it not turned away from me, I would now even have killed you and let it live!" Balaam said to **the angel of Adonai** "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing opposite me on the road. And now if it is evil in your eyes, I shall return".

Genesis 21:17-18:

God heard the cry of the youth, and **the angel of Adonai** called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar?"

Another name Messiah has used is **the son of man.**

The above verses in Psalms say so much and need further explanation. Here we have Messiah "**Adonai, Master of Legions, please return; look down from heaven and see, and be mindful of this vine.**" Messiah walked the earth as Yeshua Jesus ~2000 years ago. Now this verse says to "**please return**" from heaven and "**be mindful of this vine**", Israel. A part of God's right hand is the son Yeshua, referred to here as the "son of man". Jesus (Yeshua) referred to himself as the **son of man** in a few New Testament verses. The verse "**illuminate Your face that we may be saved**" is so descriptive of God's love, calling out for His chosen people, the Jews, to find Jesus and be saved.

Psalm 80:15-19: (OT)

O Adonai, Master of Legions, please return; look down from heaven and see, and be mindful of this vine. And the

Matthew 18:11: (NT)

"For **the Son of Man** has come to save that which was lost.

Luke:11:29-30 (NT) Jesus speaking to the crowd:

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also **the Son of Man** will be to this generation.

The above New Testament verses are Jesus' own words. Jesus a Jew from birth, as were all His disciples.

Isaiah 7:14: (OT)

Therefore, my Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the young woman will become pregnant and bear **a Son**, and you will name him Immanuel. (From Hebrew `immānū'el, literally: **God with us**.)

Isaiah 9:6-7: (OT) For a child has been born to us, **a son** has been given to us, and the dominion will rest on his shoulder; the **Wondrous Adviser, Mighty God, Eternal Father**, called his name Sar-shalom [Prince of Peace]; upon the one with the greatness in dominion and the boundless peace that will prevail on the throne of David and on his kingdom, to establish it and sustain it through justice and righteousness, **from now to eternity**. The zealotry of **Adonai, Master of Legions, will accomplish this!**

Wondrous Adviser, - Holy Spirit

Mighty God, - Jesus (**Adonai, Master of Legions**)

Eternal Father, - God

Zechariah 9:9: (OT) "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! For **Behold, your King** will come to you, righteous and victorious is he, a humble man riding upon a donkey, upon a foal, a calf of she-donkeys.

Proverbs 30:4 (OT)

Who ascended to heaven and descended? Who else gathered the wind in His palm? Who else tied the waters in a cloak? Who established all the ends of the earth? What is **His name** and what is **His son's name**? If you know!

Psalms 2:6-9: (OT)

"I Myself have anointed My King, over Zion, My holy mountain!" I am obliged to proclaim that Adonai said to me, "**You are My son**, I have begotten you this day. Ask of Me and I will make nations your inheritance, and the ends of the earth your possession. You will smash them with an iron rod; you will shatter them like a potter's vessel."

Isaiah 48:16: (OT)

Approach me, hear this: I did not speak in secrecy at first, From the time the decree (creation took place) was issued **I** was there. And now, **My Lord, Adonai/ELOHIM**, has sent **me** with **His spirit**. (Three persons, **3 in 1**)

Isaiah 42:5: (OT)

Thus says the God, Adonai, who created the heavens and stretched them forth; Who firmed the earth and its produce, Who gave **a soul** to the people upon it, and **a spirit** to those who walk on it: (Add your body for **3 in 1**.)

Genesis 3:22: (OT) And Adonai God said, "Behold Man has become like the Unique One among **US**, (**US**: Three persons, **3 in 1**) knowing good and bad;...

In Proverbs 30:4 above, is this Adonai's sense of humor when He says at the end of this verse "**If you know!**" or is this Adonai mocking the Jewish people for their stubbornness?

Psalms 118:20-23 (OT)

This is the **gate** of the Lord; The righteous will enter through it. ²¹I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation. ²²**The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.** ²³This is the Lord's doing; **It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Jeremiah 31:31:

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

Are most Jewish people today, like their ancestors, a stiff-necked people? (**Exodus 32:9**) This stiff neck description could help explain the statement in Psalm 118 where it says **The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.** Most Jewish people today have rejected Jesus as the promised Messiah and rejected God's new covenant promised in Jeremiah 31:31. My heart breaks for this group of people and like Jesus, I have cried over my Jewish friends, rejecting my witness, knowing what lies ahead for them.

Jesus did the same; *Now as He drew near, He saw the city **and wept** over it,... **Luke 19:41: (NT)***

I should preface my comments above by saying that today there are tens of thousands of Jewish believers that have accepted Jesus as their Messiah. They go by the name "Messianic Jews".

Isaiah 53:1-12: (OT)

Who would believe what we have heard! For whom has ***the arm of Adonai*** been revealed! Formerly he grew like a sapling or like a root from arid ground; he had neither form nor grandeur; we saw him, but without such visage that we could desire him. He was despised and isolated from men, a man of pains and accustomed to illness. As one from whom we would hide our faces; he was despised, and we had no regard for him. But in truth, it was our ills that he bore, and our pains that he carried, but we had regarded him diseased, stricken by God, and afflicted! ***He was pained because of our rebellious sins and oppressed through our iniquities***; the chastisement upon him was for our benefit, and ***through his wounds we were healed***. We have all strayed like sheep, each of us turning his own way, and ***Adonai inflicted upon him the iniquity of us all***. He was persecuted and afflicted, but he did not open his mouth; like sheep being led to the slaughter, or a ewe that is silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. Now that he has been released from captivity and judgement, who could have imagined such a generation? For he had been removed from the land of the living, an affliction upon them that was ***my people's sin***. He submitted himself to his grave like wicked men; and the wealthy to his executions, for committing no crime and with no deceit in his mouth. Adonai desired to oppress him and He afflicted him; if his soul would acknowledge guilt, he would see offspring and live long days and the desire of HASHEM would succeed in his hand. He would see and be satisfied with his soul's distress. With his knowledge My servant will vindicate the Righteous One to multitudes; it is their iniquities that he will carry. Therefore, I will assign him a portion from the multitudes and he will divide the mighty as spoils-in return for having poured out his soul for death and being counted among the wicked, for ***he bore the sin of the multitudes***, and prayed for the wicked.

The above is a perfect description of Jesus' crucifixion written 700 years before His birth

Zechariah 12:9-11: (OT) *It shall be on that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come upon Jerusalem. I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitant of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplications. They will look toward Me because of those whom they have stabbed; they will mourn over him as one mourns over an only [child] and be embittered over him like embitterment over a [deceased] firstborn. On that day the mourning will become intense in Jerusalem,...*

Revelation 1:7 (NT) *Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and ***every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him***; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.*

Daniel 9:24-26: *Seventy septets (490 years) have been decreed upon your people and upon your holy city to terminate transgression, ***to end sin***, to ***wipe away iniquity***, to bring ***everlasting righteousness***, to confirm the visions and prophets, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. Know and comprehend from the emergence of the word to return and to build Jerusalem, until the anointment of the prince will be seven septets, and for sixty two septets it will be rebuilt, street and moat, but in troubled times. Then after the sixty-two septets, ***an anointed one will be cut off and will exist no longer***;.....*

Messiah could only have come to earth at this exact time in history to fulfill the Daniel 9 prophecy. The Persian king Artaxerxes issued two decrees to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls and temple in Jerusalem at this specific time in Jewish history. For ~2500 years God taught the Jews "For the soul of the flesh is in the blood and I have assigned it for you upon the Altar to provide

*atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that atones for the soul". (Leviticus 17:11) All blood sacrifice was ended by the Jewish priests in 70 AD when the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem. For the next 37 years, from April 3, 0033 until 70 AD, after the crucifixion of Jesus, strange things were happening in the temple. On the morning of April 4th 0033, the temple doors were found open, and every day after, until 70 AD. Google "Yoma 39" (Talmud) for an explanation of the 6 things that had changed in these 37 years that put fear in the hearts of the Jewish priests. If you are of Jewish heritage, you must decide if Jesus is a liar, lunatic or God himself. John 8:58 (NT) *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM."**

We have now come into a period called Jacob's trouble: Jeremiah 30:5-8: *For thus said Adonai: "**A sound of terror have we heard; of fear, and not peace.**" Ask now and see if a male has ever given birth. Why [then], do I see that every man puts his hand upon his loins like a woman in childbirth, and all faces turn pallid? Woe! For that day will be momentous, there is nothing like it; it will be **a time of trouble for Jacob**, but he shall be saved from it. It shall be on that day-the word of **Adonai, Master of Legions**....* So, you have a choice to follow Jesus, your long-awaited Messiah, or not. It is at your peril if you chose **not!** The Coronavirus Plague, monkeypox, RSV, and the war with Russia invading Ukraine are just the start of Jacob's trouble. A financial crash with run-away inflation and nuclear war starting after 2024 awaits us all. On April 8th, 2024, God completes his 50-mile-wide total solar eclipse "X" He is drawing across the USA. Seven (7) years prior (August 21, 2017) was the 1st leg of the "X". (Published 7/27/2022)