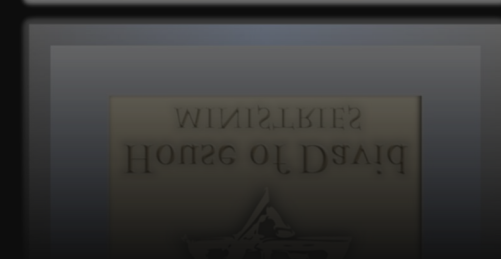
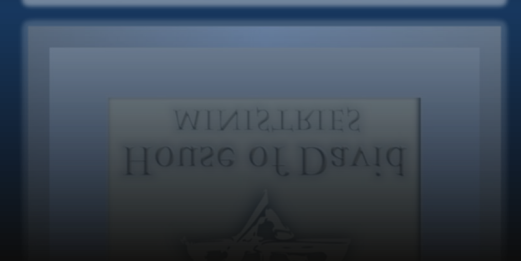


King Josiah—God Has Healed

August 1, 2022



Part 1
2 Kings 23:1-20



Josiah Makes a Covenant



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✂ “Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant” (2 Kings 23:3).

Clean Out the Temple



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✠ “And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel” (2 Kings 23:4).

Removing the Idolatrous Priests



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✂ “Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven” (2 Kings 23:5).

Josiah Inherits the Kingdom



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❖ King Josiah of Judah (ruled 640–609 B.C.) is a figure of extraordinary importance for the history of ancient Israel and Judah.

□ <https://academic.oup.com/book/10899>

Josiah Inherits the Kingdom



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- ❖ Josiah was eight years when he inherited the throne of his murdered father.
- ❖ Eight years after his formal installation he took the royal reins into his hands.

❑ https://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/3977677/jewish/Second-Day-Pesach-Haftarah-Companion.htm

Guided by Pious Men



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❖ Josiah was guided by pious men like the High Priest Hilkiah and his son Jeremiah, by Shaphan the royal scribe and his son Ahikam, by Shallum the faithful chamberlain and his wife the prophetess Huldah.

Huldah the Prophetess



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- ❖ Huldah, the wife of Shallum was one of seven prophetesses mentioned in Bible.
- ❖ These seven prophetesses were: Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Huldah and Esther.

❑ https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/112503/jewish/Who-Was-Huldah-the-Prophetess.htm

Struggles Against Manasseh & Amon



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- ❖ Josiah struggled against Manasseh and Amon who had brought great misfortunes to Israel.
- ❖ When he was twenty years old and had solidified his kingship, he was able to remove these men and replace them with with responsible God-fearing men.

Renovation of The Temple



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❖ In the eighteenth year of his rule, Josiah announced his plan to have the Holy Temple renovated.

—For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people” (2 Corinthians 6:16).

The Torah Scroll of Moses



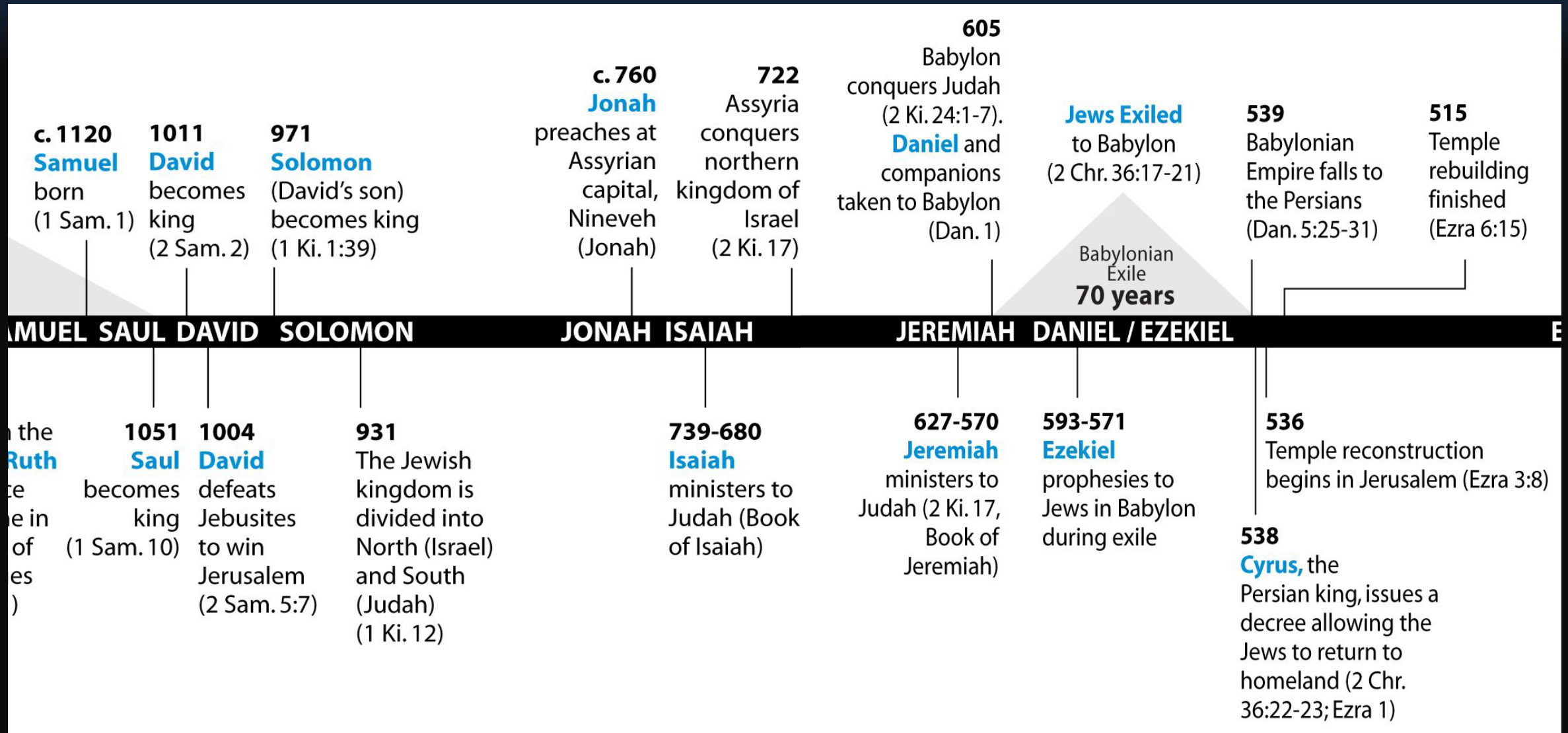
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- ❖ In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign during the renovation, the High Priest Hilkiah found a Torah scroll that Moses had written.
- ❖ The scroll had formerly been lying in the Holy Ark of the covenant but was hidden by the priests to prevent its defilement.

Biblical Timeline



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Biblical Timeline



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Hilkiah Reads from It



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- ❖ Hilkiah gave it to Shaphan, the royal scribe, to bring it to the king's attention.
- ❖ The king commanded Hilkiah to read from it.

The Admonition of Moses



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- ❖ The passage he read was the Admonition of the fifth book of Moses (Deuteronomy), which contained the warnings of heavy punishment for the Jewish people if they failed to obey God's Law.

Josiah Rent His Clothes



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❖ When Josiah heard the content of this terrifying prophecy, he rent his clothes and sent a delegation headed by the High Priest Hilkiah to consult the prophet of God about the impending judgment.

❑ https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/464028/jewish/King-Josiah.htm

Defiling the High Places



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✚ “Then the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem... which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon” (2 Kings 23:13).

Defiled With the Bones of Men



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✚ “And he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men” (2 Kings 23:14).

—“We became defiled by a human corpse. Why are we kept from presenting the offering of the Lord at its appointed time among the children of Israel?” (Numbers 9:7).

Part 2
2 Kings 23:21-25



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Commandment to Keep The Passover



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✚ “Then the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant” (2 Kings 23:21).

Not Since The Days of Judges



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✚ “Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah” (2 Kings 23:22).

The Passover of Jesus



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α“Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples” (Matthew 26:18).

Christ—Our Passover



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α “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:17).

Drink It New in The Kingdom



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α“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom” (Matthew 26:29).

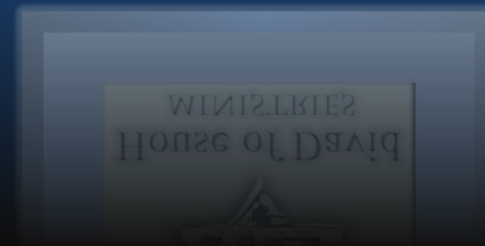
Restoring the Holy Ark



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✚ “Then he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD: Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel” (2 Chronicles 35:3).

Part 3
Nahum 1:1-3:19



No King Like Him



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✚ “Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him” (2 Kings 23:25).

A Righteous Davidic Monarch



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- ❖ The image of Josiah as a righteous Davidic monarch and his program of religious reform and national restoration continued to influence Israelite-Judean expectations of restoration in the aftermath of the Babylonian exile.

Gas Has Healed



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❖ Josiah (/ dʒoʊˈzɑɪə /) derives from the Hebrew *Yoshi-yahu* (Hebrew: יְהוֹשֻׁעַ), and translates, “God has healed.”

□ [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josiah_\(given_name\)#:~:text=Josiah%20\(%2Fd%CA%92o%CA%8A%CB%88z,%2C%20%22God%20has%20healed%22.](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josiah_(given_name)#:~:text=Josiah%20(%2Fd%CA%92o%CA%8A%CB%88z,%2C%20%22God%20has%20healed%22.)

The Burden Against Nineveh



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✚ “God is jealous, and the Lord avenges; The Lord avenges and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked” (Nahum 1:1).

The Restoration of Israel



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✚ “For the Lord will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches” (Nahum 2:2).

Jonah Son of Amittai



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- ❖ The Hebrew prophet Jonah son of Amittai was sent by God to prophesy the destruction of Nineveh during the reign of Jeroboam II (786–746 B.C.).

The Ancient Assyrian Empire



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- ❖ Nineveh was the capital of the ancient Assyrian empire, which fell to the Babylonians and the Medes in 612 B.C.

Jonah Fled from the Lord



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✚ “But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord” (Jonah 1:1-3)

How Can Jonah Flee from God?



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❖ How can Jonah, a divinely appointed prophet, think he can flee from the presence of God?

—“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there” (Psalm 139:7-8).

Israel Has Not Repented



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- ❖ Jonah knows the people of Nineveh are on the verge of repenting.
- ❖ Israel however is not close to repentance, even after many prophets have been sent to them, and after the Assyrian occupation and exile.

Jonah's Dilemmas



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- ❖ What dilemma does this pose for Jonah, and (in his perception) of God?
- ❖ A Jewish prophet is sent to a gentile nation, an arched enemy of Israel. They repent but Israel does not?

What Will They Say About God?



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- ❖ What will the nations say about God? He can't even save His own people?
- ❖ Will this defile God's name? Will it shame God's people, Israel?
- ❖ And will this bring God's further judgment against the Jewish people?

A Parable



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- ❖ The rabbis give a parable:
- ❖ A servant fled from his master, a priest, to a graveyard.
- ❖ He said, “I will flee to a graveyard, a place that my master cannot follow me.”

The Mashal & Nimshal



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Mashal (type)	Nimshal (anti-type)
The servant	Jonah
The master, priest	The Holy One blessed be He
The servant's choice of a graveyard	Jonah's decision to leave Israel
The graveyard	Outside the land of Israel

The Mashal & Nimshal Expanded



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Mashal (type)	Nimshal (anti-type)
Jonah	Jesus
The Holy One blessed be He	God the Father, The Holy One blessed be He
Jonah's decision to leave Israel (graveyard)	God sends His Son to earth—Jesus leaves the Father
Outside the land of Israel (graveyard)	Outside the Heavenly realm (world defiled by sin & death)

In The Land of Egypt



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✧ “Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt...” (Exodus 12:1).

❖ Since we know the story is unfolding in Egypt, why is it necessary for God to reiterate an obvious fact?

The Passover Is Most Significant Event



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- ❖ The Passover is one of the most significant events in Jewish history, and on a cursory level, we understand the meaning of this feast.

God Fulfilled His Promises



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❖ God fulfilled His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, to free us from the bondage of slavery, and bring us into the land of Canaan that He promised to our forefathers.

Connecting Jesus to The Passover



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❖ But how can we connect Jesus to the Passover and our Exodus from Egypt?

A Rabbinic Parable



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❖ R. Shimon said: Great is [God's] love of Israel, that the Holy One blessed be He revealed Himself in a place of idol worship, a place of filth, and a place of impurity to redeem them.

Comparing to A Kohen



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- ❖ This may be compared to a Kohen (a priest of the lineage of Aaron), whose *Terumah* (a portion of the offering set aside for the sons of Aaron) fell into a graveyard.
- ❖ He said, “What shall I do?”

Rendering Myself Impure is Impossible



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- ❖ To render myself impure is impossible, and to abandon my *Terumah* is impossible.
- ❖ Better to render myself impure one time, and return and purify myself, rather than lose my *Terumah*.

The Mashal & Nimshal



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Mashal (type)	Nimshal (anti-type)
A <i>Kohen</i>	The Holy One Blessed be He
His <i>Terumah</i>	Our Forefathers
The falling of the <i>Terumah</i> into the graveyard	--
The graveyard	The land of Egypt
His dilemma	“How will I redeem them?”
To render himself impure	--
To abandon his <i>Terumah</i>	“to abandon them is impossible.”
His decision	To go down and save them
Returning and purifying himself	God being purified by Aaron

Two Ideas to Explore



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❖ There is much to understand:

1. The first idea correlates to Aaron and his foreshadowed role in the purification of God's sanctuary through atonement for the nation of Israel, or the idea of Aaron purifying God as it says, "and he purified Him."
2. The second idea correlates to the *Terumah*, for it is much greater than just a tithe or a charitable offering.

Israel is The Terumah



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❖ Israel is the *Terumah* and that she is holy to God. In the wake of the first-born plague, the graveyard is Egypt.

God Defiled Himself



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- ❖ God intentionally defiled Himself by going down and entering a cemetery to rescue Israel.
- ❖ God is subsequently purified by Aaron, a man born of the flesh.

Ritual Purification of The Temple



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- ❖ The Temple's purification ritual, including the holy of holies, is the one commanded for the Day of Atonement.

Atonement for Human Impurity



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- ❖ Its purpose was to atone for human impurity, not for God's.
- ❖ However, it appears that God must undergo some form of purification after descending into Egypt, and that purification He receives from a human being, namely Aaron.

Forbidden to Enter a Graveyard



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❖ We know that God's commandment forbade a Kohen, a priest, from entering a graveyard since this would render him impure.

The Kohen Decides to Enter



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- ❖ After some contemplation, we see that the Kohen decides to enter the cemetery and retrieve His *Terumah* rather than abandon it.

No Small Matter



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- ❖ This is no small matter since deliberate violation of this command carried the penalty of lashes and disqualified the Kohen from fulfilling his priestly function for the duration of his impurity.

Expanding the Mashal & Nimshal



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Mashal (type)	Nimshal (anti-type)
A <i>Kohen</i>	The Holy One Blessed be He
His <i>Terumah</i>	Our forefathers [Now being Yeshua, for it says: <i>“The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.”</i> (Deuteronomy 18:15)]
The falling of the <i>Terumah</i> into the graveyard	[Yeshua came to the earth, <i>“And the Word became 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.”</i> (John 1:14)]
The graveyard	The land of Egypt [Now the world and because Israel has been exiled to the nations, <i>“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”</i> (John 3:16)]
His dilemma	“How will I redeem them?” [With His great arm, Yeshua... <i>and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?</i> (Isaiah 53:1)]
To render himself impure	[Yeshua became our sin, <i>“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”</i> (2Corinthians 5:21)]
To abandon his <i>Terumah</i>	“to abandon them is impossible” [Yeshua allowed Himself to separate from the Father. <i>“...My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”</i> (Matthew 27:46)]
His decision	To go down and save them [Yeshua entered a graveyard: <i>“For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead...”</i> (1Peter 4:6)]
Returning and purifying himself	God being purified by Aaron [God now being purified by Yeshua, <i>“...when I provide you an atonement for all you have done,”</i> says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 16:63)]

Aaron and His Foreshadowed Role



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- ❖ Aaron and his foreshadowed role in the purification of God's sanctuary through atonement for the nation of Israel or the idea of Aaron purifying God.

Bearing the Iniquity



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✚ “Then the Lord said to Aaron: You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear the iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity [impurity] associated with your priesthood” (Numbers 18:1).

A Mantel Belonging To God Himself



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❖ Descendent from Levi through Kohath, Aaron and his brother Moses were given a mantel and calling that can only have belonged to God Himself.

Sitting In the Place of Jesus



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- ❖ They would sit in place of Jesus until He would rightfully come to the earth and take for Himself His priesthood according to His divine order of Melchizedek.

The Terumah



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- ❖ The *Terumah* was an offering and portion of the tithe set aside by the Israelites for the Kohanim, the sons of Aaron.
- ❖ It is derived from two separate roots that mean both to “separate” and to “elevate.”

Something of Immeasurable Value



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- ❖ God used the word *Terumah* in requesting the Israelites bring an heirloom, something of immeasurable value, to help build the Tabernacle.

It Describes Jesus



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- ❖ As such, this word also describes Jesus, the Christ:
- ❖ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).

Died to Purify and Build God's Temple



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- ❖ Yeshua died on the cross to purify and build the true Tabernacle of God, the church.
- ❖ He was both separated from the Father and elevated to a place of glory.

A Word of Wisdom



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- ❖ The sages tell us that when one takes his material possessions and separates them for God, he uplifts those very possessions as well as himself.

The Father and Son Both Glorified



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- ❖ God, the Father, and the Son are both glorified in His Sacrifice.
- ❖ To the one receiving the *Terumah*, this portion becomes an inheritance, so we, the church, are Christ's inheritance.

We are Christ's Terumah



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- ❖ We are Christ's *Terumah*.
- ❖ Like Him, we also are separated and lifted as an heirloom, an offering of immeasurable value.

Moses and Aaron a Foreshadow



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- ❖ The Kohen is God, blessed be He.
- ❖ Moses and Aaron were only a foreshadow.

God is In Love with Israel



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❖ God is so enamored and so in love with Israel that He cannot fathom abandoning us in a graveyard, even though God Himself will become defiled if He comes down to retrieve us.

Egypt Was the Graveyard



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- ❖ Egypt was a graveyard in the wake of the plague, but also, the whole world is a graveyard, for it is defiled with death.

Israel Exiled to The Nations



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- ❖ The Lord had exiled Israel to all the nations.
- ❖ God's intoxicating love brings Him to a place where He does not consider sending anyone but Himself to redeem us.

Jesus Came in The Flesh



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❖ Jesus, God's *Terumah* came in the flesh and was dropped into a graveyard so that we might be swept up together with Jesus in His arms and presented as a sweet *Terumah* unto Yahweh.

— “Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma” (Ephesians 5:2).

Regardless of The Cost to Himself



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❖ Regardless of the cost to Himself, Jesus was willing to retrieve His precious possession even if it required a penalty.

— “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

Lowering Himself



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❖ In lowering Himself, Jesus underwent the same ritual purification as Aaron, a man born in the flesh.

— “We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:9).

Jesus Purified the Father



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- ❖ As Aaron purified God, so Jesus purified the Father by atoning for human iniquity.
- ❖ This is a problematic statement as we know that God is anything but impure since there is no iniquity in Him, nor can He become impure since He cannot sin.

God Became our Impurity



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- ❖ The scripture is clear when it says that God became our sin.
- ❖ He became our impurity.

Came to Fulfill the Law



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❖ Jesus came to fulfill His law, which required a man born of the flesh to atone for God's sanctuary.

Jesus Crucified Himself



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❖ How did God reconcile our impurity, which He became?

❖ He crucified it with Himself on the cross:

—“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin...” (Isaiah 53:10).

Passover & Exodus Connected



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❖ The Passover and the exodus from Egypt are integrally connected to Jesus's declaration of the New Covenant on the Passover evening.

God's Redemption & Salvation



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❖ These are not separate events but rather a continuation of one active progression of God's redemption and salvation for Israel and now all of humanity.

God's Redemption & Salvation



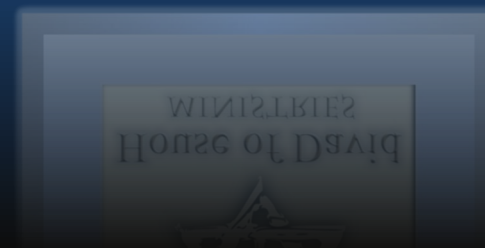
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❖ Before Josiah (*Yoshi-yahu*), there was no king like him, nor after him did any arise like him—until Jesus (*Yebo-shua*).

❖ God Has Healed!

❖ Amen!

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