



The Davidic Kingdom

THE PROMISE

A Kingdom develops

- ✦ *850 years after Abraham becomes the father of the Israelites.*
- ✦ *230 years after Moses leads these same Israelites from 400 years of slavery in Egypt*
- ✦ *After 200 years of being surrounded by different peoples with powerful kings, the people ask for their own Israelite Kingdom. Saul becomes a King, but loses favor with God.*
- ✦ *1000 years BC, David, the second King of Israel, becomes the first King of a system that would be known as the **Davidic Kingdom**. Only his sons and heirs, **sons of David**, would ever be King.*

2 Sam 7 - Nathan

- ✦ *Nathan, a prophet of God, reveals to King David an Oracle from God that states:*
 - ✦ *the Davidic kingdom will last forever,*
 - ✦ *God will be a Father to his son, and his son will be a son of God.*
 - ✦ *David's son will build a temple to God's name, (2 Sam 7:12-29).*
 - ✦ *Thus the promises first made to Abraham, would come through a son of Abraham, who would also be a son of David.*

Historical Confusion and The Apparent Failure

Kingdom grows, but ...

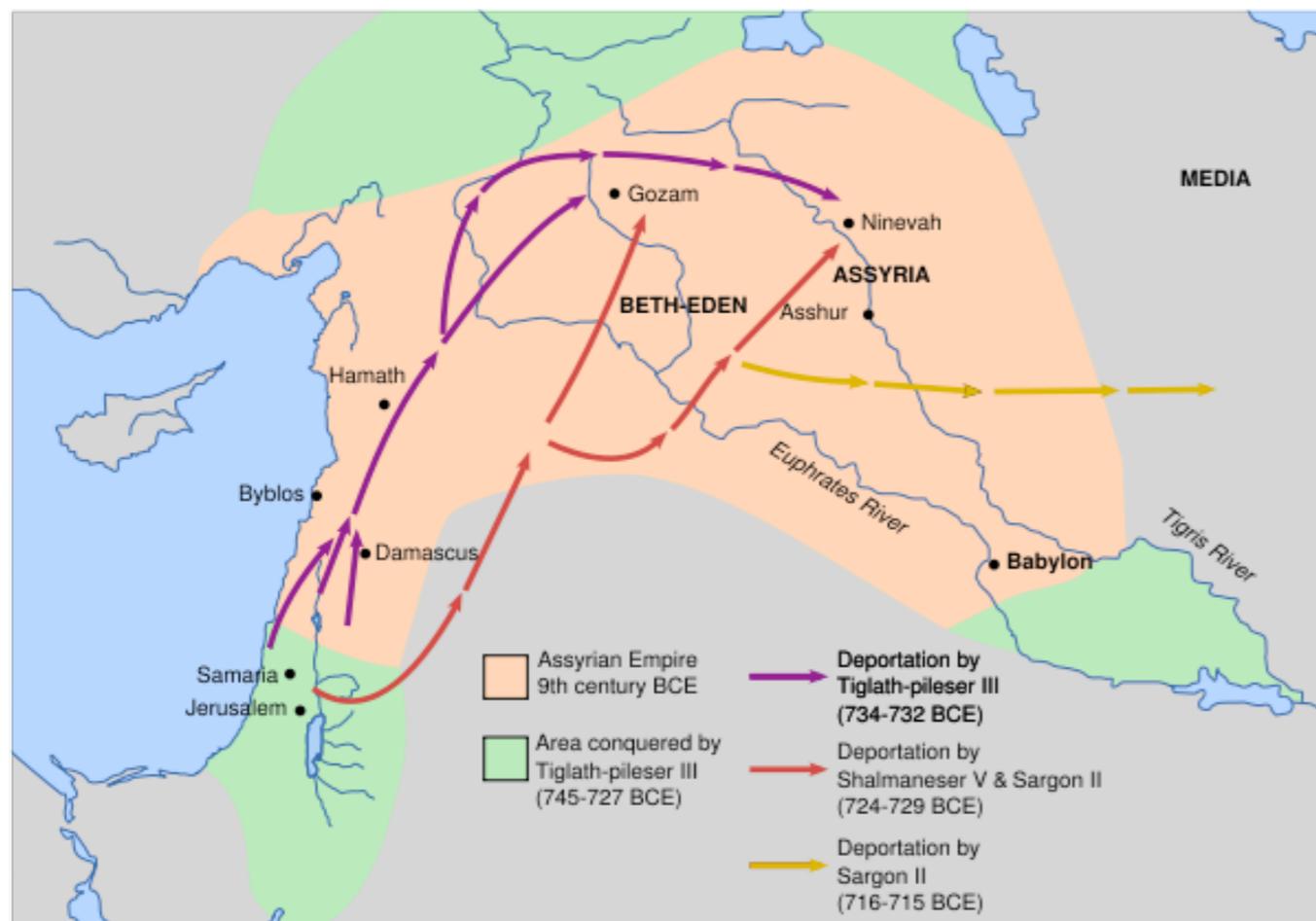
- ✦ *King David sat on the throne for about 30 years.*
- ✦ *In 970 BC - Solomon, son of David, becomes king and the kingdom reaches its highest glory. Solomon builds the Temple to the Lord.*
- ✦ ***But in 900 BC - TRAGEDY STRIKES!***
The Davidic Kingdom divides into two kingdoms: Northern and Southern.

Kingdom Divides



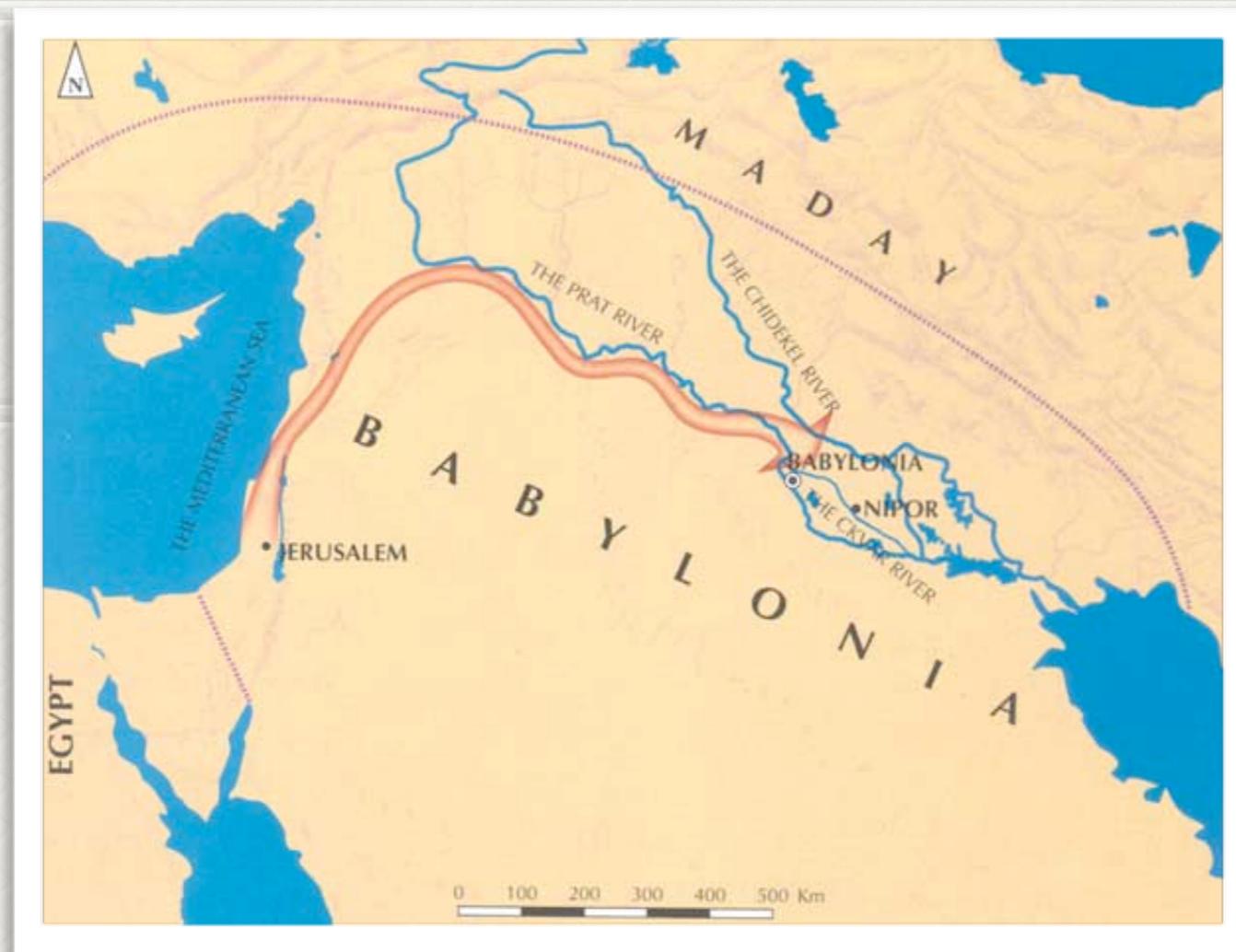
- ✦ *The Northern kingdom consists of 10 tribes of Israel. Its Temple is located at Gerizim. This is the land of Jacob.*
- ✦ *The Southern kingdom consists of two tribes of Israel: Judah and Benjamin. This is the land of Abraham and Isaac.*
- ✦ *Both kingdoms coexist, and God sends prophets to both kingdoms.*

Kingdoms are Lost



- ✿ *In 722 BC - Assyria comes and conquers the Northern Kingdom deporting all 10 Israelite tribes to other areas.*
- ✿ *This comes to be known as the **Assyrian Dispersion**.*

✿ *The **10 Northern Tribes** are never heard of again as a concrete or identifiable group.*



- ✦ *In 586 BC, some 150 years after the North is lost, the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar II invade the South and exile the two Southern tribes to Babylon. The Southern tribes are not dispersed but survive together in Babylon, in what is modern day Baghdad.*
- ✦ *This comes to be known as the Babylonian Exile.*

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- ✿ *The Solomon Temple and the Davidic Palace are both destroyed by the Babylonians and its treasures carried as prizes of conquest.*
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There is nothing left of a kingdom in any of Israel. Has God forgotten Israel?

... some do return

- ✿ *After 70 years the **Southern tribes** are permitted to return to Israel by Cyrus the great, the Mideo-Persian King.*
- ✿ *But the Jews are prohibited from having a King.*
- ✿ *A religious rule under the High Priest develops.*
- ✿ *The Temple is rebuilt under Ezra and Nehemiah around 500 BC. **Sacrifices resume.** (Renovated in 20BC by Herod the Great)*

No Prophet, No Messiah

- ✦ *Now there is Nothing but Silence from God!*
No Prophets, No Messiah.
- ✦ *Will God keep his promise of a Messiah?*
 - ✦ *God would send A prophet who would be like unto Moses, (Dt 18: 15-18)*
 - ✦ *A king, a son of David, an heir who would fulfill the promises of a Kingdom made to his father David.
(2 Sam7).*

No Prophet, No Messiah

- ✦ *There is no king or the ability to have a king!*
- ✦ *Has the line of David been lost through the Exile? How is it possible to trace a **Davidic heir** through an exile?*
- ✦ *For nearly **560 years** - there is no identified King, but then ...
... then a child is born in the City of David*

*His name: **Jesus**.*



*Lets look at **Matthew's genealogy**, as first century Jews would have delighted in seeing it! ... (Mt 1:1-16)*

Historical Success?

From the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 1 verse 1...):

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

*Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... Jesse the father of David the king. **David** became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah ... Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.*

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YES. God had kept His promise!

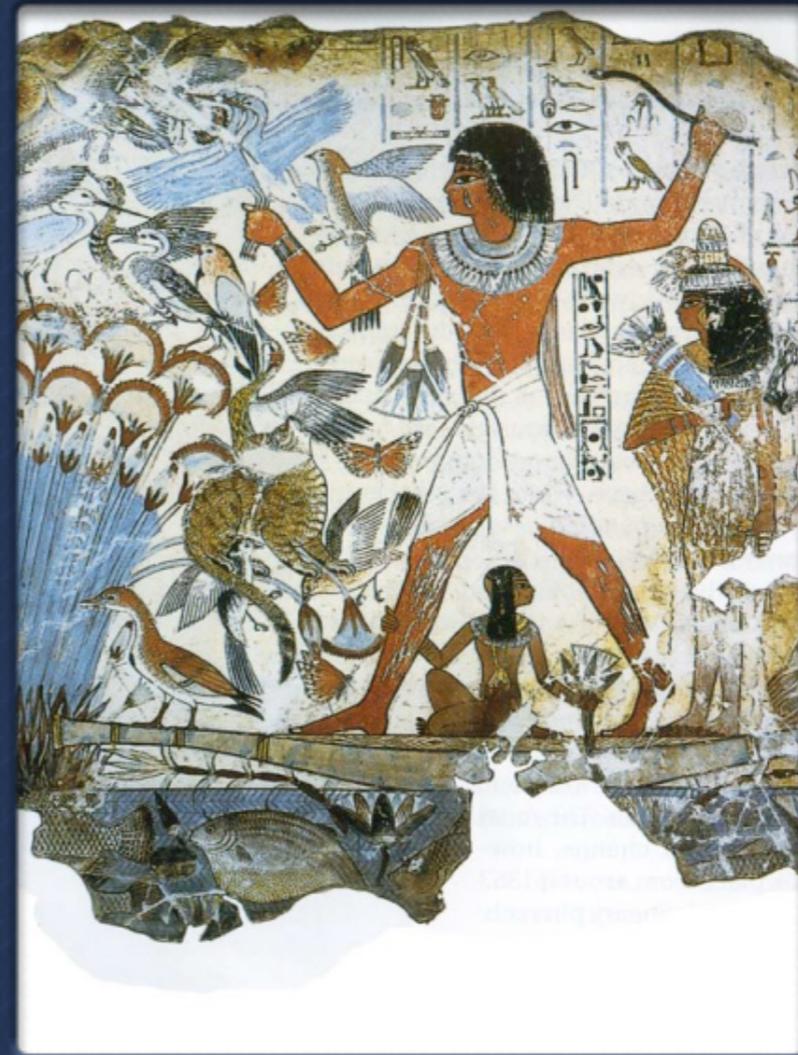


The Structure of the Kingdom

Two important Offices

The Vizier

*The office of
the Royal
Steward*



The Office of Vizier

- ✦ *The King's Vizier* - aka Royal Steward, Major-Domo, Master of the Palace.
- ✦ *Second only to the King in authority.*
- ✦ *Spoke for the King in his absence or unavailability.*
- ✦ *We would think of his authority in the United States as equivalent to that of the Vice-President.*

The Office of Vizier

- ✦ *In the United States, the President has many ‘secretaries’*
- ✦ *but one Vice-President who speaks for the President, if the President is unable to govern for any reason.*
- ✦ *Each Secretary - State, Defense, Commerce has primacy in their own department, The Vice-President, when speaking for the President, can override their authority. None of the Secretaries, can override the Vice-President*
 - ✦ *So it was with the officer of Vizier in the David Kingdom.*

The Office of Vizier

- ✦ *In the Kingdom of Israel, the King appointed 12 ministers. These helped the King in reigning over the Kingdom. (1 Ki 4).*
- ✦ *While there were 12 ministers called, only one was vizier. The Vizier was modeled after the same office in Egypt, by the same name.*
 - ✦ *Let's take a glimpse of its Egyptian precursor.*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✦ *Genesis records the story of how Joseph, the son of Jacob * - was sold into a slave caravan headed for Egypt, by his brothers.*
- ✦ *Through circumstances not of his own making, he was imprisoned in Egypt.*
- ✦ *It was there Joseph became known for being able to interpret dreams*. God spoke to Joseph in his dreams.*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✦ *Pharaoh had a dream of alternating seven fat cows and seven skinny cows, (ears of corn) - which Joseph claiming inspiration from God, interpreted for Pharaoh as
7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine.*
- ✦ *Joseph advised Pharaoh to conserve from the years of plenty for the years of famine.*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✿ *(Joseph's) advice pleased Pharaoh and all his officials.*
- ✿ *"Could we find another like him," Pharaoh asked his officials, "a man so endowed with the spirit of God?"*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✦ *So Pharaoh said to Joseph: "**Since God has made all this known to you, no one can be as wise and discerning as you are.**"*
- ✦ *You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people shall dart at your command.*
- ✦ *Only in respect to the throne shall I outrank you.*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✦ *“Herewith,” Pharaoh told Joseph, “I place you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” With that, Pharaoh took off his **signet ring** and put it on Joseph's finger. He had him dressed in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.*
- ✦ *He then had him ride in the **chariot of his vizier**, ... Thus was Joseph installed over the whole land of Egypt.*

Gen 41: 37-46

- ✿ *"I, Pharaoh, proclaim," he told Joseph, "that without your approval no one shall move hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."*
- ✿ *Pharaoh also bestowed the name of Zaphnath-paneah on Joseph ... (Gen 41:45)*
- ✿ *Pharaoh changed Joseph's name to match the reason he was taking the office. "The god speaks and he lives."*

Gen 45:8

- ✦ *Joseph many years later, would say to his brothers:*
 - ✦ *So it was not really you but **God** who had me come here; and **he** has made of me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt. (Gen 45:8).*
 - ✦ *Father and Son relationship between Pharaoh and his Vizier. **Vizier is a father figure.***

Davidic Office of Vizier

*The Same office was
brought from **Egypt**
into the
Davidic Kingdom*

(Gen 41 and Isaiah 22)

Bayith

Bayith is simply Hebrew for Vizier

Shebna and Eliakim

- ✦ *Isaiah records a controversy regarding a self-centered Vizier under King Hezekiah (late 8th Century BC).*
- ✦ *See Isaiah 22:15-24*

Shebna and Eliakim

✦ *Quoting Isaiah, Chapter 22:*

“Thus says the Lord, the GOD of hosts: Up, go to that

official, Shebna, master of the palace, (Bayith)

✦ *... The LORD shall hurl you down headlong, mortal man! ... you and the chariots you glory in, you disgrace to your master's house!*

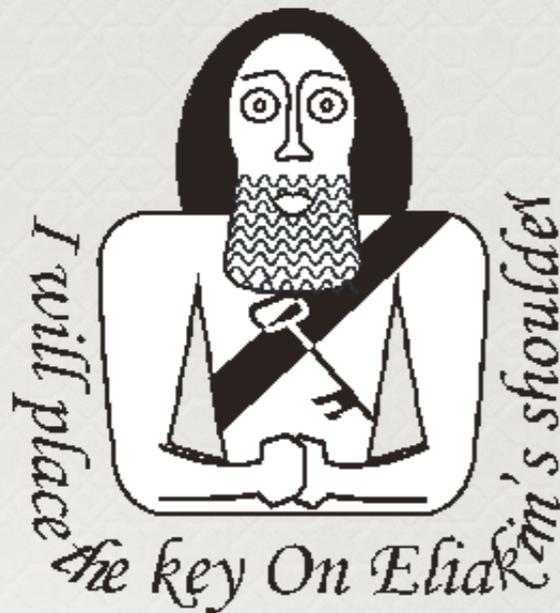
✦ *I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station.*

Shebna and Eliakim

- ✿ *On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;*
- ✿ *I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.*

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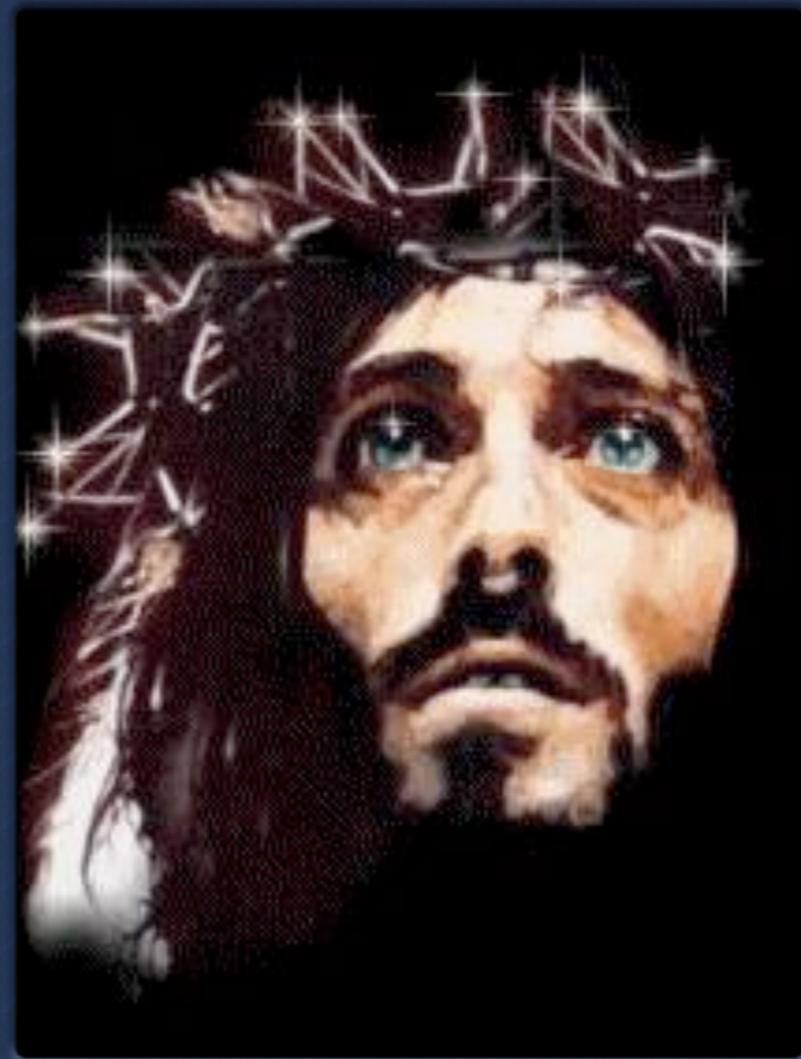
- ✦ *I will place the **key of the House of David** on his shoulder;*



***when he opens, no one shall shut
when he shuts, no one shall open.***

Jesus

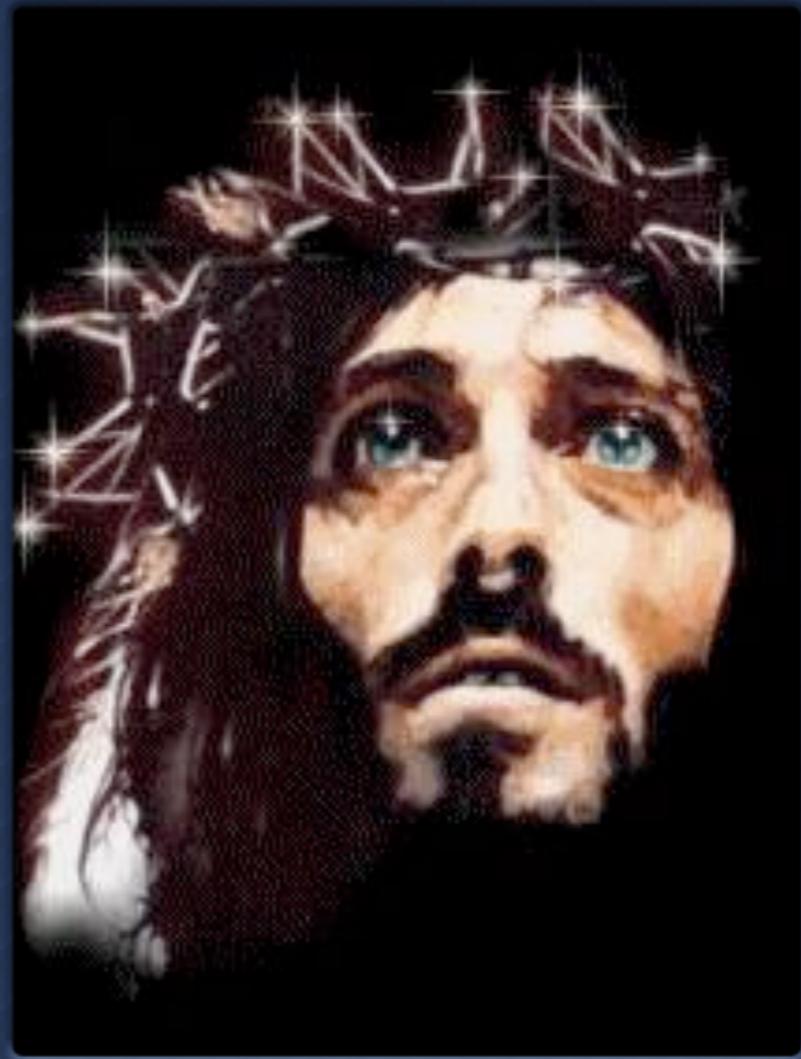
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Jesus

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*... but how is he also
a King of Israel?”*



Jesus - a Davidic King

- ✦ *If Jesus was a true Son of David - who would be a King he would sit on the throne of his father David.*
- ✦ *As such, a first century Jew would look for certain incidents of a true Davidic King.*
- ✦ *Jesus didn't need 12 ministers if he was just any king, but a Davidic King would have had Twelve including a Vizier chosen from among the 12.*

His ministers ...

- ✦ *In those days he (Jesus) departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, **he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve**, whom he also named apostles:*

Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. (Lk 6: 12-16)

... and a vizier

- ✦ *Matthew goes on to record the following in his 16th Chapter:*
 - “Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”
- ✦ *Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*
- ✦ *Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.”*

Simon Bar Jonah

- ✿ *And so I say to you, **you are Peter**, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*
- ✿ *“ I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.*



Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and

whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Mt 16:13-20)

Today, we still see a vizier in the office of Papa - The Holy Father.

The Gebirah

*The Office of
Queen Mother*



The Gebirah

- ✦ *In the Western Monarchy system a King has a Queen. She is the **Wife** of the King.*
- ✦ *In the Davidic Monarchy system the King also has a Queen. She is the **Mother** of the King.*



MAACAH II

Wife of Rehoboam
Mother of Abijah of Judah
Grandmother of Asa of Judah

The Gebirah

- ✦ *In the Davidic Kingdom, the Queen Mother has two important relationships:*
 - ✦ *She was the spouse of the Father- the prior King*
 - ✦ *She is the mother of the son- who is the King*
- ✦ *The legitimacy of the Davidic King flowed from the Gebirah's relationship to both. **Continuity of***

Bathsheba

- ✦ *As a wife of King David, Bathsheba bowed to David.
(1 Ki 1:16)*
- ✦ *As the mother of King Solomon, the king paid her homage. (1 Ki 2:19).*

The first Gebirah

- ✿ (1 Kings 2). *Adonijah, son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. "Do you come as a friend?" she asked. "Yes," he answered, and added, "I have something to say to you." She replied, "Say it."*
- ✿ ... *"But now there is one favor I would ask of you. Do not refuse me." And she said, "Speak on."*
- ✿ *He said, "Please ask King Solomon, who will not refuse you, to give me Abishag the Shunamite for my wife."*

The first Gebirah

- ✦ *“Very well,” replied Bathsheba, “I will speak to the king for you.”*
- ✦ *Then Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, and **the king stood up to meet her and paid her homage.***
- ✦ *Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right.*

The first Gebirah

- ✦ *"There is one small favor I would ask of you," she said. "Do not refuse me."*
- ✦ *"Ask it, my mother," the king said to her, "for I will not refuse you." (1 Ki 2: 12-21)*
 - ✦ *The Queen Mother - historically served as an intercessor for the people.*

Legitimacy

- ✦ *To highlight the importance of the Gebirah in asserting that the person on the throne was a true son of David, we need only to **look at how Scripture describes the legitimacy of each Davidic King:***
- ✦ *2 Kings: 18:2 at 21:1 ; 21:19 ; 22:1 ; 23:31 ; 23:36 to name just a few leading to 2 Kings 24:8 Jehoiachin the “last” Davidic king*
 - ✦ *verse 24:15 describes the deportation to Babylon ...*

Legitimacy

- ✦ *2 Ki 18:2 (Ahaz) was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi, daughter of Zechariah.*
- ✦ *2 Ki 21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.*
- ✦ *2 Ki 21:19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Meshullemeth, daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.*

Legitimacy

- ✿ *2 Ki 24:8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehushta,*
- ✿ *2 Ki 24:15 (Nebuchadnezzar) deported Jehoiachin to Babylon, and also led captive from Jerusalem to Babylon the king's mother and wives, his functionaries, and the chief men of the land.*

The Gebirah

- ✦ *The Prophet Jeremiah highlights the Gebirah's connection with the King when he wrote what God tells him to say:
“Say to the king and to his **Gebirah**: Come down from your throne. From your heads fall your magnificent crowns” (Jer 13:18).*
- ✦ *God refers to the deposing of the King and Gebirah, and with that image, Jeremiah signals the Babylonian exile of the Southern Kingdom is the judgment of God.*

Jewish history

- ✦ *It was a feature of the Davidic Kingdom, which Jews acknowledge even today, that those who, for some reason, felt that they could not approach the King directly - **did seek the intercession of the Queen Mother ...***
 - ✦ *for as Scripture records, the King could not refuse a request from his Mother.*
- ✦ *The importance of a Mother's intercession is alive today in modern Jewish faith.*

A Mother's Prayer

- ✦ *If a modern Jewish person is sick, and a rabbi is asked to pray for the sick individual, he will seek to know the **Hebrew name** of the sick person's mother.*
 - ✦ *... to pray for a person, and mentioning to G-d the memory or name of the person's mother -increases the merit of the prayer and G-d is more merciful in hearing the request!*

(cf. The Crucified Rabbi, by Taylor Marshall. At p.6)

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- ✦ *In addition to a Vizier and ministers - he would look for a Gebirah - a Queen Mother*



The Annunciation

Gospel of Luke

Luke 1: 26 - 38

- ✦ *In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.*
- ✦ *And coming to her, he said, "**Chairo Kecharitomene. The Lord is with you.**" But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.*
- ✦ *Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

Luke 1: 26 - 38

- ✦ *Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.*
- ✦ *He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

Luke 1: 26 - 38

- ✦ *But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"*
- ✦ *And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."*

Luke 1: 26 - 38

- ✿ *And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;*
- ✿ *for nothing will be impossible for God."*
- ✿ *Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."*

Then the angel departed from her.

Mary - the Gebirah

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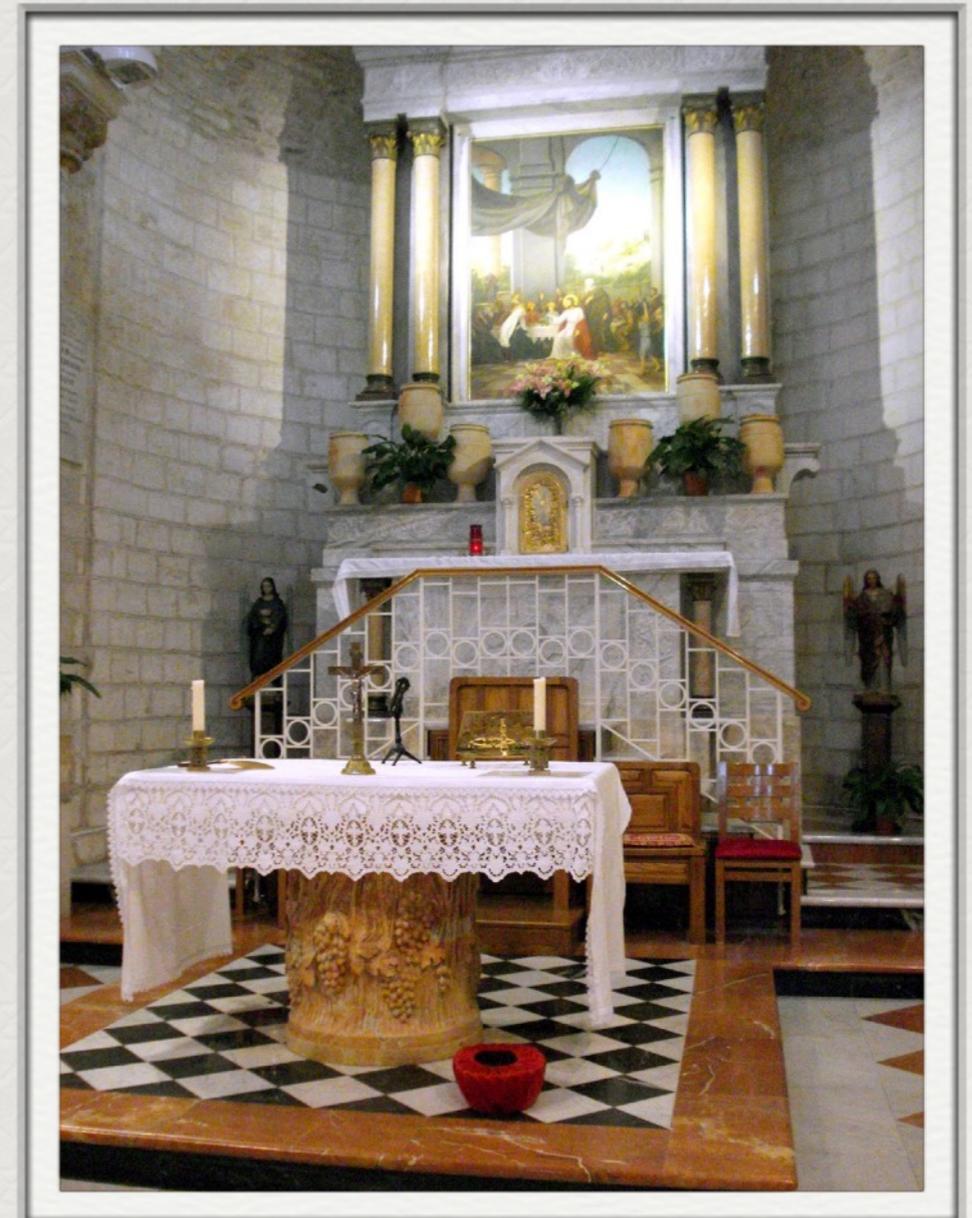
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- ✦ *At Cana - during a marriage feast, we see the confidence of a Gebirah.*
- ✦ *Mary tells Jesus they have no wine*

Mary - the Gebirah

- ✦ *Jesus says: “My hour has not yet come.”*
- ✦ *Mary tells the wine steward “Do whatever He tells you.”*
- ✦ *Jesus does not refuse her and performs his first sign. (Jn 2:1-11)*



Mary - the Gebirah



- ✦ *In the Book of Revelation - John records a vision of the same person he took to his home after the crucifixion - Mary the mother of Jesus. (Jn 19:27 and Rev 12:1-17).*
- ✦ *There he sees a Gebirah - a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child...*

Mary - the Gebirah



- ✦ *We learn that child to be Jesus.*
- ✦ *for he is destined to be a King who will rule with an iron rod.
(Rev 12:5 - cf. Ps 2:9).*

Mary - the Gebirah

- ✿ *A theologically spiritual war is portrayed in Rev 12.*
- ✿ *The huge dragon, the ancient **serpent**, who is called the Devil and Satan was thrown to earth (v. 9) ... **pursues “the woman”** who had given birth to the male child. (v. 13).*
- ✿ *The dragon can not overcome the woman (v. 14-16).*

Mary - the Gebirah

✦ *Why is the dragon going after the woman - and not the child?*

✦ *For the answer we look to **Gen 3:15**:*

After the fall of Adam and Eve, God says to Satan:

*“I will put **enmity** between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed; **He will**
strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.”*

Mary - the Gebirah

- ✦ *But where is this woman that God speaks of? How do we know who she is? (If we can identify her, then we know that her seed is the promised redeemer of Genesis!)*
- ✦ *Notice that Satan, apparently has no problem identifying which woman is in emnity with him.*

John sees the attack on the woman, and the virgin birth of her son as a cosmic portrayal of the fulfilment of the protoevangelium - {the first Good News} articulated in Genesis.

Mary - the Gebirah

✦ *Rev 12:17: the war continues*

“Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.”

✦ *Since we are those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.*

✦ *The mother of the Messiah - the bible states, is also our spiritual mother..*

Mary - the Gebirah

- ✿ *Mary is our spiritual mother,*
 - ✿ *we, as the body of Christ, are the church ... (1 Cor 12)*
 - ✿ *Mary is the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church, which is His body*



Final
thoughts

Jesus - Son of David

- ✦ *Jesus was a Son of David - a Davidic King*
- ✦ *Scripture bears witness to two offices by which one would recognize that Jesus' - Kingdom of Heaven has the *promised Davidic character*:*

 - ✦ *A **Vizier** and a **Gebirah**.*

Jesus - Son of David

- ✦ *The establishment of a Vizier and Gebirah testify that Jesus is more than a mere son of David - they **evidence that Jesus truly is a Davidic King** who sits on the throne of his father David and thus **fulfills the prophecy of being the Messiah.***

Mary - the Gebirah

Just for fun - a thought

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where should his Gebirah be?

Let us pray

Hail, Holy Queen

St. Bernard of Clairvaux. 12th Century

*Hail, holy Queen, **Mother of Mercy!**
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!*

*To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve, to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.*

*Turn, then, **most gracious advocate,**
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin
Mary.*

*Pray for us, **O holy Mother of God**
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ. Amen*

The Memorare

St. Bernard of Clairvaux. 12th Century

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that any one who fled to your
protection,
implored your help or sought your
intercession,
was left unaided.*

*Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto
you,*

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

*To you I come, before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful;*

***O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your
mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.***

The Davidic Kingdom



Mary, Mary not contrary!