

## ~POWER - POWERFUL WORKS (5675)

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• Power is the ability to perform acts, the capacity to accomplish things, to do work, also, authority or influence as a result of endowments or position.

• The Hebrew word *ko'ach* is translated, power, *gevu-rah'*, mightiness, and *'oz*, strength. The Greek *dy'na-mis* is translated both power and powerful works, as the context makes appropriate.

• At the close of the sixth creative day, God began resting from all his work that he had created for the purpose of making.

• And by the seventh day God came to the completion of his work that he had made, and he proceeded to rest on the seventh day from all his work that he had made. (**Genesis 2:2**)

• And God proceeded to bless the seventh day and make it sacred, because on it he has been resting from all his work that God has created for the purpose of making. (**Genesis 2:3**)

- He rested from **these creative** works, but his **power** has since not become dormant or remained quiescent. Over 4,000 years after the completion of earthly creation, his Son stated;
- But he answered them; My Father has kept working until now, and I keep working. (**John 5:17**)
- Not only as regards the spirit realm has Yehowah been active, the Bible record pulsates with his expressions of **power** and his **mighty** acts toward humankind.
- Though at times he has kept quiet exercising self-control, whenever his due time came to act he has taken vigorous action with **full might**.
- Like a **mighty** man Yehowah himself will go forth. Like a warrior he will awaken zeal. He will shout, yes, he will let out a war cry, over his enemies he will show himself **mightier**. (**Isaiah 42:13**)
- I have kept quiet for a long time. I continued silent. I kept exercising self-control. Like a woman giving birth I am going to groan, pant, and gasp at the same time. (**Isaiah 42:14**)
- Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh do rouse up your **mightiness**, and do come to our salvation. (**Psalms 80:2**)
- Look from heaven and see out of your lofty abode of holiness and beauty. Where are your zeal and your full might, the commotion of your inward parts, and your mercies? Toward me they have restrained themselves. (**Isaiah 63:15**)

### · Work, Indicates Purposeful Activity

- Yehowah's acts are not isolated, unrelated, or erratic expressions of energy but are coordinated, purposeful acts with a definite end in view. Although his **power** sustains the universe and the living creatures in it.
- The One giving food to all flesh, for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite. (**Psalms 136:25**)
- Praise him, all you his angels. Praise him, all you his army. (**Psalms 148:2**)

- **Praise him, you sun and moon. Praise him, all you stars of light. (Psalms 148:3)**
- **Praise him, you heavens of the heavens, and you waters that are above the heavens. (Psalms 148:4)**
- **Let them praise the name of Yehowah, for he himself commanded, and they were created. (Psalms 148:5)**
- **And he keeps them standing forever, to time indefinite. A regulation he has given, and it will not pass away. (Psalms 148:6)**
- **That you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens, since he makes his sun rise upon wicked people and good and makes it rain upon righteous people and unrighteous. (Matthew 5:45)**
- **Yehowah is not like an impersonal power plant, his acts prove he is a personal and purposeful God. He is also a historical God, as he has perceptively intervened in human affairs at definite dates of history, at specified places, and with regard to particular persons or peoples. As the living and true God.**
- **For they themselves keep reporting about the way we first entered in among you and how you turned to God from your idols to slave for a living and true God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9)**
- **After that Joshua said; By this you will know that a living God is in your midst, and that he will without fail drive away from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites. (Joshua 3:10)**
- **But Yehowah is in truth God. He is the living God and the King to time indefinite. Because of his indignation the earth will rock, and no nations will hold up under his denunciation. (Jeremiah 10:10)**
- **He has shown himself aware of all that is taking place in the universe, reacting according to what has occurred, as well as taking the initiative in furthering his purpose.**

- In every case, his varied expressions of **power** have been in harmony with his righteousness
- Sing to Yehowah a new song, for wonderful are the things that he has done. His right hand, even his holy arm, has gained salvation for him. (**Psalms 98:1**)
- Yehowah has made his salvation known, in the eyes of the nations he has revealed his righteousness. (**Psalms 98:2**)
- The works of Yehowah are great, searched for on the part of all those delighting in them. (**Psalms 111:2**)
- His activity is dignity and splendor themselves, and his righteousness is standing forever. (**Psalms 111:3**)
- The works of his hands are truth and judgment, trustworthy are all the orders he gives. (**Psalms 111:7**)
- And Yehowah of armies will become high through judgment, and the true God, the Holy One, will certainly sanctify himself through righteousness. (**Isaiah 5:16**)
- They all bring enlightenment to his creatures. They show on the one hand that fear of him is fitting, for he is a God exacting exclusive devotion and a consuming fire against those practicing wickedness, making it a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- In no way is there anyone like you, O Yehowah. You are great, and your name is great in **mightiness**. (**Jeremiah 10:6**)
- Who should not fear you, O King of the nations, for to you it is fitting, because among all the wise ones of the nations and among all their kingships there is in no way anyone like you. (**Jeremiah 10:7**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- For if we practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins

left. (**Hebrews 10:26**)

- But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition. (**Hebrews 10:27**)
- Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (**Hebrews 10:28**)
- Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the spirit of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)
- For we know him that said; Vengeance is mine. I will recompense. And again; Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (**Hebrews 10:31**)
- Wherefore, seeing that we are to receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us continue to have undeserved kindness, through which we may acceptably render God sacred service with godly fear and awe. (**Hebrews 12:28**)
- For our God is also a consuming fire. (**Hebrews 12:29**)
- He is not to be trifled with.
- Then Moses said; Here I am going forth from you, and I shall indeed make entreaty to Yehowah, and the gadflies will certainly turn away from Pharaoh, his servants and his people tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh trifle again in not sending the people away to sacrifice to Yehowah. (**Exodus 8:29**)
- On the other hand, his use of **power** is even more wonderfully manifest in rewarding righteous-hearted persons sincerely seeking him, strengthening them to do assigned tasks and needful work
- Happy are the men whose **strength** is in you, in whose heart are the highways. (**Psalms 84:5**)

- Passing along through the low plain of the baca bushes, they turn it into a spring itself, even with blessings the instructor enwraps himself. (**Psalms 84:6**)
- They will walk on from **vital energy** to **vital energy**, each one appears to God in Zion. (**Psalms 84:7**)
- He is giving to the tired one **power**, and to the one without dynamic energy he makes full might abound. (**Isaiah 40:29**)
- Boys will both **tire** out and grow weary, and young men themselves will without fail stumble. (**Isaiah 40:30**)
- But those who are hoping in Yehowah will regain **power**. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not tire out. (**Isaiah 40:31**)
- **As well as to endure under stress,**
- **God is for us a refuge and strength, a help that is readily to be found during distresses. (Psalms 46:1)**
- **For you have become a stronghold to the lowly one, a stronghold to the poor one in the distress that he has, a refuge from the rainstorm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the tyrannical ones is like a rainstorm against a wall. (Isaiah 25:4)**
- **Providing for and sustaining them,**
- **Yehowah is giving support to all who are falling, and is raising up all who are bowed down. (Psalms 145:14)**
- **To you the eyes of all look hopefully, and you are giving them their food in its season. (Psalms 145:15)**
- **You are opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing. (Psalms 145:16)**
- **Protecting, saving, and liberating them in times of danger and aggression.**
- **Now I do know that Yehowah certainly saves his anointed one. He answers him from his holy heavens with the saving mighty**

- acts of his right hand. ([Psalms 20:6](#))
- Some concerning chariots and others concerning horses, but, as for us, concerning the name of Yehowah our God we shall make mention. ([Psalms 20:7](#))
  - His eyes are roving about through all the earth to show his strength in behalf of those whose heart is complete toward him.
  - For, as regards Yehowah, his eyes are roving about through all the earth to show his strength in behalf of those whose heart is complete toward him. You have acted foolishly respecting this, for from now on there will exist wars against you. ([2 Chronicles 16:9](#))
  - Those who come to know him find his name to be a **strong** tower to which they can turn.
  - The name of Yehowah is a **strong** tower. Into it the righteous runs and is given protection. ([Proverbs 18:10](#))
  - Anyone dwelling in the secret place of the Most High will procure himself lodging under the very shadow of the Almighty One. ([Psalms 91:1](#))
  - I will say to Yehowah; You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I will trust. ([Psalms 91:2](#))
  - For he himself will deliver you from the trap of the birdcatcher, from the pestilence causing adversities. ([Psalms 91:3](#))
  - With his pinions he will block approach to you, and under his wings you will take refuge. His trueness will be a large shield and bulwark. ([Psalms 91:4](#))
  - You will not be afraid of anything dreadful by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. ([Psalms 91:5](#))
  - Nor of the pestilence that walks in the gloom, nor of the destruction that despoils at midday. ([Psalms 91:6](#))
  - A thousand will fall at your very side and ten thousand at your right hand, to you it will not come near. ([Psalms 91:7](#))

- Only with your eyes will you look on and see the retribution itself of the wicked ones. (**Psalms 91:8**)
- Knowledge of his **mighty** acts gives assurance that he hears the prayers of his trusting servants and is able to answer, if necessary, with fear-inspiring things in righteousness.
- O Hearer of prayer, even to you people of all flesh will come. (**Psalms 65:2**)
- With fear-inspiring things in righteousness you will answer us, o God of our salvation, the Trust of all the borders of the earth and those far away on the sea. (**Psalms 65:5**)
- In a figurative sense, he is near and hence can be swift in responding.
- Yehowah is near to all those calling upon him, to all those who call upon him in trueness. (**Psalms 145:18**)
- The desire of those fearing him he will perform, and their cry for help he will hear, and he will save them. (**Psalms 145:19**)
- Now to the one who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you unblemished in the sight of his glory with great joy. (**Jude 1:24**)
- To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority for all past eternity and now and into all eternity. Amen. (**Jude 1:25**)

### •• Power Manifest In Creation

- Human's see evidence of **power** in all physical creation, in the immense and countless stellar bodies.
- Can you tie fast the bonds of the Kimah constellation, or can you loosen the very cords of the Kesil constellation? (**Job 38:31**)
- Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth constellation in its appointed time? And as for the Ash constellation alongside its sons, can you conduct them? (**Job 38:32**)
- Have you come to know the statutes of the heavens, or could you



put its authority in the earth? (**Job 38:33**)

- **As well as in all earthly things. The very soil is spoken of as having power.**
- **When you cultivate the ground, it will not give you back its power. A wanderer and a fugitive you will become in the earth. (**Genesis 4:12**)**
- **Producing food that gives strength**
- **And now, please, you, in turn, obey the voice of your maidservant, and let me set before you a piece of bread, and you eat, that power may come to be in you, because you will go on your way. (**1 Samuel 28:22**)**
- **And power is seen in all living things plants, animals, and man. In modern times the tremendous power potential in even the minute atomic elements forming all matter has also become well known. Scientists sometimes call matter organized energy.**
- **Throughout the Scriptures the power and dynamic energy of God as the Maker of heaven and earth are repeatedly highlighted.**
- **But to whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal? Says the Holy One. (**Isaiah 40:25**)**
- **Raise your eyes high up and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who is bringing forth the army of them even by number, all of whom he calls even by name. Due to the abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing. (**Isaiah 40:26**)**
- **He is the Maker of the earth by his power, the One firmly establishing the productive land by his wisdom, and the One who by his understanding stretched out the heavens. (**Jeremiah 10:12**)**
- **Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here you yourself have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm. The whole matter is not too wonderful for you yourself. (**Jeremiah 32:17**)**

- The very term for God in Hebrew *'El* probably has the root meaning of **mighty** or **powerful**. The use of the term at;
- It is in the power of my hand to do harm to you people, but the God of your father talked to me last night, saying; Watch yourself against speaking either good or bad with Jacob. (**Genesis 31:29**)
- In the expression, **the power *'el* of my hand**.
- **Need For Special Demonstrations Of Power**
- The first man knew Yehowah God as his Creator, his only Parent and Life-Giver. God endowed man with a measure of **power**, intellectual and physical, and gave him work to perform.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)
- And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (**Genesis 1:27**)
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)
- And Yehowah God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)
- Such exercise of **power** must harmonize with his Creators will and hence be governed by other qualities divinely granted, such as wisdom, justice, and love.
- The rebellion in Eden presented a challenge to God's sovereignty. Primarily a moral issue, it nevertheless has caused God to exercise his power in special ways.

- The rebellion was instigated by a spirit son of God who thereby became God's opposer or resister, **Hebrew, *sa-tan'***. Yehowah reacted to the situation, judging the rebels.
- His expulsion of the human pair from Eden and the stationing of his loyal spirit creatures at the gardens entrance was a demonstration of divine power.
- At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (**Genesis 3:4**)
- For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
- In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
- And Yehowah God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in knowing good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of life and eat and live to time indefinite. (**Genesis 3:22**)
- With that Yehowah God put him out of the garden of Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken. (**Genesis 3:23**)
- And so he drove the man out and posted at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubs and the flaming blade of a sword that was turning itself continually to guard the way to the tree of life. (**Genesis 3:24**)
- Yehowah's word proved to be, not impotent, weak, or wavering, but full of **power**, irresistible as to fulfillment.
- Is not my word correspondingly like a fire, is the utterance of Yehowah, and like a forge hammer that smashes the crag? (**Jeremiah 23:29**)
- As the Sovereign God, he proved ready and able to back up his word with the full weight of his authority.

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- **Fixing his purpose, Yehowah has consistently worked toward its realization.**
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. ([Genesis 3:15](#))**
- **This he caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and good sense. ([Ephesians 1:8](#))**
- **In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself ([Ephesians 1:9](#))**
- **For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. ([Ephesians 1:10](#))**
- **In union with whom we were also assigned as heirs, in that we were foreordained according to the purpose of him who operates all things according to the way his will counsels. ([Ephesians 1:11](#))**
- **In his due time he would end all earthly rebellion, cause the original spirit rebel and those allied with him to be crushed as one crushes the head of a serpent.**
- **For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you. ([Romans 16:20](#))**
- **While allowing his spirit Adversary to continue for a time and to endeavor to prove successful his challenge, Yehowah would not abdicate his sovereign position. Exercising rightful authority, he would reward or punish when and as he saw fit, judging men according to their deeds.**
- **And Yehowah went passing by before his face and declaring; Yehowah, Yehowah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. ([Exodus 34:6](#))**
- **Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and**

transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Exodus 34:7**)

- **Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here you yourself have made the heavens and the earth by your great **power** and by your outstretched arm. The whole matter is not too wonderful for you yourself. (**Jeremiah 32:17**)**
- **The One exercising loving-kindness toward thousands, and repaying the error of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them, the true God, the great One, the mighty One, Yehowah of armies being his name. (**Jeremiah 32:18**)**
- **Great in counsel and abundant in acts, you whose eyes are opened upon all the ways of the sons of men, in order to give to each one according to his ways and according to the fruitage of his dealings. (**Jeremiah 32:19**)**
- **Additionally, he would use his **power** to attest the credentials of those whom he designated as his representatives on earth. By revealing his **power**, he would put the seal of genuineness on messages they delivered.**

### **·· This Has Been A Divine Kindness**

- **Thereby Yehowah has given men proof that he, and no other, is the true God, he has given proof of his worthiness to receive the fear, respect, trust, praise, and love of his intelligent creatures.**
- **Be courageous, and may your heart be strong, all you who are waiting for Yehowah. (**Psalms 31:24**)**
- **Turn to me and show me favor. Do give your strength to your servant, and do save the son of your slave girl. (**Psalms 86:16**)**
- **Work out with me a sign meaning goodness, that those hating me may see it and be ashamed. For you yourself, O Yehowah, have helped me and comforted me. (**Psalms 86:17**)**
- **Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not gaze about, for I am your God. I will fortify you. I will really help you. I will really keep fast hold of you with my right hand of righteousness.**

**(Isaiah 41:10)**

- **Look! All those getting heated up against you will become ashamed and be humiliated. The men in a quarrel with you will become as nothing and will perish. (Isaiah 41:11)**
- **You will search for them, but you will not find them, those men in a struggle with you. They will become as something nonexistent and as nothing, those men at war with you. (Isaiah 41:12)**
- **For I, Yehowah your God, am grasping your right hand, the One saying to you, Do not be afraid. I myself will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)**
- **Over the centuries, Yehowah has repeatedly assured his servants that his power has not waned, his hand has not grown short, and his ear has not become too heavy to hear.**
- **At this Yehowah said to Moses; The hand of Yehowah is cut short, is it? Now you will see whether what I say befalls you or not. (Numbers 11:23)**
- **Have you not come to know or have you not heard? Yehowah, the Creator of the extremities of the earth, is a God to time indefinite. He does not tire out or grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding. (Isaiah 40:28)**
- **Why is it that, when I came in, there was no one? When I called, there was nobody answering? Has my hand become in fact so short that it cannot redeem, or is there in me no power to deliver? Look! With my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make rivers a wilderness. Their fish stink due to there being no water, and they die because of thirst. (Isaiah 50:2)**
- **Look! The hand of Yehowah has not become too short that it cannot save, nor has his ear become too heavy that it cannot hear. (Isaiah 59:1)**
- **More important, these expressions of power have contributed toward the sanctifying and vindicating of Yehowah's own name. His use of power exalts him, it does not debase him, does not sully his reputation, rather, by it he makes a beautiful name for himself.**
- **Look! God himself acts exaltedly with his **power**, who is an**

instructor like him? (**Job 36:22**)

- Who has called his way to account against him, and who has said; You have committed unrighteousness? (**Job 36:23**)
- As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in **power**, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (**Job 37:23**)
- Therefore let men fear him. He does not regard any who are wise in their own heart. (**Job 37:24**)
- The One making His beautiful arm go at the right hand of Moses, the One splitting the waters from before them in order to make an indefinitely lasting name for his own self. (**Isaiah 63:12**)
- The One making them walk through the surging waters so that, like a horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble? (**Isaiah 63:13**)
- Just as when a beast itself goes down into the valley plain, the very spirit of Yehowah proceeded to make them rest. Thus you led your people in order to make a beautiful name for your own self. (**Isaiah 63:14**)

## •• Prior To And At The Global Flood

- In the pre-Flood period, men had ample evidence of God's **power**. They knew the way back into Eden was impassable, blocked by **powerful** spirit creatures.
- God showed he was alive to what was going on, approving Abel's sacrifice, expressing judgment upon his murderous brother Cain, yet warning men against executing Cain.
- And so he drove the man out and posted at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubs and the flaming blade of a sword that was turning itself continually to guard the way to the tree of life. (**Genesis 3:24**)
- Later she again gave birth, to his brother Abel. And Abel came to be a herder of sheep, but Cain became a cultivator of the ground. (**Genesis 4:2**)

- **And it came about at the expiration of some time that Cain proceeded to bring some fruits of the ground as an offering to Yehowah. (Genesis 4:3)**
- **But as for Abel, he too brought some firstlings of his flock, even their fatty pieces. Now while Yehowah was looking with favor upon Abel and his offering. (Genesis 4:4)**
- **He did not look with any favor upon Cain and upon his offering. And Cain grew hot with great anger, and his countenance began to fall. (Genesis 4:5)**
- **At this Yehowah said to Cain; Why are you hot with anger and why has your countenance fallen? (Genesis 4:6)**
- **If you turn to doing good, will there not be an exaltation? But if you do not turn to doing good, there is sin crouching at the entrance, and for you is its craving, and will you, for your part, get the mastery over it? (Genesis 4:7)**
- **After that Cain said to Abel his brother; Let us go over into the field. So it came about that while they were in the field Cain proceeded to assault Abel his brother and kill him. (Genesis 4:8)**
- **Later on Yehowah said to Cain; Where is Abel your brother? And he said; I do not know. Am I my brothers guardian? (Genesis 4:9)**
- **At this he said; What have you done? Listen! Your brothers blood is crying out to me from the ground. (Genesis 4:10)**
- **And now you are cursed in banishment from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brothers blood at your hand. (Genesis 4:11)**
- **When you cultivate the ground, it will not give you back its power. A wanderer and a fugitive you will become in the earth. (Genesis 4:12)**
- **At this Cain said to Yehowah; My punishment for error is too great to carry. (Genesis 4:13)**
- **Here you are actually driving me this day from off the surface of the ground, and from your face I shall be concealed, and I must**



- become a wanderer and fugitive on the earth, and it is certain that anyone finding me will kill me. ([Genesis 4:14](#))
- **At this Yehowah said to him; For that reason anyone killing Cain must suffer vengeance seven times. And so Yehowah set up a sign for Cain in order, that no one finding him should strike him. ([Genesis 4:15](#))**
  - **Some 1,400 years later, the earth became filled with wickedness and violence.**
  - **Now it came about that when men started to grow in numbers on the surface of the ground and daughters were born to them. ([Genesis 6:1](#))**
  - **Then the sons of the true God began to notice the daughters of men, that they were good-looking, and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose. ([Genesis 6:2](#))**
  - **After that Yehowah said; My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. ([Genesis 6:3](#))**
  - **The Nephilim proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the true God continued to have relations with the daughters of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty ones who were of old, the men of fame. ([Genesis 6:4](#))**
  - **Consequently Yehowah saw that the badness of man was abundant in the earth and every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only bad all the time. ([Genesis 6:5](#))**
  - **And the earth came to be ruined in the sight of the true God and the earth became filled with violence. ([Genesis 6:11](#))**
  - **So God saw the earth and, look! It was ruined, because all flesh had ruined its way on the earth. ([Genesis 6:12](#))**
  - **God expressed displeasure at this situation. After sounding a warning through his servant Noah, he forcefully demonstrated by means of a global Flood that he would not allow wicked men to ruin the earth.**

- **He did not use his power to force them to worship him but, through Noah's work as a preacher of righteousness, gave them opportunity to change. At the same time he showed his ability to liberate righteous-hearted persons from evil circumstances.**
- **Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (2 Peter 2:4)**
- **And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. (2 Peter 2:5)**
- **Yehowah knows how to deliver people of godly devotion out of trial, but to reserve unrighteous people for the day of judgment to be cut off. (2 Peter 2:9)**
- **Even as his judgment came upon the wicked suddenly and his destruction of them did not slumber but wiped them out within a 40-day period, so he would act in similar ways in the future.**
- **Also, with covetousness they will exploit you with counterfeit words. But as for them, the judgment from of old is not moving slowly, and the destruction of them is not slumbering. (2 Peter 2:3)**
- **And the deluge went on for forty days upon the earth, and the waters kept increasing and began carrying the ark and it was floating high above the earth. (Genesis 7:17)**
- **And the waters became overwhelming and kept increasing greatly upon the earth, but the ark kept going on the surface of the waters. (Genesis 7:18)**
- **And the waters overwhelmed the earth so greatly that all the tall mountains that were under the whole heavens came to be covered. (Genesis 7:19)**
- **Up to fifteen cubits the waters overwhelmed them and the mountains became covered. (Genesis 7:20)**
- **So all flesh that was moving upon the earth expired, among the flying creatures and among the domestic animals and among the**

- wild beasts and among all the swarms that were swarming upon the earth, and all mankind. ([Genesis 7:21](#))
- Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. ([Genesis 7:22](#))
  - Thus he wiped out every existing thing that was on the surface of the ground, from man to beast, to moving animal and to flying creature of the heavens, and they were wiped off the earth, and only Noah and those who were with him in the ark kept on surviving. ([Genesis 7:23](#))
  - For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ([Matthew 24:37](#))
  - For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. ([Matthew 24:38](#))
  - And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ([Matthew 24:39](#))

### •• Challenge Of False God's In Post-Flood Era

- Both the Scriptures and ancient secular records reveal mens deviation from worship of the true God in the post-Flood period. There is strong evidence that Nimrod, who displayed himself as a mighty hunter in opposition to Yehowah, played a major role in this, and there is evidence pointing to Babel, or Babylon, as the major site where false worship developed.
- And Cush became father to Nimrod. He made the start in becoming a mighty one in the earth. ([Genesis 10:8](#))
- He displayed himself a mighty hunter in opposition to Yehowah. That is why there is a saying; Just like Nimrod a mighty hunter in opposition to Yehowah. ([Genesis 10:9](#))
- And the beginning of his kingdom came to be Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ([Genesis 10:10](#))
- Out of that land he went forth into Assyria and set himself to

building Nineveh and RehobothIr and Calah (**Genesis 10:11**)

- **And Resen between Nineveh and Calah, this is the great city. (Genesis 10:12)**
- **Now all the earth continued to be of one language and of one set of words. (Genesis 11:1)**
- **And it came about that in their journeying eastward they eventually discovered a valley plain in the land of Shinar, and they took up dwelling there. (Genesis 11:2)**
- **And they began to say, each one to the other; Come on! Let us make bricks and bake them with a burning process. So brick served as stone for them, but bitumen served as mortar for them. (Genesis 11:3)**
- **They now said; Come on! Let us build ourselves a city and also a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a celebrated name for ourselves, for fear we may be scattered over all the surface of the earth. (Genesis 11:4)**
- **That is why its name was called Babel, because there Yehowah had confused the language of all the earth, and Yehowah had scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth. (Genesis 11:9)**
- **The tower project proposed at Babel was a demonstration of human power and ability, independent of God, unauthorized by him. It was to bring reputation and fame to its builders, not to God. And, as God realized, this would be only the beginning.**
- **It could lead to a series of ambitious power projects taking men on a course farther and farther away from the true God, in defiance of him and his purpose for the planet and for the human race.**
- **Again, God stepped in, throwing the project into confusion by acting upon human powers of speech, causing the peoples to disperse throughout the globe.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to go down to see the city and the tower that the sons of men had built. (Genesis 11:5)**
- **After that Yehowah said; Look! They are one people and there is**

one language for them all, and this is what they start to do. Why, now there is nothing that they may have in mind to do that will be unattainable for them. (**Genesis 11:6**)

- Come now! Let us go down and there confuse their language that they may not listen to one another's language. (**Genesis 11:7**)
- Accordingly Yehowah scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth, and they gradually left off building the city. (**Genesis 11:8**)
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**See Also BABEL**

**See Also BABYLON 1**

**See Also GODS AND GODDESSES**

#### **· Nature God's, Contrasted With The True God**

- Ancient documents from Babylon and from points of mankind's migration show that the worship of nature gods such as the Babylonian sun-god Shamash, the Egyptian rain and thunder god Thoth, and the Canaanite fertility god Baal became very prominent in those early times.
- The nature gods were associated in mens minds with periodic or cyclic manifestations of **power**, such as the daily beaming forth of the suns rays, the seasonal results of solstices and equinoxes, producing summer and winter, spring and fall, the winds and storms, the falling of rain and its effect on earth's fertility in seedtime and harvest, and similar evidences of power.
- These forces are impersonal. So men had to fill in the blank, providing personality for their gods by their own imagination. **The personalities they conjured up for their gods were generally capricious, they lacked any definite purpose, were morally debased, and were unworthy of worship and service.**
- Yet the visible heavens and earth give clear proof of a superior Source of power that produced all these forces in an interrelated,

coordinated arrangement, one giving undeniable evidence of intelligent purpose.

- To that Source the acclamation goes; You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the **power**, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created.
- You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the **power**, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. (**Revelation 4:11**)
- Yehowah is not a God governed by or limited to celestial or earthly cycles. Nor are his expressions of **power** capricious, erratic, or inconsistent. In each case they reveal something about his personality, his standards, his purpose.
- The **Theological Dictionary of the New Testament**, edited by G. Kittel, in treating the view of God contained in the Hebrew Scriptures, thus observes that **the important and predominant feature is not force or power but the will which this power must execute and therefore serve. This is everywhere the decisive feature.** [Translated and edited by G. Bromiley, 1971, Vol. II, p. 291]
- The worship of such nature gods by the Israelites was apostasy, **a suppression of truth in favor of a lie**, an unreasoning course of worshiping the creation rather than the One who created it, this is what the apostle states at;
- For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are suppressing the truth in an unrighteous way. (**Romans 1:18**)
- Because what may be known about God is manifest among them, for God made it manifest to them. (**Romans 1:19**)
- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)
- Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor did they thank him, but they became empty-headed in

their reasonings and their unintelligent heart became darkened.  
(Romans 1:21)

- Although asserting they were wise, they became foolish.  
(Romans 1:22)
- And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (Romans 1:23)
- Therefore God, in keeping with the desires of their hearts, gave them up to uncleanness, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. (Romans 1:24)
- Even those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and venerated and rendered sacred service to the creation rather than the One who created, who is blessed forever. Amen.  
(Romans 1:25)
- Though invisible, Yehowah God had made his qualities manifest among men, for as Paul says, these are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable.

#### •• God's Control Of Natural Forces Distinctive

- To prove himself the true God, Yehowah might reasonably be expected to demonstrate his control over the created forces, doing so in a way that would be distinctly connected with his name.
- For I myself well know that Yehowah is great, and our Lord is more than all other gods. (Psalms 135:5)
- Everything that Yehowah delighted to do he has done in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and all the watery deeps.  
(Psalms 135:6)
- Since the sun, moon, planets, and stars follow their regular courses, since the earthly atmospheric conditions, producing wind, rain, and other effects, obey the laws governing them, since locusts swarm and birds migrate, then these and many other normal functions would not suffice to sanctify God's name in the face of opposition and false worship.

- **Nevertheless, Yehowah God could cause the natural creation and elements to testify to his godship by using them to fulfill specific purposes beyond their ordinary function, often at a specifically designated time.**
- **Even when the events, such as a drought, a rainstorm, or a similar weather condition, were not unique in themselves, their coming in fulfillment of Yehowah's prophecy made them distinctive.**
- **And Elijah the Tishbite from the inhabitants of Gilead proceeded to say to Ahab; As Yehowah the God of Israel before whom I do stand is living, there will occur during these years neither dew nor rain, except at the order of my word! (1 Kings 17:1)**
- **And it came about after many days that Yehowah's own word came to Elijah in the third year, saying; Go, show yourself to Ahab, as I am determined to give rain upon the surface of the ground. (1 Kings 18:1)**
- **Accordingly Elijah went to show himself to Ahab, while the famine was severe in Samaria. (1 Kings 18:2)**
- **Elijah now said to Ahab; Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the turmoil of a downpour. (1 Kings 18:41)**
- **And Ahab proceeded to go up to eat and drink. As for Elijah, he went up to the top of Carmel and began crouching to the earth and keeping his face put between his knees. (1 Kings 18:42)**
- **Then he said to his attendant; Go up, please. Look in the direction of the sea. So he went up and looked and then said; There is nothing at all. And he went on to say; Go back, for seven times. (1 Kings 18:43)**
- **And it came about at the seventh time that he got to say; Look! There is a small cloud like a man's palm ascending out of the sea. He now said; Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch up! And go down that the downpour may not detain you! (1 Kings 18:44)**
- **And it came about in the meantime that the heavens themselves darkened up with clouds and wind and a great downpour began to occur. And Ahab kept riding and made his way to Jezreel. (1 Kings 18:45)**



- **In most cases, though, the events were extraordinary in themselves, either because of their magnitude or intensity.**
- **Thus there came hail, and fire quivering in among the hail. It was very heavy, so that there had not occurred any like it in all the land of Egypt from the time it became a nation. ([Exodus 9:24](#))**
- **Or because they occurred in an unusual, even unheard of, way or at an abnormal time.**
- **In turn he said; Here I am concluding a covenant. Before all your people I shall do wonderful things that have never been created in all the earth or among all the nations, and all the people in the midst of whom you are will indeed see the work of Yehowah, because it is a fear-inspiring thing that I am doing with you. ([Exodus 34:10](#))**
- **Now, also, take your stand and see this great thing that Yehowah is doing before your eyes. ([1 Samuel 12:16](#))**
- **Is it not wheat harvest today? I shall call to Yehowah that he may give thunders and rain, then know and see that your evil is abundant that you have done in the eyes of Yehowah in asking for yourselves a king. ([1 Samuel 12:17](#))**
- **Upon that Samuel called to Yehowah, and Yehowah proceeded to give thunders and rain on that day, so that all the people were greatly in fear of Yehowah and of Samuel. ([1 Samuel 12:18](#))**
- **Similarly, the birth of a child was ordinary. But the birth of a child to a woman who had been sterile all her life and who had passed the age of childbirth, as in the case of Sarah, was extraordinary.**
- **So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was listening at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man. ([Genesis 18:10](#))**
- **And Abraham and Sarah were old, being advanced in years. Sarah had stopped having menstruation. ([Genesis 18:11](#))**
- **And Yehowah turned his attention to Sarah just as he had said; and Yehowah now did to Sarah just as he had spoken. ([Genesis](#)**

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- **And Sarah became pregnant and then bore a son to Abraham in his old age at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. (Genesis 21:2)**
- **It gave evidence of God's intervention. Death, too, was a common occurrence. But when the death came at a predicted time or in a preannounced way with the causative factor otherwise unknown, this was extraordinary, pointing to divine action.**
- **And this is the sign for you that will come to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. On one day both of them will die. (1 Samuel 2:34)**
- **Elisha now said; Listen, you men, to the word of Yehowah. This is what Yehowah has said; Tomorrow about this time a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley worth a shekel in the gateway of Samaria. (2 Kings 7:1)**
- **At that the adjutant upon whose hand the king was supporting himself answered the man of the true God and said; If Yehowah were making floodgates in the heavens, could this thing take place? To this he said; Here you are seeing it with your own eyes, but from it you will not eat. (2 Kings 7:2)**
- **Thus it happened to him like that, when the people kept trampling him in the gateway, so that he died. (2 Kings 7:20)**
- **Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; Look! I am sending you away from off the surface of the ground. This year you yourself must die, for you have spoken outright revolt against Yehowah. (Jeremiah 28:16)**
- **So Hananiah the prophet died in that year, in the seventh month. (Jeremiah 28:17)**
- **All these things proved Yehowah to be the true God, and the nature gods to be valueless gods.**
- **For all the gods of the peoples are valueless gods, but as for Yehowah, he has made the very heavens. (Psalms 96:5)**

## **·· Yehowah Proves Himself God To Abraham**

- **Abraham and his favored descendants Isaac and Jacob came to know God as Almighty in **power**.**
- **And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name Yehowah I did not make myself known to them. (**Exodus 6:3**)**
- **As their shield, he protected them and their families from the mighty ones of earth.**
- **So it happened that, as soon as Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians got to see the woman, that she was very beautiful. (**Genesis 12:14**)**
- **And the princes of Pharaoh also got to see her and they began praising her to Pharaoh, so that the woman was taken to the house of Pharaoh. (**Genesis 12:15**)**
- **And he treated Abram well on her account, and he came to have sheep and cattle and asses and menservants and maidservants and she-asses and camels. (**Genesis 12:16**)**
- **Then Yehowah touched Pharaoh and his household with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. (**Genesis 12:17**)**
- **With that Pharaoh called Abram and said; What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? (**Genesis 12:18**)**
- **Why did you say; She is my sister, so that I was about to take her as my wife? And now here is your wife. Take her and go! (**Genesis 12:19**)**
- **And Pharaoh issued commands to men concerning him, and they went escorting him and his wife and all that he had. (**Genesis 12:20**)**
- **After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. (**Genesis 14:13**)**

- **Thus Abram got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. (Genesis 14:14)**
- **And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. (Genesis 14:15)**
- **And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. (Genesis 14:16)**
- **Then the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, to the Low Plain of Shaveh, that is, the kings Low Plain. (Genesis 14:17)**
- **And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine, and he was priest of the Most High God. (Genesis 14:18)**
- **Then he blessed him and said; Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, producer of heaven and earth. (Genesis 14:19)**
- **And blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your oppressors into your hand! At that Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (Genesis 14:20)**
- **After these things the word of Yehowah came to Abram in a vision, saying; Do not fear, Abram. I am a shield for you. Your reward will be very great. (Genesis 15:1)**
- **Now Abraham moved camp from there to the land of the Negeb and took up dwelling between Kadesh and Shur and residing as an alien at Gerar. (Genesis 20:1)**
- **And Abraham repeated concerning Sarah his wife; She is my sister. With that Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. (Genesis 20:2)**
- **Afterward God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him; Here you are as good as dead because of the woman whom you have taken, since she is owned by another owner as his wife. (Genesis 20:3)**

- **However, Abimelech had not gone near her. Hence he said; Yehowah, will you kill a nation that is really righteous? (Genesis 20:4)**
- **Did not he say to me; She is my sister? And she, did not she too say; He is my brother? In the honesty of my heart and with innocency of my hands I have done this. (Genesis 20:5)**
- **That the true God said to him in the dream; I too have known that in the honesty of your heart you have done this, and I was also holding you back from sinning against me. That is why I did not allow you to touch her. (Genesis 20:6)**
- **But now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will make supplication for you. So keep living. But if you are not returning her, know that you will positively die, you and all who are yours. (Genesis 20:7)**
- **So Abimelech got up early in the morning and proceeded to call all his servants and to speak of all these things in their ears. And the men got very much afraid. (Genesis 20:8)**
- **Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him; What have you done to us, and what sin have I committed against you, in that you have brought upon me and my kingdom a great sin? Deeds that should not have been done you have done in connection with me. (Genesis 20:9)**
- **And Abimelech went on to say to Abraham; What did you have in view in that you have done this thing? (Genesis 20:10)**
- **To this Abraham said; It was because I said to myself, Doubtless there is no fear of God in this place, and they will certainly kill me because of my wife. (Genesis 20:11)**
- **And, besides, she is truly my sister, the daughter of my father, only not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. (Genesis 20:12)**
- **And it came about that, when God caused me to wander from the house of my father, then I said to her; This is your loving-kindness which you may exercise toward me; At every place where we shall come say of me; He is my brother. (Genesis**

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- **Following that Abimelech took sheep and cattle and menservants and maidservants and gave them to Abraham and returned to him Sarah his wife. (Genesis 20:14)**
- **Further Abimelech said; Here my land is available to you. Dwell where it is good in your eyes. (Genesis 20:15)**
- **And to Sarah he said; Here I do give a thousand silver pieces of money to your brother. Here it is for you a covering of the eyes to all who are with you, and before everybody, and you are cleared of reproach. (Genesis 20:16)**
- **And Abraham began to make supplication to the true God, and God proceeded to heal Abimelech and his wife and his slave girls, and they began bearing children. (Genesis 20:17)**
- **For Yehowah had tightly shut up every womb of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. (Genesis 20:18)**
- **Later on Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his confidential friend and Phicol the chief of his army. (Genesis 26:26)**
- **At this Isaac said to them; Why have you come to me, seeing that you yourselves hated me and so sent me away from your neighborhood? (Genesis 26:27)**
- **To this they said; We have unmistakably seen that Yehowah has proved to be with you. Hence we said; Let, please, an oath of obligation occur between us, between us and you, and let us conclude a covenant with you. (Genesis 26:28)**
- **That you will do nothing bad toward us just as we have not touched you and just as we have done only good toward you in that we sent you away in peace. You now are the blessed of Yehowah. (Genesis 26:29)**
- **He is Yehowah our God. His judicial decisions are in all the earth. (Psalms 105:7)**
- **He has remembered his covenant even to time indefinite, the word that he commanded, to a thousand generations. (Psalms**

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- **Which covenant he concluded with Abraham, and his sworn statement to Isaac. (Psalms 105:9)**
- **And which statement he kept standing as a regulation even to Jacob, as an indefinitely lasting covenant even to Israel. (Psalms 105:10)**
- **Saying; To you I shall give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance. (Psalms 105:11)**
- **This was when they happened to be few in number, yes, very few, and alien residents in it. (Psalms 105:12)**
- **And they kept walking about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people. (Psalms 105:13)**
- **He did not allow any human to defraud them, but on their account he reproved kings. (Psalms 105:14)**
- **Saying; Do not you men touch my anointed ones, and to my prophets do nothing bad. (Psalms 105:15)**
- **The birth of Isaac to aged parents demonstrated that nothing is too extraordinary for Yehowah.**
- **Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah? At the appointed time I shall return to you, next year at this time, and Sarah will have a son. (Genesis 18:14)**
- **And Yehowah turned his attention to Sarah just as he had said; and Yehowah now did to Sarah just as he had spoken. (Genesis 21:1)**
- **And Sarah became pregnant and then bore a son to Abraham in his old age at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. (Genesis 21:2)**
- **Accordingly Abraham called the name of his son who had been born to him, whom Sarah had borne to him, Isaac. (Genesis 21:3)**
- **God prospered his servants, he carried them through times of famine.**

- **Now a famine arose in the land and Abram made his way down toward Egypt to reside there as an alien, because the famine was severe in the land. (Genesis 12:10)**
- **Following that Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the Negeb. (Genesis 13:1)**
- **And Abram was heavily stocked with herds and silver and gold. (Genesis 13:2)**
- **Now there arose a famine in the land, besides the first famine that occurred in the days of Abraham, so that Isaac directed himself to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, to Gerar. (Genesis 26:1)**
- **Then Yehowah appeared to him and said; Do not go down to Egypt. Tabernacle in the land that I designate to you. (Genesis 26:2)**
- **Reside as an alien in this land, and I shall continue with you and bless you, because to you and to your seed I shall give all these lands, and I will carry out the sworn statement that I swore to Abraham your father. (Genesis 26:3)**
- **And I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and I will give to your seed all these lands, and by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves. (Genesis 26:4)**
- **Due to the fact that Abraham listened to my voice and continued to keep his obligations to me, my commands, my statutes, and my laws. (Genesis 26:5)**
- **So Isaac went on dwelling at Gerar. (Genesis 26:6)**
- **Afterward Isaac began to sow seed in that land, and in that year he was getting up to a hundred measures to one, as Yehowah was blessing him. (Genesis 26:12)**
- **Finally Abimelech said to Isaac; Move from our neighborhood, because you have grown far stronger than we are. (Genesis 26:16)**



- Then Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah out to the field to his flock. (**Genesis 31:4**)
- And he said to them; I am seeing the face of your father, that he is not the same toward me as formerly, but the God of my father has proved to be with me. (**Genesis 31:5**)
- And you yourselves certainly know that with all my power I have served your father. (**Genesis 31:6**)
- And your father has trifled with me and he has changed my wages ten times, but God has not allowed him to do me harm. (**Genesis 31:7**)
- If on the one hand he would say; The speckled ones will become your wages, then the whole flock produced speckled ones, but if on the other hand he would say; The striped ones will become your wages, then the whole flock produced striped ones. (**Genesis 31:8**)
- So God kept taking the herd of your father away and giving it to me. (**Genesis 31:9**)
- At last it came about at the time when the flock got in heat that I raised my eyes and saw a sight in a dream and here the he-goats springing upon the flock were striped, speckled and spotty. (**Genesis 31:10**)
- Then the angel of the true God said to me in the dream; Jacob! To which I said; Here I am. (**Genesis 31:11**)
- And he continued; Raise your eyes, please, and see all the he-goats springing upon the flock are striped, speckled and spotty, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. (**Genesis 31:12**)
- I am the true God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you vowed a vow to me. Now get up, go out of this land and return to the land of your birth. (**Genesis 31:13**)
- As the Judge of all the earth, Yehowah executed sentence on the infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, while preserving the life of faithful Lot and his daughters, doing so out of consideration for Abraham, his friend.

- **It is unthinkable of you that you are acting in this manner to put to death the righteous man with the wicked one so that it has to occur with the righteous man as it does with the wicked! It is unthinkable of you. Is the Judge of all the earth not going to do what is right? ([Genesis 18:25](#))**
- **Now Abraham made his way early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Yehowah. ([Genesis 19:27](#))**
- **Then he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the District and saw a sight. Why, here thick smoke ascended from the land like the thick smoke of a kiln! ([Genesis 19:28](#))**
- **And it came about that when God brought the cities of the District to ruin God kept Abraham in mind in that he took steps to send Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when overthrowing the cities among which Lot had been dwelling. ([Genesis 19:29](#))**
- **And the scripture was fulfilled which says; Abraham put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he came to be called, Yehowah's friend. ([James 2:23](#))**
- **With good reason these men had strong faith not only that God is alive but also that he is the powerful rewarder of those earnestly seeking him.**
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. ([Hebrews 11:6](#))**
- **Abraham, when called upon to sacrifice his beloved son, had sound basis for trusting in God's ability to raise up Isaac even from the dead.**
- **By faith Abraham, when he was tested, as good as offered up Isaac, and the man that had gladly received the promises attempted to offer up his only-begotten son. ([Hebrews 11:17](#))**
- **Although it had been said to him; What will be called your seed will be through Isaac. ([Hebrews 11:18](#))**
- **But he reckoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead, and from there he did receive him also in an illustrative**

way. (**Hebrews 11:19**)

- **And I will carry out my covenant between me and you and your seed after you according to their generations for a covenant to time indefinite, to prove myself God to you and to your seed after you. (**Genesis 17:7**)**
- **And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your alien residences, even the entire land of Canaan, for a possession to time indefinite, and I will prove myself God to them. (**Genesis 17:8**)**

### **· Proves To Be God To Israel**

- **To the nation of Israel down in Egypt, Yehowah promised; I shall indeed prove to be God to you, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God.**
- **Therefore say to the sons of Israel, I am Yehowah, and I shall certainly bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their slavery, and I shall indeed reclaim you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. (**Exodus 6:6**)**
- **And I shall certainly take you to me as a people, and I shall indeed prove to be God to you, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God who is bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt. (**Exodus 6:7**)**
- **Pharaoh trusted in the power of Egypt's gods and goddesses to counteract the workings of Yehowah. God purposely allowed Pharaoh to continue in his defiant course for a time. This extension of matters was so that Yehowah might show his power and have his name declared in all the earth.**
- **Then Yehowah said to Moses; Get up early in the morning and take a position in front of Pharaoh, and you must say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of the Hebrews has said; Send my people away that they may serve me. (**Exodus 9:13**)**
- **For at this time I am sending all my blows against your heart and upon your servants and your people, to the end that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. (**Exodus 9:14**)**

- **For by now I could have thrust my hand out that I might strike you and your people with pestilence and that you might be effaced from the earth. (Exodus 9:15)**
- **But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)**
- **As for me, I shall let Pharaoh's heart become obstinate, and I shall certainly multiply my signs and my miracles in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 7:3)**
- **And Pharaoh will not listen to you men, and I shall have to lay my hand upon Egypt and bring my armies, my people, the sons of Israel, out from the land of Egypt with great judgments. (Exodus 7:4)**
- **And the Egyptians will certainly know that I am Yehowah when I stretch out my hand against Egypt, and I shall indeed bring the sons of Israel out from their midst. (Exodus 7:5)**
- **It permitted the multiplying of God's signs and miracles.**
- **They set among them the matters of his signs, and the miracles in the land of Ham. (Psalms 105:27)**
- **The bringing of ten plagues demonstrating the Creators control over water, sunlight, insects, animals, and human bodies. (Exodus Chapters 7-12)**
- **In this, Yehowah proved distinct from the nature gods. These plagues, including darkness, storm, hail, swarms of locusts, and similar events, were predicted and came precisely as indicated. They were not mere coincidences or random occurrences. Advance warnings enabled those who heeded them to escape certain plagues.**
- **Here I am causing it to rain down tomorrow about this time a very heavy hail, the like of which has never occurred in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. (Exodus 9:18)**
- **And now send, bring all your livestock and all that is yours in the field under shelter. As for any man and beast that will be found in the field and not gathered into the house, the hail will have to come down upon them, and they will have to die. (Exodus 9:19)**

- **Anyone who feared Yehowah's word among Pharaoh's servants caused his own servants and his livestock to flee into the houses. (Exodus 9:20)**
- **But whoever did not set his heart to have any regard for Yehowah's word left his servants and his livestock in the field. (Exodus 9:21)**
- **Yehowah now said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:1)**
- **This month will be the start of the months for you. It will be the first of the months of the year for you. (Exodus 12:2)**
- **Speak to the entire assembly of Israel, saying; On the tenth day of this month they are to take for themselves each one a sheep for the ancestral house, a sheep to a house. (Exodus 12:3)**
- **But if the household proves to be too small for the sheep, then he and his neighbor close by must take it into his house according to the number of souls. You should compute each one proportionate to his eating as regards the sheep. (Exodus 12:4)**
- **The sheep should prove to be sound, a male, a year old, for you. You may pick from the young rams or from the goats. (Exodus 12:5)**
- **And it must continue under safeguard by you until the fourteenth day of this month, and the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel must slaughter it between the two evenings. (Exodus 12:6)**
- **And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the doorway belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (Exodus 12:7)**
- **And they must eat the flesh on this night. They should eat it roasted with fire and with unfermented cakes along with bitter greens. (Exodus 12:8)**
- **Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, cooked in water, but roast with fire, its head together with its shanks and its interior parts. (Exodus 12:9)**

- **And you must not leave any of it over till morning, but what is left over of it till morning you should burn with fire. (Exodus 12:10)**
- **And in this way you should eat it, with your hips girded, sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, and you must eat it in haste. It is Yehowah's Passover. (Exodus 12:11)**
- **And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast, and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am Yehowah. (Exodus 12:12)**
- **And the blood must serve as your sign upon the houses where you are, and I must see the blood and pass over you, and the plague will not come on you as a ruination when I strike at the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13)**
- **God could be selective as to the plagues effect, causing some to leave a specific area exempt, thereby identifying who were his approved servants.**
- **And on that day I shall certainly make the land of Goshen upon which my people are standing distinct, that no gadfly may exist there, in order, that you may know that I am Yehowah in the midst of the earth. (Exodus 8:22)**
- **And I shall indeed set a demarcation between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign will take place. (Exodus 8:23)**
- **Look! Yehowah's hand is coming upon your livestock that is in the field. On the horses, the asses, the camels, the herd and the flock there will be a very heavy pestilence. (Exodus 9:3)**
- **And Yehowah will certainly make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, and not a thing of all that belongs to the sons of Israel will die. (Exodus 9:4)**
- **Moreover, Yehowah set an appointed time, saying; Tomorrow Yehowah will do this thing in the land. (Exodus 9:5)**
- **Accordingly Yehowah did this thing on the next day, and all sorts of livestock of Egypt began to die, but not one of the livestock of**

- the sons of Israel died. (**Exodus 9:6**)
- **Then Pharaoh sent, and, look! Not so much as one of Israel's livestock had died. Nevertheless, Pharaoh's heart continued to be unresponsive, and he did not send the people away. (**Exodus 9:7**)**
  - **Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there occurred no hail. (**Exodus 9:26**)**
  - **He could start and stop the plagues at will.**
  - **In time Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said; Entreat Yehowah that he may remove the frogs from me and my people, as I want to send the people away that they may sacrifice to Yehowah. (**Exodus 8:8**)**
  - **Then Moses said to Pharaoh; You take the glory over me to say when I shall make entreaty for you and your servants and your people in order to cut the frogs off from you and your houses. Only in the Nile Rive will they be left. (**Exodus 8:9**)**
  - **To this he said; Tomorrow. So he said; It will be according to your word, in order, that you may know that there is no one else like Yehowah our God. (**Exodus 8:10**)**
  - **In that the frogs will certainly turn away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. Only in the Nile River will they be left. (**Exodus 8:11**)**
  - **So Moses said to him; As soon as I go out of the city I shall spread my hands up to Yehowah. The thunders will stop and the hail will not continue any longer, in order, that you may know that the earth belongs to Yehowah. (**Exodus 9:29**)**
  - **Though Pharaoh's magic-practicing priests appeared to duplicate the first two plagues, perhaps even trying to credit them to their Egyptian deities, their secret arts soon failed them, and they were obliged to acknowledge the finger of God in the execution of the third plague.**
  - **Nevertheless, the magic-practicing priests of Egypt proceeded to do the same thing with their secret arts, so that Pharaoh's heart continued to be obstinate, and he did not listen to them, just as**

**Yehowah had spoken. (Exodus 7:22)**

- **At that Aaron stretched his hand out over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs began to come up and to cover the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:6)**
- **However, the magic-practicing priests did the same thing by their secret arts and made the frogs come up over the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:7)**
- **Yehowah now said to Moses; Say to Aaron, Stretch your rod out and strike the dust of the earth, and it must become gnats in all the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:16)**
- **And they proceeded to do this. So Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and the gnats came to be on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:17)**
- **And the magic-practicing priests tried to do the same by their secret arts, in order to bring forth gnats, but they were unable. And the gnats came to be on man and beast. (Exodus 8:18)**
- **Hence the magic-practicing priests said to Pharaoh; It is the finger of God! But Pharaoh's heart continued to be obstinate, and he did not listen to them, just as Yehowah had spoken. (Exodus 8:19)**
- **They could not reverse the plagues and were themselves affected.**
- **And the magic-practicing priests were unable to stand before Moses as a result of the boils, because the boils had developed on the magic-practicing priests and on all the Egyptians. (Exodus 9:11)**
- **Yehowah proved himself God to Israel and near to them by reclaiming them with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.**
- **Therefore say to the sons of Israel, I am Yehowah, and I shall certainly bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their slavery, and I shall indeed reclaim you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. (Exodus 6:6)**



- **And I shall certainly take you to me as a people, and I shall indeed prove to be God to you, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God who is bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt. (Exodus 6:7)**
- **For what great nation is there that has gods near to it the way Yehowah our God is in all our calling upon him? (Deuteronomy 4:7)**
- **Following the destruction of Pharaoh's hosts in the Red Sea, the people of Israel began to fear Yehowah and to put faith in Yehowah and in Moses his servant.**
- **Israel also got to see the great hand that Yehowah put in action against the Egyptians, and the people began to fear Yehowah and to put faith in Yehowah and in Moses his servant. (Exodus 14:31)**

#### •• **Establishing The Law Covenant**

- **Before establishing the Law covenant with Israel, Yehowah performed miracles, providing water and food for the millions now in the desert region of Sinai and giving victory over attackers.**
- **Later Moses caused Israel to depart from the Red Sea and they went out to the wilderness of Shur and marched on for three days in the wilderness, but they did not find water. (Exodus 15:22)**
- **In time they came to Marah, but they were not able to drink the water from Marah because it was bitter. That is why he called its name Marah. (Exodus 15:23)**
- **And the people began to murmur against Moses, saying; What are we to drink? (Exodus 15:24)**
- **Then he cried out to Yehowah. So Yehowah directed him to a tree, and he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There He established for them a regulation and a case for judgment and there he put them to the test. (Exodus 15:25)**
- **And Yehowah spoke further to Moses, saying; (Exodus 16:11)**

- **I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying; Between the two evenings you will eat meat and in the morning you will be satisfied with bread, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God. (Exodus 16:12)**
- **Accordingly it occurred that in the evening the quails began to come up and cover the camp, and in the morning there had developed a layer of dew round about the camp. (Exodus 16:13)**
- **In time the layer of dew evaporated and here upon the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flaky thing, fine like hoarfrost upon the earth. (Exodus 16:14)**
- **When the sons of Israel got to see it, they began to say to one another; What is it? For they did not know what it was. Hence Moses said to them; It is the bread that Yehowah has given you for food. (Exodus 16:15)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Moses; Pass in front of the people and take with you some of the older men of Israel and your rod with which you struck the Nile River. Take it in your hand and you must walk on. (Exodus 17:5)**
- **Look! I am standing before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you must strike on the rock, and water must come out of it, and the people must drink it. Subsequently Moses did so under the eyes of the older men of Israel. (Exodus 17:6)**
- **So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the sons of Israel and because of their putting Yehowah to the test, saying; Is Yehowah in our midst or not? (Exodus 17:7)**
- **And the Amalekites proceeded to come and fight against Israel in Rephidim. (Exodus 17:8)**
- **At this Moses said to Joshua; Choose men for us and go out, fight against the Amalekites. Tomorrow I am stationing myself upon the top of the hill, with the rod of the true God in my hand. (Exodus 17:9)**
- **Then Joshua did just as Moses had said to him, in order to fight against the Amalekites, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. (Exodus 17:10)**

- **And it occurred that as soon as Moses would lift his hand up, the Israelites proved superior, but as soon as he would let down his hand, the Amalekites proved superior. (Exodus 17:11)**
- **When the hands of Moses were heavy, then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on this side and the other on that side, so that his hands held steady until the sun set. (Exodus 17:12)**
- **Hence Joshua vanquished Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (Exodus 17:13)**
- **Yehowah now said to Moses; Write this as a memorial in the book and propound it in Joshua's ears, I shall completely wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens. (Exodus 17:14)**
- **And Moses proceeded to build an altar and to call its name Yehowah-nissi. (Exodus 17:15)**
- **Saying; Because a hand is against the throne of Yah, Yehowah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. (Exodus 17:16)**
- **At the place previously appointed, Mount Sinai, Yehowah gave an awe-inspiring demonstration of his control over the created earthly forces.**
- **And on the third day when it became morning it came about that thunders and lightnings began occurring, and a heavy cloud upon the mountain and a very loud sound of a horn, so that all the people who were in the camp began to tremble. (Exodus 19:16)**
- **Moses now brought the people out of the camp to meet the true God, and they went taking their stand at the base of the mountain. (Exodus 19:17)**
- **And Mount Sinai smoked all over, due to the fact that Yehowah came down upon it in fire, and its smoke kept ascending like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain was trembling very much. (Exodus 19:18)**
- **When the sound of the horn became continually louder and**

louder, Moses began to speak, and the true God began to answer him with a voice. (**Exodus 19:19**)

- For you have not approached that which can be felt and which has been set aflame with fire, and a dark cloud and thick darkness and a tempest. (**Hebrews 12:18**)
- And the blare of a trumpet and the voice of words, on hearing which voice the people implored that no word should be added to them. (**Hebrews 12:19**)
- For the command was not bearable to them; And if a beast touches the mountain, it must be stoned. (**Hebrews 12:20**)
- Also, the display was so **fearsome** that Moses said; I am fearful and trembling. (**Hebrews 12:21**)
- **The nation had every reason to recognize the divine Source of the covenant and accept its terms with deep respect.**
- Now ask, please, concerning the former days that occurred before you, from the day that God created man on the earth and from one end of the heavens clear to the other end of the heavens; Was any great thing brought about like this or was anything heard like it? (**Deuteronomy 4:32**)
- Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of the middle of the fire the way you yourself have heard it, and kept on living? (**Deuteronomy 4:33**)
- Or did God attempt to come to take a nation to himself out of the midst of another nation with provings, with signs and with miracles and with war and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm and with great fearsomeness like all that Yehowah your God has done for you in Egypt before your eyes? (**Deuteronomy 4:34**)
- You, you have been shown, so as to know that Yehowah is the true God, there is no other besides him. (**Deuteronomy 4:35**)
- Out of the heavens he made you hear his voice so as to correct you, and upon the earth he made you see his great fire, and his words you heard from the middle of the fire. (**Deuteronomy 4:36**)

- **And you well know today, and you must call back to your heart that Yehowah is the true God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. There is no other. (Deuteronomy 4:39)**
- **Yehowah's remarkable use of Moses also gave real basis for people to accept with conviction the Pentateuch, the initial part of the Sacred Scriptures written by Moses hand, as divinely inspired.**
- **Your own eyes are the ones that saw what Yehowah did in the case of the Baal of Peor, that every man who walked after the Baal of Peor was the one whom Yehowah your God annihilated from your midst. (Deuteronomy 4:3)**
- **But you who are cleaving to Yehowah your God are all of you alive today. (Deuteronomy 4:4)**
- **See, I have taught you regulations and judicial decisions, just as Yehowah my God has commanded me, for you to do that way in the midst of the land to which you are going to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 4:5)**
- **And you must keep and do them, because this is wisdom on your part and understanding on your part before the eyes of the peoples who will hear of all these regulations, and they will certainly say; This great nation is undoubtedly a wise and understanding people. (Deuteronomy 4:6)**
- **For what great nation is there that has gods near to it the way Yehowah our God is in all our calling upon him? (Deuteronomy 4:7)**
- **And what great nation is there that has righteous regulations and judicial decisions like all this Law that I am putting before you today? (Deuteronomy 4:8)**
- **Only watch out for yourself and take good care of your soul, that you may not forget the things that your eyes have seen and that they may not depart from your heart all the days of your life, and you must make them known to your sons and to your grandsons. (Deuteronomy 4:9)**
- **The day that you stood before Yehowah your God in Horeb, when Yehowah said to me, Congregate the people together to me that I may let them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all**

- the days that they are alive on the soil and that they may teach their sons. (**Deuteronomy 4:10**)
- So you people came near and stood at the base of the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire up to midheaven, there was darkness, cloud and thick gloom. (**Deuteronomy 4:11**)
  - And Yehowah began to speak to you out of the middle of the fire. The sound of words was what you were hearing, but no form were you seeing, nothing but a voice. (**Deuteronomy 4:12**)
  - Only be courageous and very strong to take care to do according to all the Law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, in order, that you may act wisely everywhere you go. (**Joshua 1:7**)
  - This book of the Law should not depart from your mouth, and you must in an undertone read in it day and night, in order, that you may take care to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way successful and then you will act wisely. (**Joshua 1:8**)
  - When the authority of the Aaronic priesthood was questioned, Yehowah gave further visible confirmation. (**Numbers Chapters 16,17**)

### •• Conquest Of Canaan

- The conquest of seven nations of Canaan, more populous and mighty than Israel.
- When Yehowah your God at last brings you into the land to which you are going so as to take possession of it, he must also clear away populous nations from before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations more populous and mighty than you are. (**Deuteronomy 7:1**)
- And Yehowah your God will certainly abandon them to you, and you must defeat them. You should without fail devote them to destruction. You must conclude no covenant with them nor show them any favor. (**Deuteronomy 7:2**)
- Gave added testimony to Yehowah's godship.

- **And as for you, you have seen all that Yehowah your God did to all these nations on your account, because Yehowah your God was the one who was fighting for you. (Joshua 23:3)**
- **But it is to Yehowah your God that you should cleave, just as you have done down to this day. (Joshua 23:8)**
- **And Yehowah will drive away great and mighty nations from before you. As for you, not a man has stood before you down to this day. (Joshua 23:9)**
- **Just one man of you will chase a thousand, because Yehowah your God is the one who is fighting for you, just as he has promised you. (Joshua 23:10)**
- **And you must be on constant guard for your souls by loving Yehowah your God. (Joshua 23:11)**
- **His fame paved the way.**
- **But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)**
- **You who set signs and miracles in the land of Egypt down to this day and in Israel and among men, that you might make a name for your own self, just as at this day. (Jeremiah 32:20)**
- **And you proceeded to bring forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt, with signs and with miracles and with a strong hand and with a stretched-out arm and with great fearsomeness. (Jeremiah 32:21)**
- **And dread and the fear of Israel as his people weakened their opposers.**
- **No man will make a firm stand against you. The dread of you and the fear of you Yehowah your God will put before the face of all the land on which you will tread, just as he has promised you. (Deuteronomy 11:25)**
- **Peoples must hear, they will be agitated; Birth pangs must take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. (Exodus 15:14)**

- **At that time the sheiks of Edom will indeed be disturbed. As for the despots of Moab, trembling will take hold on them. All the inhabitants of Canaan will indeed be disheartened. (Exodus 15:15)**
- **Fright and dread will fall upon them. Because of the greatness of your arm they will be motionless like a stone; Until your people pass by, O Yehowah, until the people whom you have produced pass by. (Exodus 15:16)**
- **You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance; An established place that you have made ready for you to inhabit, O Yehowah, a sanctuary, O Yehowah, that your hands have established. (Exodus 15:17)**
- **Those opposing were all the more reprehensible therefore, for they had evidence that these were the people of the true God, to fight them was to fight against God.**
- **Some Canaanites wisely recognized Yehowah's superiority over their idol gods, as had others earlier, and sought his favor.**
- **Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men out secretly from Shittim as spies, saying; Go, take a look at the land and Jericho. So they went and came to the house of a prostitute woman whose name was Rahab, and they took up lodging there. (Joshua 2:1)**
- **And she went on to say to the men; I do know that Yehowah will certainly give you the land, and that the fright of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have become disheartened because of you. (Joshua 2:9)**
- **For we have heard how Yehowah dried up the waters of the Red Sea from before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, namely, Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. (Joshua 2:10)**
- **When we got to hear it, then our hearts began to melt, and no spirit has arisen yet in anybody because of you, for Yehowah your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. (Joshua 2:11)**



- **And now, please, swear to me by Yehowah that, because I have exercised loving-kindness toward you, you also will certainly exercise loving-kindness toward the household of my father, and you must give me a trustworthy sign. (Joshua 2:12)**
- **And you must preserve alive my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and all who belong to them, and you must deliver our souls from death. (Joshua 2:13)**

### •• **Sun And Moon Stand Still**

• **In acting on behalf of the besieged Gibeonites, Canaanites who put faith in him, Yehowah extended Israel's onslaught against the besieging forces by causing the sun and moon to hold their positions in relation to the viewpoint of those at the battle scene, postponing sunset for almost a days time.**

- **And it came about that as soon as Adonizedek the king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai and then devoted it to destruction, that just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king, and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were continuing in their midst. (Joshua 10:1)**
- **He became very much afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty ones. (Joshua 10:2)**
- **Consequently Adoni-zedek the king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham the king of Hebron and to Piram the king of Jarmuth and to Japhia the king of Lachish and to Debir the king of Eglon, saying; (Joshua 10:3)**
- **Come up to me and help me and let us strike Gibeon, because it has made peace with Joshua and the sons of Israel. (Joshua 10:4)**
- **At this they gathered together and went on up, five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, these and all their camps, and they proceeded to camp against Gibeon and to war against it. (Joshua 10:5)**
- **Upon that the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at**

**Gilgal, saying; Do not let your hand relax from your slaves. Come up to us quickly and do save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites inhabiting the mountainous region have collected together against us. (Joshua 10:6)**

- **So Joshua went on up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant mighty men. (Joshua 10:7)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Joshua; Do not be afraid of them, for into your hand I have given them. Not a man of them will stand against you. (Joshua 10:8)**
- **And Joshua proceeded to come against them by surprise. All night long he had gone up from Gilgal. (Joshua 10:9)**
- **And Yehowah went throwing them into confusion before Israel, and they began to slay them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and went pursuing them by way of the ascent of Bethhoron and slaying them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. (Joshua 10:10)**
- **And it came about that while they were fleeing from before Israel and were on the descent of Beth-horon, Yehowah hurled great stones from the heavens upon them as far as Azekah, so that they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword. (Joshua 10:11)**
- **It was then that Joshua proceeded to speak to Yehowah on the day of Yehowah's abandoning the Amorites to the sons of Israel, and he went on to say before the eyes of Israel; Sun, be motionless over Gibeon, and, moon, over the low plain of Aijalon. (Joshua 10:12)**
- **Accordingly the sun kept motionless, and the moon did stand still, until the nation could take vengeance on its enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun kept standing still in the middle of the heavens and did not hasten to set for about a whole day. (Joshua 10:13)**
- **And no day has proved to be like that one, either before it or after it, in that Yehowah listened to the voice of a man, for Yehowah himself was fighting for Israel. (Joshua 10:14)**

- **While this could mean a stopping of earth's rotation, it could have been accomplished by other means, such as a refraction of solar and lunar light rays to produce the same effect.**
- **Whatever the method employed, it demonstrated again that everything that Yehowah delighted to do he has done in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and all the watery deeps.**
- **Everything that Yehowah delighted to do he has done in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and all the watery deeps. (Psalms 135:6)**
- **As the apostle Paul later wrote;**
- **Of course, every house is constructed by someone, but he that constructed all things is God. (Hebrews 3:4)**
- **Yehowah does as he pleases with his own building, utilizing it as it suits him, even as does the man who builds a house.**
- **Meantime, Hezekiah said to Isaiah; What is the sign that Yehowah will heal me and I shall certainly go up on the third day to the house of Yehowah? (2 Kings 20:8)**
- **To this Isaiah said; This is the sign for you from Yehowah that Yehowah will perform the word that he has spoken; Shall the shadow actually go forward ten steps of the stairs or should it go back ten steps? (2 Kings 20:9)**
- **Then Hezekiah said; It is an easy thing for the shadow to extend itself ten steps, but not that the shadow should go backward ten steps. (2 Kings 20:10)**
- **At that Isaiah the prophet began to call out to Yehowah, and he made the shadow that had gone down gradually go back on the steps, that is, on the steps of the stairs of Ahaz, ten steps backward. (2 Kings 20:11)**
- **During the next four centuries, throughout the period of the Judges, Yehowah continued to support the Israelites when they were loyal to Him and to withdraw his support when they turned to other gods.**
- **Later Yehowah's angel came and sat under the big tree that was**

- in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abi-ezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out wheat in the winepress so as to get it quickly out of the sight of Midian. (**Judges 6:11**)
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him and said to him; Yehowah is with you, you valiant, mighty one. (**Judges 6:12**)
  - At this Gideon said to him; Excuse me, my lord, but if Yehowah is with us, then why has all this come upon us, and where are all his wonderful acts that our fathers related to us, saying; Was it not out of Egypt that Yehowah brought us up? And now Yehowah has deserted us, and he gives us into the palm of Midian. (**Judges 6:13**)
  - Upon that Yehowah faced him and said; Go in this power of yours, and you will certainly save Israel out of Midian's palm. Do I not send you? (**Judges 6:14**)
  - In turn he said to him; Excuse me, Yehowah. With what shall I save Israel? Look! My thousand is the least in Manasseh, and I am the smallest in my father's house. (**Judges 6:15**)
  - But Yehowah said to him; Because I shall prove to be with you, and you will certainly strike down Midian as if one man. (**Judges 6:16**)
  - At this he said to him; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, you must also perform a sign for me that you are the one speaking with me. (**Judges 6:17**)
  - Do not, please, move away from here until I come to you and I have brought out my gift and set it before you. Accordingly he said; I, for my part, shall keep sitting here until you return. (**Judges 6:18**)
  - And Gideon went in and proceeded to make ready a kid of the goats and an ephah of flour as unfermented cakes. The meat he put in the basket, and the broth he put in the cooking pot, after which he brought it out to him under the big tree and served it. (**Judges 6:19**)
  - The angel of the true God now said to him; Take the meat and the unfermented cakes and set them on the big rock there, and pour out the broth. At that he did so. (**Judges 6:20**)

- **Then Yehowah's angel thrust out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unfermented cakes, and fire began to ascend out of the rock and to consume the meat and the unfermented cakes. As for Yehowah's angel, he vanished from his sight. (Judges 6:21)**
- **Consequently Gideon realized that it was Yehowah's angel. At once Gideon said; Alas, Sovereign Lord Yehowah, for the reason that I have seen Yehowah's angel face to face! (Judges 6:22)**
- **Then Gideon said to the true God; If you are saving Israel by means of me, just as you have promised. (Judges 6:36)**
- **Here I am keeping a fleece of wool exposed on the threshing floor. If dew comes to be on the fleece alone but on all the earth there is dryness, then I must know that you will save Israel by means of me, just as you have promised. (Judges 6:37)**
- **And it turned out to be that way. When he rose up early the next day and wrung the fleece, he got to drain off enough dew from the fleece to fill a large banquet bowl with water. (Judges 6:38)**
- **However, Gideon said to the true God; Do not let your anger blaze against me, but let me speak just once more. Let me, please, make a test only once more with the fleece. Let, please, dryness occur to the fleece alone, and upon all the earth let there come to be dew. (Judges 6:39)**
- **So God did that way on that night, and dryness came to be on the fleece alone, and upon all the earth dew occurred. (Judges 6:40)**
- **Deborah now said to Barak; Get up, for this is the day that Yehowah will certainly give Sisera into your hand. Is it not Yehowah that has gone out before you? And Barak went descending from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men behind him. (Judges 4:14)**
- **And Yehowah began to throw Sisera and all his war chariots and all the camp into confusion by the edge of the sword before Barak. Finally Sisera got down off the chariot and took to flight on foot. (Judges 4:15)**
- **And Barak chased after the war chariots and the camp as far as**

**Harosheth of the nations, so that all the camp of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword. Not as much as one remained. (Judges 4:16)**

- **Thus let all your enemies perish, O Yehowah, and let your lovers be as when the sun goes forth in its mightiness. And the land had no further disturbance for forty years. (Judges 5:31)**
- **But his father and his mother said to him; Is there not among the daughters of your brothers and among all my people a woman, so that you are going to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? Still Samson said to his father; Get just her for me, because she is the one just right in my eyes. (Judges 14:3)**
- **As for his father and his mother, they did not know that that was from Yehowah, that he was looking for an opportunity against the Philistines, as at that particular time the Philistines were ruling over Israel. (Judges 14:4)**
- **Then Yehowah's spirit became operative upon him, so that he tore it in two, just as someone tears a male kid in two, and there was nothing at all in his hand. And he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14:6)**
- **And Yehowah's spirit became operative upon him, so that he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of theirs and took what he stripped off them and gave the outfits to the tellers of the riddle. And his anger continued hot, and he went his way up to his father's house. (Judges 14:19)**
- **He, for his part, came as far as Lehi, and the Philistines, for their part, shouted exultantly at meeting him. And Yehowah's spirit became operative upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms came to be like linen threads that have been scorched with fire, so that his fetters melted off his hands. (Judges 15:14)**
- **She now said to him; How dare you say; I do love you, when your heart is not with me? These three times you have trifled with me and have not told me in what your great power is. (Judges 16:15)**
- **And it came about that because she pressured him with her words all the time and kept urging him, his soul got to be impatient to the point of dying. (Judges 16:16)**

- **Finally he disclosed to her all his heart and said to her; A razor has never come upon my head, because I am a Nazirite of God from my mothers belly. If I did get shaved, my power also would certainly depart from me, and I should indeed grow weak and become like all other men. (Judges 16:17)**
- **When Delilah got to see that he had disclosed to her all his heart, she immediately sent and called the Philistine axis lords, saying; Come up this time, for he has disclosed to me all his heart. And the Philistine axis lords came up to her that they might bring up the money in their hand. (Judges 16:18)**
- **And she proceeded to make him sleep upon her knees. Then she called the man and had him shave off the seven braids of his head, after which she started to show the mastery of him, and his power kept departing from upon him. (Judges 16:19)**
- **Now she said; The Philistines are upon you, Samson! At that he woke up from his sleep and said; I shall go out as at other times and shake myself free. And he himself did not know that it was Yehowah that had departed from him. (Judges 16:20)**
- **So the Philistines grabbed hold of him and bored his eyes out and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with two fetters of copper, and he came to be a grinder in the prison house. (Judges 16:21)**
- **As for the Philistine axis lords, they gathered together to sacrifice a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and for rejoicing, and they kept saying; Our god has given into our hand Samson our enemy! (Judges 16:23)**
- **When the people got to see him, they at once gave way to praising their god, because, said they, our god has given into our hand our enemy and the devastator of our land and the one who multiplied our slain. (Judges 16:24)**
- **And it came about that because their heart was merry, they began to say; Call Samson that he may offer us some amusement. So they called Samson out of the prison house that he might make sport before them, and they proceeded to stand him between the pillars. (Judges 16:25)**

- Then Samson said to the boy that was holding him by his hand; Do permit me to feel the pillars upon which the house is firmly established and let me lean against them. (**Judges 16:26**)
- Incidentally, the house was full of men and women and all the Philistine axis lords were there, and upon the roof there were about three thousand men and women who were looking on while Samson offered some amusement. (**Judges 16:27**)
- Samson now called to Yehowah and said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, remember me, please, and strengthen me, please, just this once, O you the true God, and let me avenge myself upon the Philistines with vengeance for one of my two eyes. (**Judges 16:28**)
- With that Samson braced himself against the two middle pillars upon which the house was firmly established, and got a grasp on them, one with his right and the other with his left hand. (**Judges 16:29**)
- And Samson proceeded to say; Let my soul die with the Philistines. Then he bent himself with **power**, and the house went falling upon the axis lords and upon all the people that were in it, so that the dead that he put to death in his own death came to be more than those he had put to death during his lifetime. (**Judges 16:30**)

### •• Under The Israelite Monarchy

- During the 510 years of the Israelite monarchy, Yehowah's **mighty** arm and **protecting** hand frequently kept **powerful** aggressors at bay, confused and disrupted their forces, and sent them fleeing back to their home territories.
- These nations worshiped not only nature gods but gods, and goddesses of war. In some cases the head of the country was himself viewed as a god.
- Since they insisted on warring against his people, Yehowah showed himself again as a manly person of war, a glorious King, **mighty** in battle.
- Yehowah is a manly person of war. Yehowah is his name. (**Exodus 15:3**)



- **Raise your heads, O you gates, and raise yourselves up, O you long-lasting entrances, that the glorious King may come in! (Psalms 24:7)**
- **Who, then, is this glorious King? Yehowah **strong** and **mighty**, Yehowah **mighty** in battle. (Psalms 24:8)**
- **Raise your heads, O you gates; Yes, raise them up, O you long-lasting entrances, that the glorious King may come in! (Psalms 24:9)**
- **Who, then, is he, this glorious King? Yehowah of armies, he is the glorious King. (Psalms 24:10)**
- **Then he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and the helmet of salvation upon his head. Furthermore, he put on the garments of vengeance as raiment and enwrapped himself with zeal as if a sleeveless coat. (Isaiah 59:17)**
- **In accordance with the dealings he will reward correspondingly, rage to his adversaries, due treatment to his enemies. To the islands he will recompense due treatment. (Isaiah 59:18)**
- **And from the sunset they will begin to fear the name of Yehowah, and from the rising of the sun the glory of him, for he will come in like a distressing river, which the very spirit of Yehowah has driven along. (Isaiah 59:19)**
- **In effect, he met them on all types of terrain, employed war strategy that outwitted their boastful generals, and overcame warriors of many nations as well as their special war equipment.**
- **Later the Philistines came up once again and tramped about in the low plain of Rephaim. (2 Samuel 5:22)**
- **At that David inquired of Yehowah, but he said; You must not go up. Go around to the rear of them, and you must come against them in front of the baca bushes. (2 Samuel 5:23)**
- **And let it occur that, when you hear the sound of a marching in the tops of the baca bushes, at that time you act with decision, because at that time Yehowah will have gone out ahead of you to strike down the camp of the Philistines. (2 Samuel 5:24)**

- **Accordingly David did that way, just as Yehowah had commanded him, and he went striking down the Philistines from Geba to as far as Gezer. (2 Samuel 5:25)**
- **And the Syrians took to flight from before Israel, and David got to kill of the Syrians seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen, and Shobach the chief of their army he struck down so that he died there. (2 Samuel 10:18)**
- **As for the servants of the king of Syria, they said to him; Their God is a God of mountains. That is why they proved stronger than we were. So, on the other hand, let us fight against them on the level land and see whether we shall not prove stronger than they are. (1 Kings 20:23)**
- **And do this thing. Remove the kings each one from his place and put in governor's instead of them. (1 Kings 20:24)**
- **As for you, you should number a military force for yourself equal to the military force that fell from your side, with horse for horse and chariot for chariot, and let us fight against them on the level land and see whether we shall not prove stronger than they are. Accordingly he listened to their voice and did just that way. (1 Kings 20:25)**
- **And it came about at the return of the year that Ben-hadad proceeded to muster the Syrians and to go up to Aphek for battle against Israel. (1 Kings 20:26)**
- **As for the sons of Israel, they were mustered and supplied and began to go out to meet them, and the sons of Israel went into camp in front of them like two tiny flocks of goats, while the Syrians, for their part, filled the earth. (1 Kings 20:27)**
- **Then the man of the true God approached and said to the king of Israel, yes, he went on to say; This is what Yehowah has said; For the reason that the Syrians have said; Yehowah is a God of mountains, and he is not a God of low plains, I shall have to give all this great crowd into your hand, and you men will certainly know that I am Yehowah. (1 Kings 20:28)**
- **And they continued encamped for seven days, these in front of those. And it came about on the seventh day that the**

engagement in battle began, and the sons of Israel went striking down the Syrians, a hundred thousand men on foot in one day. (**1 Kings 20:29**)

- **And those that were left went fleeing to Aphek, to the city, and the wall came falling down upon twenty-seven thousand men that were left. As for Ben-hadad, he fled and finally came into the city into the innermost chamber. (**1 Kings 20:30**)**
- **Later Zerah the Ethiopian went out against them with a military force of a million men and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. (**2 Chronicles 14:9**)**
- **Then Asa went out against him and they drew up in battle formation in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. (**2 Chronicles 14:10**)**
- **And Asa began to call to Yehowah his God and say; O Yehowah, as to helping, it does not matter with you whether there are many or those with no power. Help us, O Yehowah our God, for upon you we do lean, and in your name we have come against this crowd. O Yehowah, you are our God. Do not let mortal man retain strength against you. (**2 Chronicles 14:11**)**
- **At that Yehowah defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians took to flight. (**2 Chronicles 14:12**)**
- **He could cause their secret battle plans to be known to his people as accurately as if electronic listening devices were planted in their palaces.**
- **And the king of Syria, for his part, became involved in war against Israel. Accordingly he took counsel with his servants, saying; At such and such a place you will encamp with me. (**2 Kings 6:8**)**
- **Then the man of the true God sent to the king of Israel, saying; Guard yourself against passing by this place, because there is where the Syrians are coming down. (**2 Kings 6:9**)**
- **So the king of Israel sent to the place that the man of the true God had said to him. And he warned him, and he kept away from there, not once or twice. (**2 Kings 6:10**)**

- **Consequently the heart of the king of Syria became enraged over this matter, so that he called his servants and said to them; Will you not tell me who from those who belong to us is for the king of Israel? (2 Kings 6:11)**
- **Then one of his servants said; None, my lord the king, but it is Elisha the prophet who is in Israel that tells the king of Israel the things that you speak in your inner bedroom. (2 Kings 6:12)**
- **At times he strengthened his people to do the fighting, at other times he gained victories without their striking a blow.**
- **And Yehowah himself had caused the camp of the Syrians to hear the sound of war chariots, the sound of horses, the sound of a great military force, so that they said to one another; Look! The king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us! (2 Kings 7:6)**
- **Immediately they got up and went fleeing in the evening darkness and leaving their tents and their horses and their asses, the camp just as it was, and they kept fleeing for their soul. (2 Kings 7:7)**
- **Consequently he said; Pay attention, all Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat! Here is what Yehowah has said to you, Do not you be afraid or be terrified because of this large crowd, for the battle is not yours, but God's. (2 Chronicles 20:15)**
- **You will not need to fight in this instance. Take your position, stand still and see the salvation of Yehowah in your behalf. O Judah and Jerusalem, do not be afraid or be terrified. Tomorrow go out against them, and Yehowah will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:17)**
- **And at the time that they started off with the joyful cry and praise, Yehowah set men in ambush against the sons of Ammon, Moab and the mountainous region of Seir who were coming into Judah, and they went smiting one another. (2 Chronicles 20:22)**
- **But as for Judah, it came to the watchtower of the wilderness. When they turned their faces toward the crowd, why, there they were, their carcasses fallen to the earth without anyone escaping. (2 Chronicles 20:24)**

- **And the dread of God came to be upon all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Yehowah had fought against the enemies of Israel. (2 Chronicles 20:29)**
- **In all of this, Yehowah shamed the war gods of the nations, exposed them as failures, frauds.**
- **Bring your controversial case forward, says Yehowah. Produce your arguments, says the King of Jacob. (Isaiah 41:21)**
- **Produce and tell to us the things that are going to happen. The first things, what they were, do tell, that we may apply our heart and know the future of them. Or cause us to hear even the things that are coming. (Isaiah 41:22)**
- **Tell the things that are to come afterward, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, you ought to do good or do bad, that we may gaze about and see it at the same time. (Isaiah 41:23)**
- **Look! you are something nonexistent, and your achievement is nothing. A detestable thing is anyone that chooses you. (Isaiah 41:24)**
- **But Yehowah is in truth God. He is the living God and the King to time indefinite. Because of his indignation the earth will rock, and no nations will hold up under his denunciation. (Jeremiah 10:10)**
- **This is what you men will say to them; The gods that did not make the very heavens and the earth are the ones who will perish from the earth and from under these heavens. (Jeremiah 10:11)**
- **He is the Maker of the earth by his **power**, the One firmly establishing the productive land by his wisdom, and the One who by his understanding stretched out the heavens. (Jeremiah 10:12)**
- **At his voice there is a giving by him of a turmoil of waters in the heavens, and he causes vapors to ascend from the extremity of the earth. He has made even sluices for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses. (Jeremiah 10:13)**

- **Every man has behaved so unreasoningly as not to know. Every metalworker will certainly feel shame because of the carved image, for his molten image is a falsehood, and there is no spirit in them. (Jeremiah 10:14)**
- **They are vanity, a work of mockery. In the time of their being given attention they will perish. (Jeremiah 10:15)**
- **And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am sending and I will take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will place his throne right above these stones that I have hidden, and he will certainly extend his state tent over them. (Jeremiah 43:10)**
- **And he must come in and strike the land of Egypt. Whoever is due for deadly plague will be for deadly plague, and whoever is due for captivity will be for captivity, and whoever is due for the sword will be for the sword. (Jeremiah 43:11)**
- **And I will set a fire ablaze in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he will certainly burn them and lead them captive and wrap himself up in the land of Egypt, just as a shepherd wraps himself up in his garment, and he will actually go out from there in peace. (Jeremiah 43:12)**
- **And he will certainly break to pieces the pillars of Beth-shemesh, which is in the land of Egypt, and the houses of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire. (Jeremiah 43:13)**

## ·· In Exile And Restoration

- **Though Yehowah allowed the nation to go into exile, the northern kingdom being conquered by Assyria and the kingdom of Judah desolated by Babylon, he kept alive the Davidic line in fulfillment of his covenant with David for an everlasting kingdom.**
- **I have concluded a covenant toward my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant. (Psalms 89:3)**
- **Even to time indefinite I shall firmly establish your seed, and I will build your throne to generation after generation. (Psalms 89:4)**
- **Once I have sworn in my holiness, to David I will not tell lies.**

**(Psalms 89:35)**

- His seed itself will prove to be even to time indefinite, and his throne as the sun in front of me. **(Psalms 89:36)**
- As the moon it will be firmly established for time indefinite, and as a faithful witness in the skies. **(Psalms 89:37)**
- **During the period of exile, he also kept alive the faith of his people, using Daniel and others in marvelous ways, performing miraculous acts that caused even world rulers humbly to acknowledge his power.**
- **Then it was that Nebuchadnezzar himself got filled with fury, and the very expression of his face was changed toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He was answering and saying to heat up the furnace seven times more than it was customary to heat it up. **(Daniel 3:19)****
- **And to certain able-bodied men of vital energy who were in his military force he said to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in order to throw them into the burning fiery furnace. **(Daniel 3:20)****
- **Then it was that these able-bodied men were bound in their mantles, their garments and their caps and their other clothing and were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. **(Daniel 3:21)****
- **Just because the king's word was harsh and the furnace was heated to excess, these able-bodied men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the ones that the fiery flame killed. **(Daniel 3:22)****
- **But these other able-bodied men, the three of them, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, fell down bound in the midst of the burning fiery furnace. **(Daniel 3:23)****
- **At that time Nebuchadnezzar the king himself became frightened and he rose up in a hurry. He was answering and saying to his high royal officials; Was it not three able-bodied men that we threw bound into the midst of the fire? They were answering and saying to the king; Yes, O king. **(Daniel 3:24)****
- **He was answering and saying; Look! I am beholding four able-**

**bodied men walking about free in the midst of the fire, and there is no hurt to them, and the appearance of the fourth one is resembling a son of the gods. (Daniel 3:25)**

- **Then it was that Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the burning fiery furnace. He was answering and saying; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, step out and come here! At that time Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were stepping out from the midst of the fire. (Daniel 3:26)**
- **And the satraps, the prefects and the governor's and the high officials of the king that were assembled were beholding these able-bodied men, that the fire had had no power over their bodies, and not a hair of their head had been singed, and even their mantles had not been changed and the smell of fire itself had not come onto them. (Daniel 3:27)**
- **Nebuchadnezzar was answering and saying; Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who sent his angel and rescued his servants that trusted in him and that changed the very word of the king and gave over their bodies, because they would not serve and would not worship any god at all except their own God. (Daniel 3:28)**
- **And from me an order is being put through, that any people, national group or language that says anything wrong against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego should be dismembered, and its house should be turned into a public privy, forasmuch as there does not exist another god that is able to deliver like this one. (Daniel 3:29)**
- **And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up to the heavens my eyes, and my own understanding began to return to me, and I blessed the Most High himself, and the One living to time indefinite I praised and glorified, because his rulership is a rulership to time indefinite and his kingdom is for generation after generation. (Daniel 4:34)**
- **And all the inhabitants of the earth are being considered as merely nothing, and he is doing according to his own will among the army of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth. And there exists no one that can check his hand or that can say to him, What have you been doing? (Daniel 4:35)**



- **At the same time my understanding itself began to return to me, and for the dignity of my kingdom my majesty and my brightness themselves began to return to me, and for me even my high royal officers and my grandees began eagerly searching, and I was reestablished upon my own kingdom, and greatness extraordinary was added to me. (Daniel 4:36)**
- **Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, am praising and exalting and glorifying the King of the heavens, because all his works are truth and his ways are justice, and because those who are walking in pride he is able to humiliate. (Daniel 4:37)**
- **Accordingly the king himself commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the pit of the lions. The king was answering and saying to Daniel; Your God whom you are serving with constancy, he himself will rescue you. (Daniel 6:16)**
- **And a stone was brought and placed on the mouth of the pit, and the king sealed it with his signet ring and with the signet ring of his grandees, in order, that nothing should be changed in the case of Daniel. (Daniel 6:17)**
- **At that time the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no musical instruments were brought in before him, and his very sleep fled from him. (Daniel 6:18)**
- **Finally the king himself, at dawn, proceeded to get up in the daylight, and in a hurry he went right to the lions pit. (Daniel 6:19)**
- **And as he got near to the pit, he cried out with a sad voice even to Daniel. The king was speaking up and saying to Daniel; O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you are serving with constancy been able to rescue you from the lions? (Daniel 6:20)**
- **Immediately Daniel himself spoke even with the king; O king, live on even to times indefinite. (Daniel 6:21)**
- **My own God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions, and they have not brought me to ruin, forasmuch as before him innocence itself was found in me, and also before you, O king, no hurtful act have I done. (Daniel 6:22)**

- **Then it was that the king himself became very glad, and Daniel himself he commanded to be lifted up out of the pit. And Daniel was lifted up out of the pit, and there was no hurt at all found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (Daniel 6:23)**
- **By the fall of mighty Babylon, Yehowah again demonstrated his unique godship, exposed the unreality of the pagan gods, and put them to shame. His people were witnesses of this.**
- **Bring your controversial case forward, says Yehowah. Produce your arguments, says the King of Jacob. (Isaiah 41:21)**
- **Produce and tell to us the things that are going to happen. The first things, what they were, do tell, that we may apply our heart and know the future of them. Or cause us to hear even the things that are coming. (Isaiah 41:22)**
- **Tell the things that are to come afterward, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, you ought to do good or do bad, that we may gaze about and see it at the same time. (Isaiah 41:23)**
- **Look! you are something nonexistent, and your achievement is nothing. A detestable thing is anyone that chooses you. (Isaiah 41:24)**
- **I have roused up someone from the north, and he will come. From the rising of the sun he will call upon my name. And he will come upon deputy rulers as if they were clay and just as a potter that tramples down the moist material. (Isaiah 41:25)**
- **Who has told anything from the start, that we may know, or from times past, that we may say; He is right? Really there is no one telling. Really there is no one causing one to hear. Really there is no one that is hearing any sayings of you men. (Isaiah 41:26)**
- **There is one first, saying to Zion; Look! Here they are! And to Jerusalem I shall give a bringer of Good News. (Isaiah 41:27)**
- **And I kept seeing, and there was not a man, and out of these there was also no one that was giving counsel. And I kept asking them, that they might make a reply. (Isaiah 41:28)**
- **Look! All of them are something nonexistent. Their works are**

- nothing. Their molten images are wind and unreality. (**Isaiah 41:29**)
- You are my witnesses, is the utterance of Yehowah, even my servant whom I have chosen, in order, that you may know and have faith in me, and that you may understand that I am the same One. Before me there was no God formed, and after me there continued to be none. (**Isaiah 43:10**)
  - I, I am Yehowah, and besides me there is no savior. (**Isaiah 43:11**)
  - I myself have told forth and have saved and have caused it to be heard, when there was among you no strange god. So you are my witnesses, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I am God. (**Isaiah 43:12**)
  - Also, all the time I am the same One, and there is no one effecting deliverance out of my own hand. I shall get active, and who can turn it back? (**Isaiah 43:13**)
  - This is what Yehowah has said, the Repurchaser of you people, the Holy One of Israel; For your sakes I will send to Babylon and cause the bars of the prisons to come down, and the Chaldeans in the ships with whining cries on their part. (**Isaiah 43:14**)
  - I am Yehowah your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. (**Isaiah 43:15**)
  - Bel has bent down, Nebo is stooping over, their idols have come to be for the wild beasts and for the domestic animals, their loads, pieces of luggage, a burden for the tired animals. (**Isaiah 46:1**)
  - They must stoop over, they must each alike bend down. They are simply unable to furnish escape for the burden, but into captivity their own soul must go. (**Isaiah 46:2**)
  - To whom will you people liken me or make me equal or compare me that we may resemble each other? (**Isaiah 46:5**)
  - There are those who are lavishing out the gold from the purse, and with the scale beam they weigh out the silver. They hire a metalworker, and he makes it into a god. They prostrate

- themselves, yes, they bow down. (**Isaiah 46:6**)
- **They carry it upon the shoulder, they bear it and deposit it in its place that it may stand still. From its standing place it does not move away. One even cries out to it, but it does not answer, out of ones distress it does not save one. (**Isaiah 46:7**)**
  - **He maneuvered the kings of Persia in behalf of Israel, effecting the release of his people and their return to their homeland, enabling them to rebuild the temple and later the city of Jerusalem.**
  - **And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, that Yehowah's word from the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yehowah roused the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia so that he caused a cry to pass through all his realm, and also in writing, saying; (**Ezra 1:1**)**
  - **This is what Cyrus the king of Persia has said; All the kingdoms of the earth Yehowah the God of the heavens has given me, and he himself has commissioned me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. (**Ezra 1:2**)**
  - **Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God prove to be with him. So let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of Yehowah the God of Israel, he is the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 1:3**)**
  - **As for anyone that is left from all the places where he is residing as an alien, let the men of his place assist him with silver and with gold and with goods and with domestic animals along with the voluntary offering for the house of the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 1:4**)**
  - **The said Ezra himself went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled copyist in the Law of Moses, which Yehowah the God of Israel had given, so that the king granted him, according to the hand of Yehowah his God upon him, all his request. (**Ezra 7:6**)**
  - **Blessed be Yehowah the God of our forefathers, who has put such a thing into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of Yehowah, which is in Jerusalem! (**Ezra 7:27**)**
  - **And toward me he has extended loving-kindness before the king and his counselors and as respects all the mighty princes of the**

king. And I, for my part, strengthened myself according to the hand of Yehowah my God upon me, and I proceeded to collect out of Israel the head ones to go up with me. (**Ezra 7:28**)

- Ah, Yehowah, please, let your ear become attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take delight in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king. (**Nehemiah 1:11**)
- And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him, and I as usual took up the wine and gave it to the king. But never had I happened to be gloomy before him. (**Nehemiah 2:1**)
- So the king said to me; Why is your face gloomy when you yourself are not sick? This is nothing but a gloominess of heart. At this I became very much afraid. (**Nehemiah 2:2**)
- Then I said to the king; Let the king himself live to time indefinite! Why should not my face become gloomy when the city, the house of the burial places of my forefathers, is devastated, and its very gates have been eaten up with fire? (**Nehemiah 2:3**)
- In turn the king said to me; What is this that you are seeking to secure? At once I prayed to the God of the heavens. (**Nehemiah 2:4**)
- After that I said to the king; If to the king it does seem good, and if your servant seems good before you, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of the burial places of my forefathers, that I may rebuild it. (**Nehemiah 2:5**)
- At this the king said to me, as his queenly consort was sitting beside him; How long will your journey come to be and when will you return? So it seemed good before the king that he should send me, when I gave him the appointed time. (**Nehemiah 2:6**)
- And I went on to say to the king; If to the king it does seem good, let letters be given me to the governor's beyond the River, that they may let me pass until I come to Judah. (**Nehemiah 2:7**)

- Also a letter to Asaph the keeper of the park that belongs to the king, that he may give me trees to build with timber the gates of the Castle that belongs to the house, and for the wall of the city and for the house into which I am to enter. So the king gave them to me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. **(Nehemiah 2:8)**
- Ezra rightly felt ashamed to ask the Persian king for military protection of his company, though they carried cargo with a total value evidently in excess of \$43,000,000. Yehowah guarded them during their journey to Jerusalem in answer to their prayer.
- Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river Ahava, to humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him the right way for us and for our little ones and for all our goods. **(Ezra 8:21)**
- For I felt ashamed to ask a military force and horsemen from the king to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had said to the king; The hand of our God is over all those seeking him for good, but his **strength** and his anger are against all those leaving him. **(Ezra 8:22)**
- Therefore we fasted and made request of our God concerning this, so that he let himself be entreated by us. **(Ezra 8:23)**
- I now separated from the chiefs of the priests twelve, namely, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten of their brothers. **(Ezra 8:24)**
- And I proceeded to weigh out to them the silver and the gold and the utensils, the contribution to the house of our God that the king and his counselors and his princes and all the Israelites who were to be found had contributed. **(Ezra 8:25)**
- Thus I weighed out into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver and a hundred silver utensils worth two talents, and gold a hundred talents. **(Ezra 8:26)**
- And twenty small gold bowls worth a thousand darics and two utensils of good copper, gleaming red, as desirable as gold. **(Ezra 8:27)**

- **In the interim between the closing of the Hebrew Scripture part of the Bible and the birth of God's Son on earth, God's power must have been active in order to guarantee the preservation of the nation of Israel, its capital city Jerusalem, the neighboring town of Bethlehem, the temple with its priesthood, and other features of the Jewish system.**
- **For all of these would have to be there for the fulfillment of prophecy in Christ Jesus and his activity. History relates attempts at replacing the Jewish system of things completely by process of Hellenization, that is, by converting it to the Grecian way of worship. But this ultimately failed.**

**See Also GREECE, GREEKS (Effect of Hellenization on the Jews)**

### **.. Christ The Power Of God**

- **From Jesus miraculous birth forward, God's power was displayed toward and through him as never before. Like the psalmist, he became just like a miracle to many people.**
- **I have become just like a miracle to many people, but you are my strong refuge. (Psalms 71:7)**
- **Jesus and his disciples, like Isaiah and his children, were as signs and as miracles in Israel from Yehowah of armies, portending the future and revealing God's purpose.**
- **Look! I and the children whom Yehowah has given me are as signs and as miracles in Israel from Yehowah of armies, who is residing in Mount Zion. (Isaiah 8:18)**
- **And again; I will have my trust in him. And again; Look! I and the young children, whom Yehowah gave me. (Hebrews 2:13)**
- **But the angel said to them; Have no fear, for, look! I am declaring to you Good News of a great joy that all the people will have. (Luke 2:10)**
- **Because there was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in David's city. (Luke 2:11)**
- **And this is a sign for you, you will find an infant bound in cloth bands and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)**

- And suddenly there came to be with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying; (**Luke 2:13**)
- Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of goodwill. (**Luke 2:14**)
- In Jesus, God's powerful workings during thousands of years now found fulfillment, came to fruition. Rightly the apostle could speak of Jesus as the **power** of God and the wisdom of God.
- However, to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the **power** of God and the wisdom of God. (**1 Corinthians 1:24**)
- Jesus proved to be the long-awaited Messiah, Yehowah's Anointed One, foretold to manifest the spirit of mightiness.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And upon him the spirit of Yehowah must settle down, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of **mightiness**, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 11:2**)
- And there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of Yehowah. And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. (**Isaiah 11:3**)
- And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. (**Isaiah 11:4**)
- And righteousness must prove to be the belt of his hips, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (**Isaiah 11:5**)
- As such, it could be expected that he would have powerful testimony to support that fact.
- And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be



among the thousands of Judah, from you there will come out to me the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin is from early times, from the days of time indefinite. (**Micah 5:2**)

- Therefore he will give them up until the time that she who is giving birth actually gives birth. And the rest of his brothers will return to the sons of Israel. (**Micah 5:3**)
- And he will certainly stand and do shepherding in the strength of Yehowah, in the superiority of the name of Yehowah his God. And they will certainly keep dwelling, for now he will be great as far as the ends of the earth. (**Micah 5:4**)
- And this one must become peace. As for the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads upon our dwelling towers, we shall also have to raise up against him seven shepherds, yes, eight dukes of mankind. (**Micah 5:5**)
- Still, many of the crowd put faith in him, and they commenced saying; When the Christ arrives, he will not perform more signs than this man has performed, will he? (**John 7:31**)
- Already by means of Jesus birth from a virgin Jewess, God had begun testifying on his Sons behalf.
- In answer the angel said to her; Holy Spirit will come upon you, and **power** of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. (**Luke 1:35**)
- And, look! Elizabeth your relative has also herself conceived a son, in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her, the so-called barren woman. (**Luke 1:36**)
- Because with God no declaration will be an impossibility. (**Luke 1:37**)
- This birth was not simply a spectacular display of divine power but served very definite purposes. It provided a perfect human, a second Adam, one who could sanctify his Fathers name, erase the reproach the first human son had brought on that name, and thereby give the lie to Satan's challenge, moreover, the perfect Jesus would provide a legal basis for ransoming obedient mankind from the grip of Kings Sin and Death.

- **It is even so written: The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (1 Corinthians 15:45)**
- **Nevertheless, the first is, not that which is spiritual, but that which is physical, afterward that which is spiritual. (1 Corinthians 15:46)**
- **The first man is out of the earth and made of dust, the second man is out of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47)**
- **Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. (Hebrews 2:14)**
- **And that he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives. (Hebrews 2:15)**
- **So, then, as through one trespass the result to men of all sorts was condemnation, likewise also through one act of justification the result to men of all sorts is a declaring of them righteous for life. (Romans 5:18)**
- **For just as through the disobedience of the one man many were constituted sinners, likewise also through the obedience of the one person many will be constituted righteous. (Romans 5:19)**
- **Now the Law came in beside in order, that trespassing might abound. But where sin abounded, undeserved kindness abounded still more. (Romans 5:20)**
- **To what end? That, just as sin ruled as king with death, likewise also undeserved kindness might rule as king through righteousness with everlasting life in view through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:21)**
- **And this perfect descendant of David would be the heir to an everlasting Kingdom.**
- **And, look! You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. (Luke 1:31)**
- **This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,**

and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father.  
([Luke 1:32](#))

- And he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom. ([Luke 1:33](#))

### See Also RANSOM

- **Jesus anointing by God's spirit was accompanied by divine power.**
- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with Holy Spirit and **power**, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. ([Acts of Apostles 10:38](#))
- **Moses was powerful** in his words and deeds. As the prophet greater than Moses, Jesus had credentials that were proportionately greater.
- But there has never yet risen up a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yehowah knew face to face. ([Deuteronomy 34:10](#))
- As respects all the signs and the miracles that Yehowah sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land. ([Deuteronomy 34:11](#))
- And as regards all the strong hand and all the great awesomeness that Moses exercised before the eyes of all Israel. ([Deuteronomy 34:12](#))
- Consequently Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. In fact, he was **powerful** in his words and deeds. ([Acts of Apostles 7:22](#))
- And he said to them; What things? They said to him, The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who became a prophet powerful in work and word before God and all the people. ([Luke 24:19](#))
- Hence when the men saw the signs he performed, they began to say; This is for a certainty the prophet that was to come into the world. ([John 6:14](#))
- **Rightly he taught with authority.**

- **Now when Jesus finished these sayings, the effect was that the crowds were astounded at his way of teaching. (Matthew 7:28)**
- **For he was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:29)**
- **Thus, even as God gave cause for faith in Moses, Joshua, and others, he now gave sound basis for faith in his Son.**
- **But John, having heard in jail about the works of the Christ, sent by means of his own disciples (Matthew 11:2)**
- **And said to him; Are you the Coming One, or are we to expect a different one? (Matthew 11:3)**
- **In reply Jesus said to them; Go your way and report to John what you are hearing and seeing. (Matthew 11:4)**
- **The blind are seeing again, and the lame are walking about, the lepers are being cleansed and the deaf are hearing, and the dead are being raised up, and the poor are having the Good News declared to them. (Matthew 11:5)**
- **And happy is he that finds no cause for stumbling in me. (Matthew 11:6)**
- **In answer Jesus said to them; This is the work of God, that you exercise faith in him whom that One sent forth. (John 6:29)**
- **Jesus took no credit for himself, constantly acknowledging God as the Source of his powerful works.**
- **Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, The Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he beholds the Father doing. For whatever things that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19)**
- **For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted also to the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:26)**
- **Therefore Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple and said; You both know me and know where I am from. Also, I**

- have not come of my own initiative, but he that sent me is real, and you do not know him. (**John 7:28**)
- I know him, because I am a representative from him, and that One sent me forth. (**John 7:29**)
  - Jesus answered; Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but it was in order, that the works of God might be made manifest in his case. (**John 9:3**)
  - We must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. The night is coming when no man can work. (**John 9:4**)
  - Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me? The things I say to you men I do not speak of my own originality, but the Father who remains in union with me is doing his works. (**John 14:10**)
  - **Honest persons recognized the majestic power of God manifested through him.**
  - Well, they all began to be astounded at the majestic power of God. Now as they were all marveling at all the things he was doing, he said to his disciples: (**Luke 9:43**)
  - As soon as he got near the road down the Mount of Olives all the multitude of the disciples started to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice concerning all the powerful works they had seen. (**Luke 19:37**)
  - This one came to him in the night and said to him; Rabbi, we know that you as a teacher have come from God, for no one can perform these signs that you perform unless God is with him. (**John 3:2**)
  - At this they reviled him and said; You are a disciple of that man, but we are disciples of Moses. (**John 9:28**)
  - We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from. (**John 9:29**)
  - In answer the man said to them; This certainly is a marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. (**John 9:30**)

- **We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to this one. (John 9:31)**
- **From of old it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one born blind. (John 9:32)**
- **If this man were not from God, he could do nothing at all. (John 9:33)**
- **Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, because he has turned his attention and performed deliverance toward his people. (Luke 1:68)**
- **Now fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying; A great prophet has been raised up among us, and, God has turned his attention to his people. (Luke 7:16)**

#### •• **What Did Jesus Miracles Portend**

- **What Jesus did gave proof of God's interest in mankind, evidence of what God would eventually do for all loving righteousness. Jesus powerful works were largely related to mankind's problems, first and most basic among which is that of sin, with all its damaging effects.**
- **Sickness and death are concomitants of sin, and Jesus ability to heal sickness of all kinds.**
- **And Jesus, on coming into Peter's house, saw his mother-in-law lying down and sick with fever. (Matthew 8:14)**
- **So he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began ministering to him. (Matthew 8:15)**
- **And all the crowd were seeking to touch him, because power was going out of him and healing them all. (Luke 6:19)**
- **And while he was going to Jerusalem he was passing through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. (Luke 17:11)**
- **And as he was entering into a certain village ten leprous men met him, but they stood up afar off. (Luke 17:12)**
- **And they raised their voices and said; Jesus, Instructor, have**

mercy on us! (Luke 17:13)

- And when he got sight of them he said to them; Go and show yourselves to the priests. Then as they were going off their cleansing occurred. (Luke 17:14)
- And a woman, subject to a flow of blood for twelve years, who had not been able to get a cure from anyone. (Luke 8:43)
- Approached from behind and touched the fringe of his outer garment, and instantly her flow of blood stopped. (Luke 8:44)
- So Jesus said; Who was it that touched me? When they were all denying it, Peter said; Instructor, the crowds are hemming you in and closely pressing you. (Luke 8:45)
- Yet Jesus said; Someone touched me, for I perceived that **power** went out of me. (Luke 8:46)
- Seeing that she had not escaped notice, the woman came trembling and fell down before him and disclosed before all the people the cause for which she touched him and how she was healed instantly. (Luke 8:47)
- But he said to her; Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go your way in peace. (Luke 8:48)
- And even to resurrect the dead.
- When, now, he came into the rulers house and caught sight of the flute players and the crowd in noisy confusion. (Matthew 9:23)
- Jesus began to say; Leave the place, for the little girl did not die, but she is sleeping. At this they began to laugh at him scornfully. (Matthew 9:24)
- As soon as the crowd had been sent outside, he went in and took hold of her hand, and the little girl got up. (Matthew 9:25)
- With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you; Get up! (Luke 7:14)

- **And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (Luke 7:15)**
- **Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (John 11:39)**
- **Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? (John 11:40)**
- **Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. (John 11:41)**
- **True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order, that they might believe that you sent me forth. (John 11:42)**
- **And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (John 11:43)**
- **The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. (John 11:44)**
- **Gave proof that he was God's appointed means for freeing mankind from sin and its penalty.**
- **And when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic; Child, your sins are forgiven. (Mark 2:5)**
- **Now there were some of the scribes there, sitting and reasoning in their hearts. (Mark 2:6)**
- **Why is this man talking in this manner? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins except one, God? (Mark 2:7)**
- **But Jesus, having discerned immediately by his spirit that they were reasoning that way in themselves, said to them; Why are you reasoning these things in your hearts? (Mark 2:8)**
- **Which is easier, to say to the paralytic; Your sins are forgiven. Or to say; Get up and pick up your cot, and walk? (Mark 2:9)**



- **But in order for you men to know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins upon the earth, he said to the paralytic. (Mark 2:10)**
- **I say to you; Get up, pick up your cot, and go to your home. (Mark 2:11)**
- **At that he did get up, and immediately picked up his cot and walked out in front of them all, so that they were all simply carried away, and they glorified God, saying; We never saw the like of it. (Mark 2:12)**
- **Far superior to the manna Israel ate in the wilderness, Jesus was the true bread from heaven, the bread of life.**
- **Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. (John 6:31)**
- **Hence Jesus said to them; Most truly I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father does give you the true bread from heaven. (John 6:32)**
- **For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (John 6:33)**
- **Therefore they said to him; Lord, always give us this bread. (John 6:34)**
- **Jesus said to them; I am the bread of life. He that comes to me will not get hungry at all, and he that exercises faith in me will never get thirsty at all. (John 6:35)**
- **I am the bread of life. (John 6:48)**
- **Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness and yet died. (John 6:49)**
- **This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. (John 6:50)**
- **I am the living bread that came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever, and, for a fact, the bread that I shall give is my flesh in behalf of the life of the world.**

**(John 6:51)**

- **He brought, not literal water from a rock, but living water, the water of life.**
- **Now on the last day, the great day of the festival, Jesus was standing up and he cried out, saying; If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. (John 7:37)**
- **He that puts faith in me, just as the Scripture has said; Out from his inmost part streams of living water will flow. (John 7:38)**
- **And the spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come, let anyone that wishes take lifes water free. (Revelation 22:17)**
- **In answer Jesus said to her; Everyone drinking from this water will get thirsty again. (John 4:13)**
- **Whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty at all, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water bubbling up to impart everlasting life. (John 4:14)**
- **His powerful works were also portents of other blessings due to come by his kingly rule. Whereas Elisha had fed 100 men with only 20 loaves and some grain, Jesus fed thousands with far less.**
- **And there was a man that came from Baal-shalishah, and he came bringing to the man of the true God bread of the first ripe fruits, twenty barley loaves, and new grain in his bread bag. Then he said; Give it to the people that they may eat. (2 Kings 4:42)**
- **However, his waiter said; How shall I put this before a hundred men? To this he said; Give it to the people that they may eat, for this is what Yehowah has said; There will be an eating and a having of leftovers. (2 Kings 4:43)**
- **At that he put it before them, and they began to eat, and they had leftovers according to the word of Yehowah. (2 Kings 4:44)**
- **Next he commanded the crowds to recline on the grass and took the five loaves and two fishes, and, looking up to heaven, he said**

- a blessing and, after breaking the loaves, he distributed them to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. (**Matthew 14:19**)
- So all ate and were satisfied, and they took up the surplus of fragments, twelve baskets full. (**Matthew 14:20**)
  - Yet those eating were about five thousand men, besides women and young children. (**Matthew 14:21**)
  - But Jesus called his disciples to him and said; I feel pity for the crowd, because it is already three days that they have stayed with me and they have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away fasting. They may possibly give out on the road. (**Matthew 15:32**)
  - However, the disciples said to him; Where are we in this lonely place going to get sufficient loaves to satisfy a crowd of this size? (**Matthew 15:33**)
  - At this Jesus said to them; How many loaves have you? They said; Seven, and a few little fishes. (**Matthew 15:34**)
  - So, after instructing the crowd to recline upon the ground. (**Matthew 15:35**)
  - He took the seven loaves and the fishes and, after offering thanks, he broke them and began distributing to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. (**Matthew 15:36**)
  - And all ate and were satisfied, and as a surplus of fragments they took up seven provision baskets full. (**Matthew 15:37**)
  - Yet those eating were four thousand men, besides women and young children. (**Matthew 15:38**)
  - **Moses and Elisha had made bitter or poisoned water sweet. Jesus converted ordinary water into fine wine to contribute to the relaxing enjoyment of a marriage feast.**
  - Later Moses caused Israel to depart from the Red Sea and they went out to the wilderness of Shur and marched on for three days in the wilderness, but they did not find water. (**Exodus 15:22**)

- **In time they came to Marah, but they were not able to drink the water from Marah because it was bitter. That is why he called its name Marah. (Exodus 15:23)**
- **And the people began to murmur against Moses, saying; What are we to drink? (Exodus 15:24)**
- **Then he cried out to Yehowah. So Yehowah directed him to a tree, and he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There He established for them a regulation and a case for judgment and there he put them to the test. (Exodus 15:25)**
- **Then he went on out to the source of the water and threw salt in it and said; This is what Yehowah has said; I do make this water healthful. No more will death or any causing of miscarriages result from it. (2 Kings 2:21)**
- **And the water continues healed down to this day, according to Elisha's word that he spoke. (2 Kings 2:22)**
- **Now on the third day a marriage feast took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (John 2:1)**
- **Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the marriage feast. (John 2:2)**
- **When the wine ran short the mother of Jesus said to him; They have no wine. (John 2:3)**
- **But Jesus said to her; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come. (John 2:4)**
- **His mother said to those ministering; Whatever he tells you, do. (John 2:5)**
- **As it was, there were six stone water jars sitting there as required by the purification rules of the Jews, each able to hold two or three liquid measures. (John 2:6)**
- **Jesus said to them; Fill the water jars with water. And they filled them to the brim. (John 2:7)**
- **And he said to them; Draw some out now and take it to the**

director of the feast. So they took it. (John 2:8)

- When, now, the director of the feast tasted the water that had been turned into wine but did not know what its source was, although those ministering who had drawn out the water knew, the director of the feast called the bridegroom (John 2:9)
- And said to him; Every other man puts out the fine wine first, and when people are intoxicated, the inferior. You have reserved the fine wine until now. (John 2:10)
- Jesus performed this in Cana of Galilee as the beginning of his signs, and he made his glory manifest, and his disciples put their faith in him. (John 2:11)
- His rule therefore would certainly bring freedom from hunger to all of his subjects, bring a pleasant banquet for all peoples.
- And Yehowah of armies will certainly make for all the peoples, in this mountain, a banquet of well-oiled dishes, a banquet of wine kept on the dregs, of well-oiled dishes filled with marrow, of wine kept on the dregs, filtered. (Isaiah 25:6)
- His ability to make mens work abundantly productive, as with regard to his disciples fishing efforts, assured that, under his Kingdoms blessing, men would not be reduced to barely eking out a living at a mere subsistence level.
- When he ceased speaking, he said to Simon; Pull out to where it is deep, and you men let down your nets for a catch. (Luke 5:4)
- But Simon in reply said; Instructor, for a whole night we toiled and took nothing, but at your bidding I will lower the nets. (Luke 5:5)
- Well, when they did this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish. In fact, their nets began ripping apart. (Luke 5:6)
- So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and assist them, and they did come, and they filled both boats, so that these began to sink. (Luke 5:7)
- Seeing this, Simon Peter fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying; Depart from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord. (Luke 5:8)

- **For at the catch of fish which they took up astonishment overwhelmed him and all those with him. (Luke 5:9)**
- **Simon Peter said to them; I am going fishing. They said to him; We also are coming with you. Out they went and got aboard the boat, but during that night they caught nothing. (John 21:3)**
- **However, just as it was getting to be morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not, of course, discern that it was Jesus. (John 21:4)**
- **Then Jesus said to them; Young children, you do not have anything to eat, do you? They answered; No! To him. (John 21:5)**
- **He said to them; Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. Then they cast it, but they were no longer able to draw it in because of the multitude of the fishes. (John 21:6)**
- **Therefore that disciple whom Jesus used to love said to Peter; It is the Lord! Hence Simon Peter, upon hearing that it was the Lord, girded about himself his top garment, for he was naked, and plunged into the sea. (John 21:7)**
- **More important, these things were all related to spiritual matters. As Jesus brought spiritual sight, speech, and health to the spiritually blind, dumb, and ailing, he also brought and assured the enjoyment of spiritual food and drink in abundance and guaranteed the productiveness of his disciples ministry.**
- **And likewise both James and John, Zebedees sons, who were sharers with Simon. But Jesus said to Simon; Stop being afraid. From now on you will be catching men alive. (Luke 5:10)**
- **So they brought the boats back to land, and abandoned everything and followed him. (Luke 5:11)**
- **Jesus said to them; I am the bread of life. He that comes to me will not get hungry at all, and he that exercises faith in me will never get thirsty at all. (John 6:35)**
- **But I have said to you, you have even seen me and yet do not**

believe. ([John 6:36](#))

- **His miraculously satisfying peoples physical needs on certain occasions was primarily to strengthen faith. Such things were never the end in themselves.**
- **So when they found him across the sea they said to him; Rabbi, when did you get here? ([John 6:25](#))**
- **Jesus answered them and said; Most truly I say to you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the loaves and were satisfied. ([John 6:26](#))**
- **Work, not for the food that perishes, but for the food that remains for life everlasting, which the Son of man will give you, for upon this one the Father, even God, has put his seal of approval. ([John 6:27](#))**
- **The Kingdom and God's righteousness, not food and drink, were to be sought first.**
- **So never be anxious and say; What are we to eat? Or; What are we to drink? Or; What are we to put on? ([Matthew 6:31](#))**
- **For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. ([Matthew 6:32](#))**
- **Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. ([Matthew 6:33](#))**
- **Jesus set the example in this by his refusal to change stones into bread for himself.**
- **Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ([Matthew 4:1](#))**
- **After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. ([Matthew 4:2](#))**
- **Also, the Tempter came and said to him; If you are a son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread. ([Matthew 4:3](#))**

•• **Spiritual Liberation**

• **The nation of Israel had known mighty warriors, but God's power through his Son was aimed at greater enemies than mere human militarists. Jesus was the Liberator.**

• **And he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David his servant. (Luke 1:69)**

• **Just as he, through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, has spoken. (Luke 1:70)**

• **Of a salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all those hating us. (Luke 1:71)**

• **To perform the mercy in connection with our forefathers and to call to mind his holy covenant. (Luke 1:72)**

• **The oath that he swore to Abraham our forefather. (Luke 1:73)**

• **To grant us, after we have been rescued from the hands of enemies, the privilege of fearlessly rendering sacred service to him. (Luke 1:74)**

• **Providing the way to freedom from the chief source of oppression, Satan and his demons.**

• **Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. (Hebrews 2:14)**

• **And that he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives. (Hebrews 2:15)**

• **Not only did Jesus personally free many from demonic obsession.**

• **Now in the synagogue there was a man with a spirit, an unclean demon, and he shouted with a loud voice. (Luke 4:33)**

• **Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Luke 4:34)**

• **But Jesus rebuked it, saying; Be silent, and come out of him. So,**



after throwing the man down in their midst, the demon came out of him without hurting him. (**Luke 4:35**)

- At this, astonishment fell upon all, and they began to converse with one another, saying; What sort of speech is this, because with authority and **power** he orders the unclean spirits, and out they come? (**Luke 4:36**)
- But by his **powerful** words of truth he opened wide the gates to freedom for those wishing to cast off the oppressive burdens and slavery that false religion had imposed on them.
- They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. (**Matthew 23:4**)
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (**Luke 4:18**)
- And so Jesus went on to say to the Jews that had believed him; If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. (**John 8:31**)
- And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (**John 8:32**)
- By his own faithful, integrity-keeping course he conquered, not just a city or an empire, but the world.
- I shall not speak much with you anymore, for the ruler of the world is coming. And he has no hold on me. (**John 14:30**)
- I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have peace. In the world you are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world. (**John 16:33**)

#### ·· **Relative Importance Of Miraculous Acts**

- Although Jesus laid principal stress on the truths he proclaimed, he nevertheless showed the relative importance of his powerful works, regularly calling attention to them as authenticating his commission

**and message. Their importance lay particularly in their fulfillment of prophecy.**

- **But I have the witness greater than that of John, for the very works that my Father assigned me to accomplish, the works themselves that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father dispatched me. (John 5:36)**
- **Also, the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his figure. (John 5:37)**
- **And you do not have his word remaining in you, because the very one whom he dispatched you do not believe. (John 5:38)**
- **You are searching the Scriptures, because you think that by means of them you will have everlasting life, and these are the very ones that bear witness about me. (John 5:39)**
- **In fact, if you believed Moses you would believe me, for that one wrote about me. (John 5:46)**
- **But if you do not believe the writings of that one, how will you believe my sayings? (John 5:47)**
- **Therefore the Jews encircled him and began to say to him; How long are you to keep our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us outspokenly. (John 10:24)**
- **Jesus answered them; I told you, and yet you do not believe. The works that I am doing in the name of my Father, these bear witness about me. (John 10:25)**
- **But you do not believe, because you are none of my sheep. (John 10:26)**
- **My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)**
- **Once more the Jews lifted up stones to stone him. (John 10:31)**
- **Jesus replied to them; I displayed to you many fine works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me? (John 10:32)**

- **The Jews answered him; We are stoning you, not for a fine work, but for blasphemy, even because you, although being a man, make yourself a god. (John 10:33)**
- **Jesus answered them; Is it not written in your Law, I said; You are gods? (John 10:34)**
- **If he called gods, those against whom the word of God came, and yet the Scripture cannot be nullified. (John 10:35)**
- **Do you say to me whom the Father sanctified and dispatched into the world, You blaspheme, because I said; I am God's Son? (John 10:36)**
- **If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. (John 10:37)**
- **But if I am doing them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, in order, that you may come to know and may continue knowing that the Father is in union with me and I am in union with the Father. (John 10:38)**
- **Believe me that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me, otherwise, believe on account of the works themselves. (John 14:11)**
- **Next he said to Thomas; Put your finger here, and see my hands, and take your hand and stick it into my side, and stop being unbelieving but become believing. (John 20:27)**
- **In answer Thomas said to him; My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)**
- **Jesus said to him; Because you have seen me have you believed? Happy are those who do not see and yet believe. (John 20:29)**
- **Those seeing such works came under special responsibility.**
- **Then he started to reproach the cities in which most of his powerful works had taken place, because they did not repent. (Matthew 11:20)**
- **Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the**

- powerful works had taken place in Tyre and Sidon that took place in you, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. ([Matthew 11:21](#))
- Consequently I say to you, it will be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on Judgment Day than for you. ([Matthew 11:22](#))
  - And you, Capernaum, will you perhaps be exalted to heaven? Down to Hades you will come, because if the **powerful** works that took place in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this very day. ([Matthew 11:23](#))
  - Consequently I say to you people, it will be more endurable for the land of Sodom on Judgment Day than for you. ([Matthew 11:24](#))
  - If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated me as well as my Father. ([John 15:24](#))
  - As Peter later told the crowds at Pentecost, Jesus was a man publicly shown by God to you through **powerful works** and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know.
  - Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. ([Acts of Apostles 2:22](#))
  - These evidences of divine power showed that God's Kingdom had overtaken them.
  - But if it is by means of God's spirit that I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. ([Matthew 12:28](#))
  - On this account I say to you, every sort of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven. ([Matthew 12:31](#))
  - For example, whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, no, not in this system of things nor in that to come. ([Matthew 12:32](#))

- **By God's significant use of his Son, the reasonings of many hearts were uncovered.**
- **Also, Simeon blessed them, but said to Mary its mother; Look! This one is laid for the fall and the rising again of many in Israel and for a sign to be talked against. (Luke 2:34)**
- **Yes, a long sword will be run through the soul of you yourself, in order, that the reasonings of many hearts may be uncovered. (Luke 2:35)**
- **They were seeing the arm of Yehowah manifested, but many, the majority, preferred to read some other meaning into the events beheld or to allow selfish interests to keep them from acting in harmony with the sign seen.**
- **But although he had performed so many signs before them, they were not putting faith in him. (John 12:37)**
- **So that the word of Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled which he said; Yehowah, who has put faith in the thing heard by us? And as for the arm of Yehowah, to whom has it been revealed? (John 12:38)**
- **The reason why they were not able to believe is that again Isaiah said. (John 12:39)**
- **He has blinded their eyes and he has made their hearts hard, that they should not see with their eyes and get the thought with their hearts and turn around and I should heal them. (John 12:40)**
- **Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory, and he spoke about him. (John 12:41)**
- **All the same, many even of the rulers actually put faith in him, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him, in order not to be expelled from the synagogue. (John 12:42)**
- **For they loved the glory of men more than even the glory of God. (John 12:43)**
- **Therefore many of the Jews that had come to Mary and that**

beheld what he did put faith in him. (**John 11:45**)

- But some of them went off to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. (**John 11:46**)
- Consequently the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Sanhedrin together and began to say; What are we to do, because this man performs many signs? (**John 11:47**)
- If we let him alone this way, they will all put faith in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. (**John 11:48**)
- Many wanted personal benefits from God's **power** but were not sincerely hungering for truth and righteousness. Their hearts were not moved by the compassion and kindness that motivated so many of Jesus **powerful works**.
- Because of the tender compassion of our God. With this compassion a daybreak will visit us from on high. (**Luke 1:78**)
- And Jesus set out on a tour of all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. (**Matthew 9:35**)
- On seeing the crowds he felt pity for them, because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd. (**Matthew 9:36**)
- But Jesus called his disciples to him and said; I feel **pity** for the crowd, because it is already three days that they have stayed with me and they have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away fasting. **They may possibly give out on the road.** (**Matthew 15:32**)
- However, the disciples said to him; Where are we in this lonely place going to get sufficient loaves to satisfy a crowd of this size? (**Matthew 15:33**)
- At this Jesus said to them; How many loaves have you? They said; Seven, and a few little fishes. (**Matthew 15:34**)
- So, after instructing the crowd to recline upon the ground.

**(Matthew 15:35)**

- He took the seven loaves and the fishes and, after offering thanks, he broke them and began distributing to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. **(Matthew 15:36)**
- And all ate and were satisfied, and as a surplus of fragments they took up seven provision baskets full. **(Matthew 15:37)**
- Moved with pity, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately they received sight, and they followed him. **(Matthew 20:34)**
- There also came to him a leper, entreating him even on bended knee, saying to him; If you just want to, you can make me clean. **(Mark 1:40)**
- At that he was moved with pity, and he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him; I want to. Be made clean. **(Mark 1:41)**
- Closely following this he traveled to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were traveling with him. **(Luke 7:11)**
- As he got near the gate of the city, why, look! There was a dead man being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother. Besides, she was a widow. A considerable crowd from the city was also with her. **(Luke 7:12)**
- And when the Lord caught sight of her, he was moved with pity for her, and he said to her; Stop weeping. **(Luke 7:13)**
- With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you; Get up! **(Luke 7:14)**
- And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. **(Luke 7:15)**
- And on an occasion when he went into the house of a certain one of the rulers of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat a meal, they were closely watching him. **(Luke 14:1)**
- And, look! There was before him a certain man who had dropsy. **(Luke 14:2)**

- **So in response Jesus spoke to those versed in the Law and to the Pharisees, saying; Is it lawful on the Sabbath to cure or not? (Luke 14:3)**
- **But they kept silent. With that he took hold of the man, healed him and sent him away. (Luke 14:4)**
- **And he said to them; Who of you, if his son or bull falls into a well, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day? (Luke 14:5)**
- **And they were not able to answer back on these things. (Luke 14:6)**
- **Once again he entered into a synagogue, and a man was there with a dried-up hand. (Mark 3:1)**
- **So they were watching him closely to see whether he would cure the man on the Sabbath, in order, that they might accuse him. (Mark 3:2)**
- **And he said to the man with the withered hand; Get up and come to the center. (Mark 3:3)**
- **Next he said to them; Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do a good deed or to do a bad deed, to save or to kill a soul? But they kept silent. (Mark 3:4)**
- **And after looking around upon them with indignation, being thoroughly grieved at the insensibility of their hearts, he said to the man; Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. (Mark 3:5)**
- **At that the Pharisees went out and immediately began holding council with the party followers of Herod against him, in order to destroy him. (Mark 3:6)**
- **Which compassion reflected that of his Father.**
- **Now as he was boarding the boat, the man that had been demon-possessed began entreating him that he might continue with him. (Mark 5:18)**



- However, he did not let him, but said to him; Go home to your relatives, and report to them all the things Yehowah has done for you and the mercy he had on you. (**Mark 5:19**)

### · Responsible Use Of Power

- Jesus use of **power** was always responsible, never done for mere display. The cursing of the barren fig tree evidently had symbolic meaning.
- The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he became hungry. (**Mark 11:12**)
- And from a distance he caught sight of a fig tree that had leaves, and he went to see whether he would perhaps find something on it. But, on coming to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs. (**Mark 11:13**)
- So, in response, he said to it; Let no one eat fruit from you anymore forever. And his disciples were listening. (**Mark 11:14**)
- Every tree not producing fine fruit gets cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 7:19**)
- Really, then, by their fruits you will recognize those men. (**Matthew 7:20**)
- Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (**Matthew 21:42**)
- This is why I say to you; The kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (**Matthew 21:43**)
- Then he went on to tell this illustration; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it, but found none. (**Luke 13:6**)
- Then he said to the vinedresser; Here it is three years that I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, but have found none. Cut it down! Why really should it keep the ground useless? (**Luke 13:7**)

- **In reply he said to him; Master, let it alone also this year, until I dig around it and put on manure. (Luke 13:8)**
- **And if then it produces fruit in the future, well and good, but if not, you shall cut it down. (Luke 13:9)**
- **Jesus refused to engage in purposeless theatrics as suggested by Satan. When he walked over water, it was because he was going somewhere with no transportation at hand at that late hour, something quite different from jumping off a temple battlement like a potential suicide.**
- **Then the Devil took him along into the holy city, and he stationed him upon the battlement of the temple (Matthew 4:5)**
- **And said to him; If you are a son of God, hurl yourself down, for it is written: He will give his angels a charge concerning you, and they will carry you on their hands, that you may at no time strike your foot against a stone. (Matthew 4:6)**
- **Jesus said to him; Again it is written: You must not put Yehowah your God to the test. (Matthew 4:7)**
- **And, without delay, he compelled his disciples to board the boat and go on ahead to the opposite shore toward Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. (Mark 6:45)**
- **But after saying good-bye to them he went off into a mountain to pray. (Mark 6:46)**
- **Evening having now fallen, the boat was in the midst of the sea, but he was alone on the land. (Mark 6:47)**
- **And when he saw them being hard put to it in their rowing, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came toward them, walking on the sea, but he was inclined to pass them by. (Mark 6:48)**
- **At catching sight of him walking on the sea they thought; It is an apparition! And they cried aloud. (Mark 6:49)**
- **For they all saw him and were troubled. But immediately he spoke with them, and he said to them; Take courage, it is I, have**

no fear. (**Mark 6:50**)

- **The wrongly motivated curiosity of Herod was left unsatisfied when Jesus refused to put on any performance for him.**
- **When Herod saw Jesus he rejoiced greatly, for over a considerable time he was wanting to see him because of having heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign performed by him. (**Luke 23:8**)**
- **Jesus earlier refused to cause a sign from heaven at the request of Pharisees and Sadducees, evidently because they sought such, not to strengthen their faith in the fulfillment of God's Word, but to obviate the need of such faith. Their motive was bad.**
- **Here the Pharisees and Sadducees approached him and, to tempt him, they asked him to display to them a sign from heaven. (**Matthew 16:1**)**
- **In reply he said to them; When evening falls you are accustomed to say; It will be fair weather, for the sky is fire-red. (**Matthew 16:2**)**
- **And at morning, It will be wintry, rainy weather today, for the sky is fire-red, but gloomy-looking. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but the signs of the times you cannot interpret. (**Matthew 16:3**)**
- **A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah. With that he went away, leaving them behind. (**Matthew 16:4**)**
- **Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying; (**Matthew 15:1**)**
- **Why is it your disciples overstep the tradition of the men of former times? For example, they do not wash their hands when about to eat a meal. (**Matthew 15:2**)**
- **In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? (**Matthew 15:3**)**
- **For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother. And; Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Matthew****

**15:4)**

- **But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother; Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God. (Matthew 15:5)**
- **He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. (Matthew 15:6)**
- **On that day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and asked him. (Matthew 22:23)**
- **In reply Jesus said to them; You are mistaken, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. (Matthew 22:29)**
- **Similarly, the lack of faith in Nazareth kept him from performing many **powerful** works there, certainly not because his source of power was insufficient but because the circumstances did not warrant it, did not allow for it. Divine **power** was not to be wasted on unreceptive skeptics.**
- **And he departed from there and came into his home territory, and his disciples followed him. (Mark 6:1)**
- **When it became Sabbath, he started teaching in the synagogue, and the greater number of those listening were astounded and said; Where did this man get these things? And why should this wisdom have been given this man, and such powerful works be performed through his hands? (Mark 6:2)**
- **This is the carpenter the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, is it not? And his sisters are here with us, are they not? So they began to stumble at him. (Mark 6:3)**
- **But Jesus went on to say to them; A prophet is not unhonored except in his home territory and among his relatives and in his own house. (Mark 6:4)**
- **So he was able to do no **powerful work** there except to lay his hands upon a few sickly ones and cure them. (Mark 6:5)**
- **Indeed, he wondered at their lack of faith. And he went round**

- about to the villages in a circuit, teaching. (**Mark 6:6**)
- **Wherever anyone does not take you in or listen to your words, on going out of that house or that city shake the dust off your feet. (**Matthew 10:14**)**
  - **But Abraham said; They have Moses and the Prophets, let them listen to these. (**Luke 16:29**)**
  - **Then he said; No, indeed, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them they will repent. (**Luke 16:30**)**
  - **But he said to him; If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead. (**Luke 16:31**)**
  - **That the faith of others was not an absolute essential for Jesus to perform miraculous acts can be seen in his healing the severed ear of the High Priest's slave, part of the crowd that came to arrest Jesus.**
  - **A certain one of them even did strike the slave of the High Priest and took off his right ear. (**Luke 22:50**)**
  - **But in reply Jesus said; Let it go as far as this. And he touched the ear and healed him. (**Luke 22:51**)**
  - **The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to spirit life was the greatest demonstration ever of God's power. Without it, Christian faith would be in vain, his followers would be of all men most to be pitied.**
  - **Now if Christ is being preached that he has been raised up from the dead, how is it some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? (**1 Corinthians 15:12**)**
  - **If, indeed, there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised up. (**1 Corinthians 15:13**)**
  - **But if Christ has not been raised up, our preaching is certainly in vain, and our faith is in vain. (**1 Corinthians 15:14**)**
  - **Moreover, we are also found false witnesses of God, because we have borne witness against God that he raised up the Christ, but whom he did not raise up if the dead are really not to be raised**

up. (1 Corinthians 15:15)

- For if the dead are not to be raised up, neither has Christ been raised up. (1 Corinthians 15:16)
- Further, if Christ has not been raised up, your faith is useless; You are yet in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)
- In fact, also, those who fell asleep in death in union with Christ perished. (1 Corinthians 15:18)
- If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:19)
- **It was the act most consistently recounted by Jesus disciples and the greatest single factor in strengthening faith. Distance had not hindered Jesus exercise of power when on earth.**
- When he entered into Capernaum, an army officer came to him, entreating him (Matthew 8:5)
- And saying; Sir, my manservant is laid up in the house with paralysis, being terribly tormented. (Matthew 8:6)
- He said to him; When I get there I will cure him. (Matthew 8:7)
- In reply the army officer said; Sir, I am not a fit man for you to enter under my roof, but just say the word and my manservant will be healed. (Matthew 8:8)
- For I too am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one; Be on your way! And he is on his way. And to another; Come! And he comes. And to my slave; Do this! And he does it. (Matthew 8:9)
- Hearing that, Jesus became amazed and said to those following him; I tell you the truth, With no one in Israel have I found so great a faith. (Matthew 8:10)
- But I tell you that many from eastern parts and western parts will come and recline at the table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens. (Matthew 8:11)
- Whereas the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the

- darkness outside. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. (**Matthew 8:12**)
- Then Jesus said to the army officer; Go. Just as it has been your faith, so let it come to pass for you. And the manservant was healed in that hour. (**Matthew 8:13**)
  - Accordingly he came again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. Now there was a certain attendant of the king whose son was sick in Capernaum. (**John 4:46**)
  - When this man heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went off to him and began asking him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of dying. (**John 4:47**)
  - However, Jesus said to him; Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe. (**John 4:48**)
  - The attendant of the king said to him; Lord, come down before my young child dies. (**John 4:49**)
  - Jesus said to him; Go your way, your son lives. The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. (**John 4:50**)
  - But already while he was on his way down his slaves met him to say that his boy was living. (**John 4:51**)
  - Therefore he began to inquire of them the hour in which he got better in health. Accordingly they said to him; Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. (**John 4:52**)
  - Therefore the father knew it was in the very hour that Jesus said to him; Your son lives. And he and his whole household believed. (**John 4:53**)
  - And now, from his heavenly position, Jesus anointed his followers with God's spirit on Pentecost, enabling them to do **powerful works** in his absence. He thereby authenticated their testimony concerning his resurrection
  - Also, with great **power** the apostles continued giving forth the witness concerning the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and undeserved kindness in large measure was upon them all. (**Acts**

**of Apostles 4:33)**

- **How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. (Hebrews 2:3)**
- **While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? (Hebrews 2:4)**
- **And also gave proof that these were God's approved people, his congregation.**
- **Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)**
- **And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)**
- **And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)**
- **And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)**
- **Indeed, fear began to fall upon every soul, and many portents and signs began to occur through the apostles. (Acts of Apostles 2:43)**
- **But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)**
- **These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)**
- **On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)**
- **And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit**



- upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. ([Acts of Apostles 2:17](#))
- And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ([Acts of Apostles 2:18](#))
  - And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. ([Acts of Apostles 2:19](#))
  - The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious day of Yehowah arrives. ([Acts of Apostles 2:20](#))
  - And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. ([Acts of Apostles 2:21](#))
  - Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. ([Acts of Apostles 2:22](#))
  - This man, as one delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you fastened to a stake by the hand of lawless men and did away with. ([Acts of Apostles 2:23](#))
  - But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it. ([Acts of Apostles 2:24](#))
  - For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. ([Acts of Apostles 2:25](#))
  - On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. ([Acts of Apostles 2:26](#))
  - Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 2:27](#))
  - You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. ([Acts of Apostles 2:28](#))

- **Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (Acts of Apostles 2:29)**
- **Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. (Acts of Apostles 2:30)**
- **He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:31)**
- **This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 2:32)**
- **Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (Acts of Apostles 2:33)**
- **Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says; Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (Acts of Apostles 2:34)**
- **Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Acts of Apostles 2:35)**
- **Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. (Acts of Apostles 2:36)**
- **Well, as the man was holding onto Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at what was called Solomon's colonnade, surprised out of their wits. (Acts of Apostles 3:11)**
- **When Peter saw this, he said to the people; Men of Israel, why are you wondering over this, or why are you gazing at us as though by personal power or godly devotion we have made him walk? (Acts of Apostles 3:12)**
- **The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his Servant, Jesus, whom you, for your part, delivered up and disowned before Pilates face, when he had**

decided to release him. (**Acts of Apostles 3:13**)

- Yes, you disowned that holy and righteous one, and you asked for a man, a murderer, to be freely granted to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:14**)
- Whereas you killed the Chief Agent of life. But God raised him up from the dead, of which fact we are witnesses. (**Acts of Apostles 3:15**)
- Consequently his name, by our faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you behold and know, and the faith that is through him has given the man this complete soundness in the sight of all of you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:16**)
- And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also did. (**Acts of Apostles 3:17**)
- But in this way God has fulfilled the things he announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. (**Acts of Apostles 3:18**)
- The death of his Son as a human had not shortened Yehowah's hand, as the many miracles, signs, and portents performed by the apostles and others testified.
- And now, Yehowah, give attention to their threats, and grant your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness. (**Acts of Apostles 4:29**)
- While you stretch out your hand for healing and while signs and portents occur through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 4:30**)
- Now Stephen, full of graciousness and **power**, was performing great portents and signs among the people. (**Acts of Apostles 6:8**)
- Therefore they spent considerable time speaking with boldness by the authority of Yehowah, who bore witness to the word of his undeserved kindness by granting signs and portents to occur through their hands. (**Acts of Apostles 14:3**)
- And God kept performing extraordinary works of power through

- the hands of Paul. ([Acts of Apostles 19:11](#))
- So that even cloths and aprons were borne from his body to the ailing people, and the diseases left them, and the wicked spirits came out. ([Acts of Apostles 19:12](#))
  - **The powerful works they performed were like those of their Master, healing the lame.**
  - Now Peter and John were going up into the temple for the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ([Acts of Apostles 3:1](#))
  - And a certain man that was lame from his mothers womb was being carried, and they would daily put him near the temple door that was called Beautiful, in order to ask gifts of mercy from those entering into the temple. ([Acts of Apostles 3:2](#))
  - When he caught sight of Peter and John about to go into the temple he began requesting to get gifts of mercy. ([Acts of Apostles 3:3](#))
  - But Peter, together with John, gazed at him and said; Take a look at us. ([Acts of Apostles 3:4](#))
  - So he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to get something from them. ([Acts of Apostles 3:5](#))
  - However, Peter said; Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I do have is what I give you; In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk! ([Acts of Apostles 3:6](#))
  - With that he took hold of him by the right hand and raised him up. Instantly the soles of his feet and his anklebones were made firm. ([Acts of Apostles 3:7](#))
  - And, leaping up, he stood up and began walking, and he entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. ([Acts of Apostles 3:8](#))
  - And all the people got sight of him walking and praising God. ([Acts of Apostles 3:9](#))
  - Now in Lystra there was sitting a certain man disabled in his feet, lame from his mothers womb, and he had never walked at all.

**(Acts of Apostles 14:8)**

- This man was listening to Paul speak, who, on looking at him intently and seeing he had faith to be made well. **(Acts of Apostles 14:9)**
- Said with a loud voice; Stand up erect on your feet. And he leaped up and began walking. **(Acts of Apostles 14:10)**
- **And ill**
- Moreover, through the hands of the apostles many signs and portents continued to occur among the people, and they were all with one accord in Solomon's colonnade. **(Acts of Apostles 5:12)**
- True, not a one of the others had the courage to join himself to them, nevertheless, the people were extolling them. **(Acts of Apostles 5:13)**
- More than that, believers in the Lord kept on being added, multitudes both of men and of women. **(Acts of Apostles 5:14)**
- So that they brought the sick out even into the broad ways and laid them there upon little beds and cots, in order, that, as Peter would go by, at least his shadow might fall upon some one of them. **(Acts of Apostles 5:15)**
- Also, the multitude from the cities around Jerusalem kept coming together, bearing sick people and those troubled with unclean spirits, and they would one and all be cured. **(Acts of Apostles 5:16)**
- Now in the neighborhood of that place the principal man of the island, named Publius, had lands, and he received us hospitably and entertained us benevolently three days. **(Acts of Apostles 28:7)**
- But it happened that the father of Publius was lying down distressed with fever and dysentery, and Paul went in to him and prayed, laid his hands upon him and healed him. **(Acts of Apostles 28:8)**
- After this occurred, the rest of the people on the island who had sicknesses also began to come to him and be cured. **(Acts of**

## **Apostles 28:9)**

- **Raising the dead**
- **But in Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which, when translated, means Dorcas. She abounded in good deeds and gifts of mercy that she was rendering. (Acts of Apostles 9:36)**
- **But in those days she happened to fall sick and die. So they bathed her and laid her in an upper chamber. (Acts of Apostles 9:37)**
- **Now as Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was in this city they dispatched two men to him to entreat him; Please do not hesitate to come on as far as us. (Acts of Apostles 9:38)**
- **At that Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they led him up into the upper chamber, and all the widows presented themselves to him weeping and exhibiting many inner garments and outer garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. (Acts of Apostles 9:39)**
- **But Peter put everybody outside and, bending his knees, he prayed, and, turning to the body, he said; Tabitha, rise! She opened her eyes and, as she caught sight of Peter, she sat up. (Acts of Apostles 9:40)**
- **Giving her his hand, he raised her up, and he called the holy ones and the widows and presented her alive. (Acts of Apostles 9:41)**
- **Seated at the window, a certain young man named Eutychus fell into a deep sleep while Paul kept talking on, and, collapsing in sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead. (Acts of Apostles 20:9)**
- **But Paul went downstairs, threw himself upon him and embraced him and said; Stop raising a clamor, for his soul is in him. (Acts of Apostles 20:10)**
- **He now went upstairs and began the meal and took food, and after conversing for quite a while, until daybreak, he at length departed. (Acts of Apostles 20:11)**

- **Casting out demons.**
- **With one accord the crowds were paying attention to the things said by Philip while they listened and looked at the signs he was performing. (Acts of Apostles 8:6)**
- **For there were many that had unclean spirits, and these would cry out with a loud voice and come out. Moreover, many that were paralyzed and lame were cured. (Acts of Apostles 8:7)**
- **And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain servant girl with a spirit, a demon of divination, met us. She used to furnish her masters with much gain by practicing the art of prediction. (Acts of Apostles 16:16)**
- **This girl kept following Paul and us and crying out with the words; These men are slaves of the Most High God, who are publishing to you the way of salvation. (Acts of Apostles 16:17)**
- **This she kept doing for many days. Finally Paul got tired of it and turned and said to the spirit; I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour. (Acts of Apostles 16:18)**
- **Doing so without seeking personal benefit or honor for themselves.**
- **When Peter saw this, he said to the people; Men of Israel, why are you wondering over this, or why are you gazing at us as though by personal power or godly devotion we have made him walk? (Acts of Apostles 3:12)**
- **Now in the city there was a certain man named Simon, who, prior to this, had been practicing magical arts and amazing the nation of Samaria, saying he himself was somebody great. (Acts of Apostles 8:9)**
- **And all of them, from the least to the greatest, would pay attention to him and say; This man is the Power of God, which can be called Great. (Acts of Apostles 8:10)**
- **So they would pay attention to him because of his having amazed them for quite a while by his magical arts. (Acts of Apostles 8:11)**

- **But when they believed Philip, who was declaring the Good News of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they proceeded to be baptized, both men and women. (Acts of Apostles 8:12)**
- **Simon himself also became a believer, and, after being baptized, he was in constant attendance upon Philip, and he was amazed at beholding signs and great powerful works taking place. (Acts of Apostles 8:13)**
- **When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they dispatched Peter and John to them. (Acts of Apostles 8:14)**
- **And these went down and prayed for them to get Holy Spirit. (Acts of Apostles 8:15)**
- **For it had not yet fallen upon any one of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 8:16)**
- **Then they went laying their hands upon them, and they began to receive Holy Spirit. (Acts of Apostles 8:17)**
- **Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the hands of the apostles the spirit was given, he offered them money. (Acts of Apostles 8:18)**
- **Saying; Give me also this authority, that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive Holy Spirit. (Acts of Apostles 8:19)**
- **But Peter said to him; May your silver perish with you, because you thought through money to get possession of the free gift of God. (Acts of Apostles 8:20)**
- **You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not straight in the sight of God. (Acts of Apostles 8:21)**
- **Repent, therefore, of this badness of yours, and supplicate Yehowah that, if possible, the device of your heart may be forgiven you. (Acts of Apostles 8:22)**
- **For I see you are a poisonous gall and a bond of unrighteousness.**



**(Acts of Apostles 8:23)**

- **In answer Simon said; You men, make supplication for me to Yehowah that none of the things you have said may come upon me. (Acts of Apostles 8:24)**
- **After the public reading of the Law and of the Prophets the presiding officers of the synagogue sent out to them, saying; Men, brothers, if there is any word of encouragement for the people that you have, tell it. (Acts of Apostles 13:15)**
- **So Paul rose, and motioning with his hand, he said; Men, Israelites and you others that fear God, hear. (Acts of Apostles 13:16)**
- **The God of this people Israel chose our forefathers, and he exalted the people during their alien residence in the land of Egypt and brought them out of it with an uplifted arm. (Acts of Apostles 13:17)**
- **Through them God expressed judgments against wrongdoers, even as he had done through the earlier prophets, fostering due respect toward himself and his representatives.**
- **However, a certain man, Ananias by name, together with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. (Acts of Apostles 5:1)**
- **And secretly held back some of the price, his wife also knowing about it, and he brought just a part and deposited it at the feet of the apostles. (Acts of Apostles 5:2)**
- **But Peter said; Ananias, why has Satan emboldened you to play false to the Holy Spirit and to hold back secretly some of the price of the field? (Acts of Apostles 5:3)**
- **As long as it remained with you did it not remain yours, and after it was sold did it not continue in your control? Why was it that you purposed such a deed as this in your heart? You have played false, not to men, but to God. (Acts of Apostles 5:4)**
- **On hearing these words Ananias fell down and expired. And great fear came over all those hearing of it. (Acts of Apostles 5:5)**
- **But the younger men rose, wrapped him in cloths, and carried**

him out and buried him. (**Acts of Apostles 5:6**)

- Now after an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. (**Acts of Apostles 5:7**)
- Peter said to her; Tell me, did you two sell the field for so much? She said; Yes, for so much. (**Acts of Apostles 5:8**)
- So Peter said to her; Why was it agreed upon between you two to make a test of the spirit of Yehowah? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out. (**Acts of Apostles 5:9**)
- Instantly she fell down at his feet and expired. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her alongside her husband. (**Acts of Apostles 5:10**)
- Consequently great fear came over the whole congregation and over all those hearing about these things. (**Acts of Apostles 5:11**)
- But Elymas the sorcerer, that, in fact, is the way his name is translated, began opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. (**Acts of Apostles 13:8**)
- Saul, who is also Paul, becoming filled with Holy Spirit, looked at him intently (**Acts of Apostles 13:9**)
- And said; O man full of every sort of fraud and every sort of villainy, you son of the Devil, you enemy of everything righteous, will you not quit distorting the right ways of Yehowah? (**Acts of Apostles 13:10**)
- Well, then, look! Yehowah's hand is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sunlight for a period of time. Instantly a thick mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went around seeking men to lead him by the hand. (**Acts of Apostles 13:11**)
- Then the proconsul, upon seeing what had happened, became a believer, as he was astounded at the teaching of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 13:12**)
- New abilities were granted them, such as the ability to speak in foreign languages and interpret them. This, too, was for a beneficial

**purpose, for they were soon to extend the preaching work beyond Israel, telling Yehowah's wonderful works among the nations.**

- **Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4)**
- **And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:5)**
- **And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (1 Corinthians 12:6)**
- **But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (1 Corinthians 12:7)**
- **For example, to one there is given through the spirit speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:8)**
- **To another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:9)**
- **To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:10)**
- **But all these operations the one and the same spirit performs, making a distribution to each one respectively just as it wills. (1 Corinthians 12:11)**
- **Declare among the nations his glory, among all the peoples his wonderful works. (Psalms 96:3)**
- **Ascribe to Yehowah, O you families of the peoples, ascribe to Yehowah glory and strength. (Psalms 96:7)**
- **Yehowah God did other powerful things as well, opening up doors of opportunity for them to preach in certain territories, protecting them against those who would shut down their ministerial work, directing their activity, doing so in ways generally unobserved by the public.**

- But the High Priest and all those with him, the then existing sect of the Sadducees, rose and became filled with jealousy. (**Acts of Apostles 5:17**)
- And they laid hands upon the apostles and put them in the public place of custody. (**Acts of Apostles 5:18**)
- But during the night Yehowah's angel opened the doors of the prison, brought them out and said. (**Acts of Apostles 5:19**)
- Be on your way, and, having taken a stand in the temple, keep on speaking to the people all the sayings about this life. (**Acts of Apostles 5:20**)
- However, Yehowah's angel spoke to Philip, saying; Rise and go to the south to the road that runs down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert road. (**Acts of Apostles 8:26**)
- With that he rose and went, and, look! An Ethiopian eunuch, a man in power under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, and who was over all her treasure. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship. (**Acts of Apostles 8:27**)
- But he was returning and was sitting in his chariot and reading aloud the prophet Isaiah. (**Acts of Apostles 8:28**)
- So the spirit said to Philip; Approach and join yourself to this chariot. (**Acts of Apostles 8:29**)
- When they had come up out of the water, Yehowah's spirit quickly led Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him anymore, for he kept going on his way rejoicing. (**Acts of Apostles 8:39**)
- But Philip was found to be in Ashdod, and he went through the territory and kept on declaring the Good News to all the cities until he got to Caesarea. (**Acts of Apostles 8:40**)
- But Saul, still breathing threat and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the High Priest. (**Acts of Apostles 9:1**)
- And asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, in order, that he might bring bound to Jerusalem any whom he found who belonged to The Way, both men and women. (**Acts of Apostles 9:2**)

- **Now as he was traveling he approached Damascus, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. (Acts of Apostles 9:3)**
- **And he fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 9:4)**
- **He said; Who are you, Lord? He said; I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 9:5)**
- **Nevertheless, rise and enter into the city, and what you must do will be told you. (Acts of Apostles 9:6)**
- **Now the men that were journeying with him were standing speechless, hearing, indeed, the sound of a voice, but not beholding any man. (Acts of Apostles 9:7)**
- **But Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were opened he was seeing nothing. So they led him by the hand and conducted him into Damascus. (Acts of Apostles 9:8)**
- **As Peter was going over in his mind about the vision, the spirit said; Look! Three men are seeking you. (Acts of Apostles 10:19)**
- **However, rise, go downstairs and be on your way with them, not doubting at all, because I have dispatched them. (Acts of Apostles 10:20)**
- **So Peter went downstairs to the men and said; Look! I am the one you are seeking. What is the cause for which you are present? (Acts of Apostles 10:21)**
- **They said; Cornelius, an army officer, a man righteous and fearing God and well reported by the whole nation of the Jews, was given divine instructions by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear the things you have to say. (Acts of Apostles 10:22)**
- **The man gazed at him and, becoming frightened, said; What is it, Lord? He said to him; Your prayers and gifts of mercy have ascended as a remembrance before God. (Acts of Apostles 10:4)**
- **So now send men to Joppa and summon a certain Simon who is**

- surnamed Peter. ([Acts of Apostles 10:5](#))
- This man is being entertained by a certain Simon, a tanner, who has a house by the sea. ([Acts of Apostles 10:6](#))
  - As soon as the angel that spoke to him had left, he called two of his house servants and a devout soldier from among those who were in constant attendance upon him. ([Acts of Apostles 10:7](#))
  - And he related everything to them and dispatched them to Joppa. ([Acts of Apostles 10:8](#))
  - The next day as they were pursuing their journey and were approaching the city, Peter went up to the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ([Acts of Apostles 10:9](#))
  - But he became very hungry and wanted to eat. While they were preparing, he fell into a trance ([Acts of Apostles 10:10](#))
  - And beheld heaven opened and some sort of vessel descending like a great linen sheet being let down by its four extremities upon the earth. ([Acts of Apostles 10:11](#))
  - And in it there were all sorts of four-footed creatures and creeping things of the earth and birds of heaven. ([Acts of Apostles 10:12](#))
  - And a voice came to him; Rise, Peter, slaughter and eat! ([Acts of Apostles 10:13](#))
  - But Peter said; Not at all, Lord, because never have I eaten anything defiled and unclean. ([Acts of Apostles 10:14](#))
  - And the voice spoke again to him, the second time; You stop calling defiled the things God has cleansed. ([Acts of Apostles 10:15](#))
  - This occurred a third time, and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven. ([Acts of Apostles 10:16](#))
  - Now while Peter was in great perplexity inwardly over what the vision he had seen might mean, look! The men dispatched by Cornelius had made inquiries for Simon's house and stood there at the gate. ([Acts of Apostles 10:17](#))

- **And they called out and inquired whether Simon who was surnamed Peter was being entertained there. (Acts of Apostles 10:18)**
- **As Peter was going over in his mind about the vision, the spirit said; Look! Three men are seeking you. (Acts of Apostles 10:19)**
- **However, rise, go downstairs and be on your way with them, not doubting at all, because I have dispatched them. (Acts of Apostles 10:20)**
- **So Peter went downstairs to the men and said; Look! I am the one you are seeking. What is the cause for which you are present? (Acts of Apostles 10:21)**
- **They said; Cornelius, an army officer, a man righteous and fearing God and well reported by the whole nation of the Jews, was given divine instructions by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear the things you have to say. (Acts of Apostles 10:22)**
- **Therefore he invited them in and entertained them. The next day he rose and went off with them, and some of the brothers that were from Joppa went with him. (Acts of Apostles 10:23)**
- **On the day after that he entered into Caesarea. Cornelius, of course, was expecting them and had called together his relatives and intimate friends. (Acts of Apostles 10:24)**
- **As Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet and did obeisance to him. (Acts of Apostles 10:25)**
- **But Peter lifted him up, saying; Rise, I myself am also a man. (Acts of Apostles 10:26)**
- **And as he conversed with him he went in and found many people assembled. (Acts of Apostles 10:27)**
- **And he said to them; You well know how unlawful it is for a Jew to join himself to or approach a man of another race, and yet God has shown me I should call no man defiled or unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:28)**

- Hence I came, really without objection, when I was sent for. Therefore I inquire the reason that you have sent for me. (**Acts of Apostles 10:29**)
- Accordingly Cornelius said; Four days ago counting from this hour I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, when, look! a man in bright raiment stood before me. (**Acts of Apostles 10:30**)
- And said; Cornelius, your prayer has been favorably heard and your gifts of mercy have been remembered before God. (**Acts of Apostles 10:31**)
- Send, therefore, to Joppa and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter. This man is being entertained in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. (**Acts of Apostles 10:32**)
- Therefore I at once sent to you, and you did well in coming here. And so at this time we are all present before God to hear all the things you have been commanded by Yehowah to say. (**Acts of Apostles 10:33**)
- At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (**Acts of Apostles 10:34**)
- But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)
- He sent out the word to the sons of Israel to declare to them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, this One is Lord of all others. (**Acts of Apostles 10:36**)
- You know the subject that was talked about throughout the whole of Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism that John preached. (**Acts of Apostles 10:37**)
- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with Holy Spirit and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:38**)
- And we are witnesses of all the things he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, but they also did away with him by hanging him on a stake. (**Acts of Apostles 10:39**)



- God raised this One up on the third day and granted him to become manifest. ([Acts of Apostles 10:40](#))
- not to all the people, but to witnesses appointed beforehand by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after his rising from the dead. ([Acts of Apostles 10:41](#))
- Also, he ordered us to preach to the people and to give a thorough witness that this is the One decreed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ([Acts of Apostles 10:42](#))
- To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone putting faith in him gets forgiveness of sins through his name. ([Acts of Apostles 10:43](#))
- While Peter was yet speaking about these matters the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word. ([Acts of Apostles 10:44](#))
- And the faithful ones that had come with Peter who were of those circumcised were amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit was being poured out also upon people of the nations. ([Acts of Apostles 10:45](#))
- For they heard them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter responded. ([Acts of Apostles 10:46](#))
- Can anyone forbid water so that these might not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have? ([Acts of Apostles 10:47](#))
- With that he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they requested him to remain for some days. ([Acts of Apostles 10:48](#))
- Now when Herod was about to produce him, that night Peter was sleeping bound with two chains between two soldiers, and guards before the door were keeping the prison. ([Acts of Apostles 12:6](#))
- But, look! Yehowah's angel stood by, and a light shone in the prison cell. Striking Peter on the side, he roused him, saying; Rise quickly! And his chains fell off his hands. ([Acts of Apostles 12:7](#))

- **The angel said to him; Gird yourself and bind your sandals on. He did so. Finally he said to him; Put your outer garment on and keep following me. (Acts of Apostles 12:8)**
- **And he went out and kept following him, but he did not know that what was happening through the angel was real. In fact, he supposed he was seeing a vision. (Acts of Apostles 12:9)**
- **Going through the first sentinel guard and the second they got to the iron gate leading into the city, and this opened to them of its own accord. And after they went out they advanced down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. (Acts of Apostles 12:10)**
- **And Peter, coming to himself, said; Now I actually know that Yehowah sent his angel forth and delivered me out of Herod's hand and from all that the people of the Jews were expecting. (Acts of Apostles 12:11)**
- **As they were publicly ministering to Yehowah and fasting, the Holy Spirit said; Of all persons set Barnabas and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them. (Acts of Apostles 13:2)**
- **Moreover, they went through Phrygia and the country of Galatia, because they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in the district of Asia. (Acts of Apostles 16:6)**
- **Further, when getting down to Mysia they made efforts to go into Bithynia, but the spirit of Jesus did not permit them. (Acts of Apostles 16:7)**
- **So they passed Mysia by and came down to Troas. (Acts of Apostles 16:8)**
- **And during the night a vision appeared to Paul, a certain Macedonian man was standing and entreating him and saying; Step over into Macedonia and help us. (Acts of Apostles 16:9)**
- **Now as soon as he had seen the vision, we sought to go forth into Macedonia, drawing the conclusion that God had summoned us to declare the Good News to them. (Acts of Apostles 16:10)**
- **But about the middle of the night Paul and Silas were praying**

- and praising God with song, yes, the prisoners were hearing them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:25**)
- Suddenly a great earthquake occurred, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. Moreover, all the doors were instantly opened, and the bonds of all were loosened. (**Acts of Apostles 16:26**)
  - The jailer, being awakened out of sleep and seeing the prison doors were open, drew his sword and was about to do away with himself, imagining that the prisoners had escaped. (**Acts of Apostles 16:27**)
  - But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying; Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here! (**Acts of Apostles 16:28**)
  - So he asked for lights and leaped in and, seized with trembling, he fell down before Paul and Silas. (**Acts of Apostles 16:29**)
  - And he brought them outside and said; Sirs, what must I do to get saved? (**Acts of Apostles 16:30**)
  - They said; Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will get saved, you and your household. (**Acts of Apostles 16:31**)
  - And they spoke the word of Yehowah to him together with all those in his house. (**Acts of Apostles 16:32**)
  - And he took them along in that hour of the night and bathed their stripes, and, one and all, he and his were baptized without delay. (**Acts of Apostles 16:33**)
  - Moreover, by night the Lord said to Paul through a vision; Have no fear, but keep on speaking and do not keep silent. (**Acts of Apostles 18:9**)
  - Because I am with you and no man will assault you so as to do you injury, for I have many people in this city. (**Acts of Apostles 18:10**)
  - But I am remaining in Ephesus until the festival of Pentecost. (**1 Corinthians 16:8**)
  - For a large door that leads to activity has been opened to me, but

there are many opposers. ([1 Corinthians 16:9](#))

- **It was foretold that miraculous abilities granted by the spirit to the apostles, and passed on by them to others, would last only during the infancy of the Christian congregation, thereafter ending.**
- **Love never fails. But whether there are gifts of prophesying, they will be done away with, whether there are tongues, they will cease, whether there is knowledge, it will be done away with. ([1 Corinthians 13:8](#))**
- **For we have partial knowledge and we prophesy partially. ([1 Corinthians 13:9](#))**
- **But when that which is complete arrives, that which is partial will be done away with. ([1 Corinthians 13:10](#))**
- **When I was a babe, I used to speak as a babe, to think as a babe, to reason as a babe. But now that I have become a man, I have done away with the traits of a babe. ([1 Corinthians 13:11](#))**
- **[McIntock and Strong's Cyclopaedia \[Vol. VI, p. 320\]](#) says that it is an uncontested statement, that during the first hundred years after the death of the apostles, we hear little or nothing of the working of miracles by the early Christians.**
- **Nevertheless, Jesus and his apostles warned of future deceptive powerful works that would be done by apostates and also by a symbolic wild beast, enemies of God.**
- **Not everyone saying to me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will. ([Matthew 7:21](#))**
- **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name? ([Matthew 7:22](#))**
- **And yet then I will confess to them; I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness. ([Matthew 7:23](#))**
- **Then if anyone says to you; Look! Here is the Christ. Or; There! Do not believe it. ([Matthew 24:23](#))**

- For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen ones. (**Matthew 24:24**)
- Look! I have forewarned you. (**Matthew 24:25**)
- But the lawless ones presence is according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents. (**2 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- And with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, as a retribution because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved. (**2 Thessalonians 2:10**)
- And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (**Revelation 13:11**)
- And it exercises all the authority of the first wild beast in its sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild beast, whose death-stroke got healed. (**Revelation 13:12**)
- And it performs great signs, so that it should even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of mankind. (**Revelation 13:13**)

**See Also BEASTS, SYMBOLIC**

**See Also GIFTS FROM GOD (Gifts of the Spirit)**

- The expressions of God's power reach a high point in the establishment of his Kingdom by Christ Jesus and the judgment acts that result from that event.

**See Also FILL HAND WITH POWER.**