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Gospel Reflections:
JOHN 1

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## JOHN 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with GOD, and The Word was GOD.

<sup>2</sup> The Same was in the beginning with GOD.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup> In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Here is the revelation of The Divinity of The Person JESUS CHRIST, that before His Incarnation, He is eternally coexistent and one with GOD The Father. John takes us back to GENESIS 1:1 -

בָּרִאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשְּׁמִים וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ:

- BERE'SHIYT, BARA' 'ELOHIYM HASHSHAMAYIM VE'ET HA'ARETS, "In The Beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth." JESUS CHRIST is The Divine Logos, The Eternal Wisdom, Who was there with The Father to make Adam's body from the dust of the earth.

CHRIST was there with The Father as the breath of GOD was breathed into Adam –

נְשְׁמַת חַיִּיֶם

- NISHEMAT CHAYYIYM, "The Breath of life" by The very Spirit of GOD – bringing Adam's soul into union with Adam's body – giving him life! Therefore Adam became -

וַפִשׁ חַיַּה

- NEFESH CHAYYAH, a living soul by The Breath of The Eternal Living One, The Living GOD The Father, Son and Holy Ghost! [GENESIS 2:7]

In The Old Testament, The Word of GOD was revealed to men on Mount Sinai through Moses the friend of GOD, as the very finger of The LORD inscribed The Ten Words – The Ten Commandments – upon stone tablets. The Word of GOD then written on stone tablets dwelt with His covenant people Israel, contained within the physical Ark of The Covenant. But now The Word of GOD, The Light of the world and The Giver of all life – JESUS CHRIST – has come to dwell with His covenant people The Church!

Mary, The Mother of GOD, was as Irenaeus says, for a time a type of living Ark of The New Covenant, containing in her womb by The HOLY SPIRIT The Living Word of GOD in The Person JESUS CHRIST! [Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs, entry for "Mary," 2<sup>nd</sup> comment by Irenaeus, p 437.] Now, by The Spirit of The LORD, The Same One Who forms our bodies from the very elements of creation and Who breathes His RUACH or Spirit into us at conception to give us life, dwells – not merely amoung His people – but even within His people!

"What," says Saint Paul in Corinthians, "Know ye not that ye are The [living] Temple of The Spirit of The Living Eternal One? That ye are not of yourselves, but bought with so great a Price," even The very Body and Blood shed for you by The

Messiah JESUS upon The Cross? That you now belong to The Lord JESUS CHRIST, both your body and your soul, redeemed by The Eternal Word Incarnate at Calvary? [I CORINTHIANS 6:19-20]

#### JOHN 1:5-14

- <sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from GOD, whose name was John.
- <sup>7</sup> The same came for a witness, to bear witness of The Light, that all men through him might believe.
- <sup>8</sup> He was not That Light, but was sent to bear witness of That Light.
- <sup>9</sup> That was The true Light, Which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.
- <sup>11</sup> He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.
- <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of GOD, even to them that believe on His Name:
- <sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of GOD.
- <sup>14</sup> And The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, The Glory as of The only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Men who live in hardhearted rebellion against GOD flee from The Presence of The Lord. His Light of holiness can not be tolerated by those who insist on living in sin. But by GOD's Grace, we who are saved are brought into That marvelous Light, JESUS CHRIST. As Paul says, "By Grace are ye saved, and that not of yourselves. It is The Gift of GOD. Not of works, lest any man should boast!" [EPHESIANS 2:8-9]

In The Old Testament, is was promised by The LORD that He would send The Prophet ahead of The Messiah, to prepare the way for The Anointed One. The prophet Isaiah declares The Coming of The Saviour's herald, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of The LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our GOD!" [ISAIAH 40:30] Saint John here identifies John The Baptist as the messianic herald prophesied by Isaiah.

So The Word of GOD Incarnate, Who took on human flesh in The Person of JESUS CHRIST, came in fulfillment of The Jewish prophecies to first The Jewish nation at a point He chose in human history, as The Perfectly Obedient One to The Jewish Laws without sin, fulfilling all The Law and the prophets in thought, word and deed. All the evidence was clearly there, and yet His Old Covenant chosen people rejected Him. The messiahship of JESUS, Saint John reminds us, is just as clearly to be seen in The Person of JESUS CHRIST as the existence of GOD The Father is to be seen from the glory and order of creation and life itself!

But to those who see The Light of GOD, The Messiah JESUS, and confess Him as Lord and Saviour, to them – by GOD's Grace – He gives the forgiveness of sins, His blessings and Presence in this life, and eternal life with Him in Heaven in the next! Such

blessings in CHRIST are not won by men by any external meritorious works of the flesh, nor by any intellectual ascent of the minds of men, but by His Divine Mercy shed upon us! As John Newton sings in his hymn, "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see!" [Amazing Grace]

Here we see the shadows of the coming encounter between Nicodemus and The Lord in JOHN 3:5, "...Except a man be born of water and of The Spirit, he cannot enter into The Kingdom of GOD!" Salvation of our souls in CHRIST requires that we be baptized for the washing away of our Original Sin outwardly, an effectual sign and symbol of our soul's washing and rebirth by the entry of The HOLY SPIRIT. Saint Paul writes in TITUS 3:5-6, that by The Grace of CHRIST, it is "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of The Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through JESUS CHRIST our Saviour;

And now Saint John brings The Incarnation before us, that The King of the universe, The Creator Himself loves us so much, that He now enters His own creation in the hypostatic union of His full Divinity and full Humanity but without sin as The Messiah JESUS! Saint Paul says in PHILLIPIANS 2:6-7 that CHRIST, "Who, being in the form of GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

As The early Church confessed at The Council of Chalcedon, and so must every faithful Christian, JESUS CHRIST is "perfect in Divinity and perfect in Humanity, the same truly GOD and truly Man, composed of rational soul and body; consubstantial with The Father as to His Divinity and consubstantial with us as to His Humanity; like us in all things but sin." [Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 467]

Why The Incarnation? The 3 Apostles who beheld JESUS' transfiguration and saw His Glory with their own eyes – John, Peter and James – came to understand, and they testify to us why. So that we, as Saint Peter says, "might become partakers of The Divine Nature." [II PETER 1:4] Because, as Saint John says, "In this was manifested The Love of GOD toward us, because that GOD sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." [I JOHN 4:9] As Saint James says, He is "our Lord JESUS CHRIST, The Lord of Glory!" [JAMES 2:1].

JESUS CHRIST is The Shekinah Glory of JEHOVAH Incarnate, come to deliver His people from the slavery and bondage of sin and death, that we might dwell with Him as it were face to face, in part now in this life, and forever Above in the next! Moses the friend of GOD beheld only a passing glimpse of The Almighty's Glory, when He passed by in EXODUS 34:6, "And The LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" But now, as The Lord says in JOHN 14:9, "he that hath seen Me hath seen The Father!"

## JOHN 1:15-18

- <sup>15</sup> John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of Whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.
- <sup>16</sup> And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
- <sup>17</sup> For The Law was given by Moses, but Grace and truth came by JESUS CHRIST.
- <sup>18</sup> No man hath seen GOD at any time; The only begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of The Father, he hath declared Him.

How is it, that John The Baptist testified that JESUS was before him, even though He came after him? The answer is that The Baptist refers to JESUS' eternal pre-existence with GOD The Father, which Saint John speaks of here throughout! Of all those who ever came to know JESUS in part during His First Advent, the 3 Apostles who beheld His transfiguration came to know this the most deeply.

When JEHOVAH revealed Himself personally to Moses in the burning bush, He revealed His eternal Name in EXODUS 3:14 –



- 'EHYEH 'ASHER 'EHYEH, "I AM THAT I AM." The LORD directs Moses to say to the children of Israel in EXODUS 3:15 that he is sent by

-ADONAY 'ELOHEY 'AVITEYCHEM, 'ELOHEY 'AVRAHAM, 'ELOHEY YITSHAQ, VE'LOHEY YA"AQOV, "The LORD GOD of your fathers, The GOD of Abraham, The GOD of Isaac, and The GOD of Jacob." So when JESUS confronts the Jewish religious leaders in JOHN 8:58, He reveals of Himself, "before Abraham was, I AM!"

#### JOHN 1:19-23

- <sup>19</sup> And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
- <sup>20</sup> And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
- Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
- <sup>23</sup> He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

In rabbinical Judaism, faithful Jews are still waiting for The Advent of The Messiah, not recognizing that JESUS is The CHRIST, The Lamb of GOD Who takes away the sins of the world! Over and over again in The Torah, Moses records This Truth, that atonement for sin in the sin offering requires the shedding of the blood of the specified animal, which stands in the place the sinner himself before The LORD. So HEBREWS 9:22 declares that, under The Law of Moses, "without the shedding of blood

is no remission" of sin. As the prophet says in EZEKIEL 18:4, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Now true Old Covenant Judaism died when The Temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Roman army. Only the wailing wall remains, and no means for men has existed under The Law of Moses in any manmade Tabernacle or Temple since then to offer up the substitutionary blood of animals as sin offerings. So since then, has GOD ordained that the souls of all men should perish? GOD forbid! Moses himself says in DEUTERONOMY 4:31, as in many other places of the goodness of The LORD, "(For The LORD thy GOD is a merciful GOD;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget The Covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them."

So where is The LORD's faithfulness to The Covenant which He swore to Israel? It is nowhere else by in The Person and work of JESUS CHRIST, who as Saint John says in JOHN 1:29 when he sees The Lord approaching, "Behold The Lamb of GOD, Which taketh away the sin of the world!" What does Saint Paul say of The Lamb of GOD Who takes away our sins? He says in ROMANS 5:8-11, "But GOD commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to GOD by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, by Whom we have now received the atonement!"

# JOHN 1:24-28

- <sup>24</sup> And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
- <sup>25</sup> And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
- <sup>26</sup> John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;
- <sup>27</sup> He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
- <sup>28</sup> These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

At The Passover supper, it is common tradition by some faithful Jews to put out an extra cup of wine on the front stoop and leave the front door open – as it were the blood of the Passover lamb placed upon the doorposts of the home as on The first Passover – so that if the prophet Elijah come again as "That Prophet" who is expected to precede the coming of The Messiah, he will see that he is welcome in that household. Therefore children are sometimes sent from the Passover table to check the contents of the cup of wine outside the front door, that if it has been partly or completely emptied, the promised herald of The Messiah may have come that way.

In The last Book of The Old Testament, the prophet Malachi writes in MALACHI 4 that GOD shall send Elijah come again to proclaim the coming of The Day of The LORD. To the wicked, Malachi writes that they shall be consumed as stubble in an over.

But to those who are found to fear The Name of The Lord, "The Sun of righteousness" shall arise over them with "healing in His wings." [MALACHI 4:2] The righteous who are found keeping The Law of Moses shall be saved, and receive victory over the unrighteous.

And in MALACHI 4:5-6, it is recorded, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of The great and dreadful Day of The LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers..." Matthew Henry comments on the full weight of this verse, "they then must keep to The Law of Moses...and expect a further discovery of GOD's Will by Elijah the prophet, that is, by John Baptist, the harbinger of the Messiah."

The Jewish people and certainly the well versed religious leaders in The Day of CHRIST's First Advent knew full well this last prophets Word's of the coming first of The Messiah's herald before The Coming of The Messiah Himself. For about 400 years, the Jewish people waited, until The Time of JESUS, before they could ask these questions of John The Baptist, "Are you The Messiah? Or are you his herald? Are you Elijah himself, or That Prophet with the spirit of Elijah? If so, where is The Messiah?"

## JOHN 1:29-34

<sup>29</sup> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world.

<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a Man Which is preferred before me: for He was before me.

<sup>31</sup> And I knew him not: but that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

<sup>32</sup> And John bare record, saying, I saw The Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him.

<sup>33</sup> And I knew him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, The Same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see The Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, The Same is He which baptizeth with The Holy Ghost.

<sup>34</sup> And I saw, and bare record that This is The Son of GOD.

The testimony here of John The Baptist is recorded: First, that The Almighty said to him that he would know The Messiah by The HOLY SPIRIT descending upon, and remaining upon, Him. Second, that while he baptized in water as a sign for the remission of sins and the beginning of new life, The Messiah would baptize in The very Spirit of The Living Eternal GOD and effect the remission of sins and the beginning of new life. That The Messiah would in fact be "The Lamb of GOD," taking away the sins of the world.

So John The Baptist testifies, and Saint John records, that when JESUS came to him to be baptized in water, he indeed beheld the sign promised by GOD, "I saw The Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him!" Perhaps this was a form of The Shekinah Glory that once lead the children of Israel under Moses. Perhaps

this was a host of Heaven's angels appearing and praising The Almighty. Or as in The Transfiguration recorded by Saints Matthew, Mark and Luke, they were overshadowed by a great cloud and heard the very voice of GOD!

Recall the cloud of The Presence of The LORD of Which Moses records so often in The Torah: EXODUS 19:16-19, "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with GOD; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because The LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and GOD answered him by a voice!"

And likewise, there is recording of The Cloud of The Presence of JEHOVAH filling the holy of holies of The First Temple, after which Solomon gave his public prayer of dedication before The LORD and the people that day, as in I KINGS 8:10-11, "And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled The House of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for The Glory of The LORD had filled The House of The LORD" -

- KIY-MALE' CHEBOD-ADONAY 'ET-BEYT ADONAY – "because it is full [of] The abundant Glory of The LORD [in] The House of The LORD!

MATTHEW 3:16-17 records of CHRIST's baptism by John The Baptist, "And JESUS, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he [that is, John The Baptist] saw The Spirit of GOD descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from Heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." Formerly, GOD's people on earth could only behold GOD The Father from afar when and where He chose to reveal Himself in a theophany. But now GOD's people on earth may behold GOD The Son as it were face to face when we draw near to The Incarnation at The Cross of CHRIST!

#### JOHN 1:35-39

<sup>35</sup> Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

<sup>37</sup> And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed JESUS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> And looking upon JESUS as He walked, he saith, Behold The Lamb of GOD!

Then JESUS turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto Him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest Thou?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where He dwelt, and abode with Him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

When The Word of GOD speaks, the hearts of men shudder and are convicted. Some men turn away from The Light of the world, JESUS CHRIST, while others – by His Grace – turn towards Him and obey. Over and over again in The Torah, for example, when "The Word of The LORD" -

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- 'ET-DEBAR ADONAY [as from DEUTERONOMY 5:5] speaks, as through Moses the man of GOD, from the mouth of The Almighty, those who love Him hear and obey. JESUS The Messiah is, as JOHN 1 declares, The Eternal pre-existing Word of GOD Incarnate. So when the Apostles were called by The Word of GOD from the mouth of CHRIST, by Divine Grace, they heard and obeyed.

Not that they followed CHRIST perfectly, and The Scriptures attest to very honestly. And neither do we! Who are those who belong to CHRIST? Our Lord says in LUKE 8:21 that they are "...these which hear The Word of GOD, and do it." This is the same Word of GOD Who spoke all of creation into existence. The Same Word of GOD Who sustains all things from moment to moment. The Same Word of GOD Who commands, first Israel and now The Church, "Hear O Israel, The LORD our GOD is one LORD."

יִשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִהוְהוּ אֶּחְד: - SHEMA" YISRRA'EL ADONAY 'ELOHEYNU ADONAY ECHAD!

- SHEMA" YISRRA'EL ADONAY 'ELOHEYNU ADONAY ECHAD! [DEUTERONOMY 6:4] Therefore, as CHRIST speaks The Words of The First Great Commandment to us from His mouth, "And thou shalt love The LORD thy GOD with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might!" [MATTHEW 22:37 from DEUTERONOMY 6:5].

## JOHN 1:40-46

<sup>40</sup> One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

<sup>42</sup> And he brought him to JESUS. And when JESUS beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

<sup>43</sup> The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow Me.

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup> Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in The Law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

<sup>46</sup> And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

So Andrew and his brother Simon Peter, Philip and Nathanael were called by the mouth of JESUS. They heard and obeyed. JESUS says to them, "Follow Me!" and they did so. In MARK 8:35-37 JESUS declares, "...whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found The Messias, which is, being interpreted, The CHRIST.

shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and The Gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

GOD is always placing choices before us: to choose life or death; fellowship with Him or alienation; adoption as His sons and daughters in CHRIST or to remain orphans; earthly blessings or chastisements; eternal life or damnation. Shall we desire to receive His blessings and dwell in His Presence, both now and forever? Then we, by His Grace, must choose The LORD and His Word over the devil and his lies!

As Moses says in DEUTERONOMY 30:14-16, "But The Word [of The LORD] is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love The LORD thy GOD, to walk in His Ways, and to keep His Commandments and His Statutes and His Judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and The LORD thy GOD shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it!"

#### JOHN 1:47-51

- <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
- <sup>48</sup> Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? JESUS answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
- <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, Thou art The Son of GOD; Thou art The King of Israel.
- <sup>50</sup> JESUS answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.
- <sup>51</sup> And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open, and the angels of GOD ascending and descending upon The Son of Man.

Here the Apostle Nathanael confesses that JESUS is "The Son of GOD," The King of Israel" and The Son of Man! These are not merely secular titles of acclaim for a mere earthly human prince, but are messianic titles reserved within The Hebrew Scriptures only for The Messiah Who was to come to deliver His people Israel and reign over them forever in righteousness, power and truth. It is a term akin to "The CHRIST" in Greek, "The Anointed One of GOD," The Creator Incarnate, still fully Divine in His Person, but also having now taken on human flesh as a Man but without sin! This is The Person JESUS CHRIST!

Isaiah foresees in The Spirit of GOD The Coming of The Saviour in ISAIAH 7:6-7, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty GOD, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The LORD of Hosts will perform this!"

And with The First Advent of CHRIST, The Kingdom of GOD as it is in Heaven now expands upon earth, though still in part. The Fall and Original Sin corrupted man and creation away from fellowship with The Almighty. Through Old Testament Israel, The Kingdom of GOD – expanding from Noah's family, to the tribe of Abraham, to the 12 tribes of Moses and then to the kingdom of David. With The Coming of CHRIST, now The Kingdom of GOD in Heaven expands from a small spot on the face of the earth in Palestine to all the 4 corners of the earth! And when CHRIST Comes Again, His throne through the line of David will be fulfilled completely on earth as it is in Heaven! Then will the saints of GOD see the completion of CHRIST's promise here for the saints of GOD, that "Heaven open, and the angels of GOD ascending and descending upon The Son of Man!"

[Hebrew Old Testament from <a href="http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm">http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0.htm</a>] [English Bible quotes from King James Version]