

The Work of Two Yeshua's

Is the Kingdom of God a physical place or is it purely spiritual?

Ha'azinu | האזינו | "Listen", Give Ear, Hear O Israel

I have been studying aspect of the today's topic for about 15 years.

The more I have learned, the more I realize how little I actually "know"

This is a nuanced and difficult topic to present because the historical Hebrew understanding has been changed in the Christian church.

The change was championed primarily by St. Augustine. The intent was/is to make this topic less weird/difficult and make it easier for the masses to accept.

The real story is a story of supernatural interacting with the physical

This has been replaced with a "humanized" story that doesn't require addressing the spirit world and it's role in our everyday lives.

So today, my hope is to give a framework of what the Israelites understood about this topic.

This is the same understanding that the Jews had in Yeshuah's time.

The name of the presentation (not sermon) is:

The work of the two Jesus's

Set up the Job Scripture...

Job 38:4-7

4Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding.

5Who fixed its measurements? Surely you know!

Or who stretched a measuring line across it?

6On what were its foundations set,
or who laid its cornerstone,^d

7while the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

We understand that there are divine beings serving God in the spirit realm and that those same beings interact with the physical world:

1. Daniel and Gabriel and the Prince of Persia. Ever wonder what that was about
2. The messengers who Visit Lot and destroy Sodom, Gomorrah and several other cities
3. Moses and the Burning bush
4. Etc.

These beings have been interacting with the physical world since creation.

Before sin entered the world, Heaven and earth (The physical world and the spirit world were not separate but united)

In Genesis 3 Eve interact with a serpent being, resulting in “the fall”

This also was the start of the war between Yehovah and rebellious spirit beings

Genesis 3:14-15

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and every beast of the field!
On your belly will you go,
and dust you will eat,
all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

From this point on, the goal of the rebellious spirit beings is to thwart God’s plan of salvation of humanity. He doesn’t want his head crushed.

The rebellious spirit beings attempt to prevent the coming redeemer; this happens in Genesis 6

Gensis 6:

1Now when men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born to them, **2**the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took as wives whomever they chose.

4The Nephilim (the **fallen ones; in the Greek septuagint the word was Gigantes (giants) the word was used as Titan Demigod in Greek mythology from the root gigas meaning “earth born”**) were on the earth in those days—and afterward as well—when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of men. And they bore them children who became the mighty men of old, men of renown (**name**).

These were half breed beings; half divine half human

5Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was altogether evil all the time. **6**And the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. **7**So the LORD said, “I will blot out man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—every man and beast and crawling creature and bird of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.”

8Noah, however, found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

9This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless (**tamim** used to describe a spotless/perfect sacrifice) in his generation (**genealogy**); Noah walked with God. **10**And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

You know the rest of the story.

The flood...

Ya starts over with Noah's dependents.

But that's not the end of the flood story:

What happened to the half breed beings after their physical death?

These beings cannot return to God; they didn't come from God

When humans die, their/our bodies return to the earth, and our spirit returns to Yehovah until the resurrection and judgment

But the half spirit dead have no place to go and are destined to wander the earth seeking someone to inhabit until they face judgment and final destruction.

In short, Demons are the spirits of the pre flood Nephlim

Show the Hamas Stage Photo

The second attempt was a religious rebellion in Genesis 11

A few verses earlier, in Genesis 9:1 Noah was commanded to “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”

But in Genesis 11, the people of the earth rebelled and did the opposite

Genesis 11:1-4

1Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. **2**And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. **3**And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. **4**Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower (**a ziggurat temple complex**) with its top in the heavens, and let us make a **name for ourselves**, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

In other words:

1. Let's worship Yehovah on our terms and in our chosen way
2. Let's defy his command to fill the earth and congregate together; why
3. So can make a NAME for ourselves instead of glorifying His Name
4. Their leader, Nimrod, became the first world ruler

Genesis 10:8

Cush fathered Nimrod, who began to become a Gibbor (Nephlim) on the earth.

There are 2 schools of thought here:

1. He modified himself Genetically to become a Nephalim, or
2. He receives the spirit of a pre flood Nephalim in order to achieve the status of a Gibbor (might man).

Now God has pretty well had it mankind at this point.

So what does Yehovah do in response to this rebellion?

From today's Parashot: The Song of Moses

Deuteronomy 32:1-9

1 Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 Let my teaching fall like rain
and my speech settle like dew,
like gentle rain on new grass,
like showers on tender plants.

3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD (Yehovah).
Ascribe greatness to our God (Yehovah/Elohim)!

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect;
all His ways are just.

A God (Elohim) of faithfulness without injustice,
righteous and upright is He.

5 His people have acted corruptly toward Him;
the blemish on them is not that of His children,
but of a perverse and crooked generation.^a

6 Is this how you repay the LORD (Yehovah),
O foolish and senseless people?

Is He not your Father and Creator?

Has He not made you and established you?

7 Remember the days of old;
consider the years long past.

Ask your father, and he will tell you,
your elders, and they will inform you.

8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
when He divided the sons of man,
He set the boundaries of the peoples

according to the number of the sons of (Yehovah/Elohim)
God.b
9But the LORD's (Yehovah's) portion is His people,
Jacob (Israel) His allotted inheritance.

In verse 8, Ya is summarizing what happened at the tower of babble.

Ya is referring to the 70 Nations listed in Genesis 10 that He scattered over the face of the earth and gave mankind what they desired. He placed lesser elohim to rule over each region/Nation and kept Isreal for his own possession

Israel the land and Israel the People!

And thru Abrahams seed Isreal, He/Ya would redeem the whole earth

The rest of this song tells the story of Israel's history to date
and into the history future.

Deuteronomy 32:12 speaks of feeding Israel with the sheep and rams of Bashan and wheat/wine from other conquered territories.

The following verses talk about how Israel got fat and lazy and forgot Yehoveh who delivered them

What did Israel do in their prosperity?

Deuteronomy 32:16-18

16They provoked His (Yehovah's) jealousy with foreign gods (elohim);

they enraged Him (Yehovah) with abominations.

17They sacrificed to demons, not to God (Yehovah/Elohim),

to gods (elohim) they had not known,
to newly arrived gods(elohim),

which your fathers did not fear.

18You ignored the Rock who brought you forth;

you forgot the God (Yehovah/Elohim) who gave you birth.

God pronounces his judgment against these rulers of the world:

Psalm 82

1 God presides in the divine assembly;
He renders judgment among the gods (elohim):

2 “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?

Selah

3 Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless;
uphold the rights of the afflicted and oppressed.

4 Rescue the weak and needy;
save them from the hand of the wicked.

5 They do not know or understand;
they wander in the darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I (Yehovah) have said, ‘You are gods (elohim);
you are all sons of (El Elyon) the Most High.’

7 But like mortals you will die,
and like rulers you will fall.”

8 Arise, O God (Yehovah), judge the earth,
for all the nations are Your inheritance.

Isiah tells of the powers and principalities pride and ambition.

The following is specifically speaking to the Babylonian ruler

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How you have fallen from heaven,
O day star, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the ground,
O destroyer of nations.

13 You said in your heart:
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God.
I will sit on the mount of assembly,

in the far reaches of the north.^d
14I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.”

So what does any of this have to do with the work of Joshua and Yeshua?

1Now Joshua was old and well along in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and well along in years, but very much of the land remains to be possessed. **2**This is the land that remains:

All the territory of the Philistines and the Geshurites, **3**from the Shihor east of Egypt to the territory of Ekron on the north (considered to be Canaanite territory)—that of the five Philistine rulers of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron, as well as that of the Avvites;

4to the south, all the land of the Canaanites, from Mearaha of the Sidonians to Aphek, as far as the border of the Amorites;

5the land of the Gebalites;^b

and all Lebanon to the east, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath.

6All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim—all the Sidonians—I **Myself will drive out before the Israelites**. Be sure to divide it by lot as an inheritance to Israel, as I have commanded you. **7**Now therefore divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.”

Show Map Of Israel During David’s Time

Tell of the conquests yet to occur

Show Map Of Israel During YESHUA’s Time

Tell the story of Yeshua’s ministry beginnings:

1. Baptism
2. 40 days in the wilderness, 40 days of the spies, 40 years of wandering
3. Temptation on Mt Pisgah or Mt Nebo

Now this is the start of Yeshua's Ministry

Where does he go?

To the unconquered territories

What does he do? Fulfills scripture

Johns wants to know if Yeshua is really the Messiah

1After Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.**a**

2Meanwhile John heard in prison about the works of Christ, and he sent his disciples**b** **3**to ask Him, "Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?"

4Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: **5**The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers**c** are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

Matthew 4:12-16

12When Jesus heard that John had been imprisoned, He withdrew to Galilee. **13**Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, **14**to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

15"Land of Zebulun
and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

16the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death,
a light has dawned."**e**

17From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Mark 3:13-19

13Then Jesus went up on the mountain and called for those He wanted, and they came to Him. **14**He appointed twelve of them, whom He designated as apostles,^a to accompany Him, to be sent out to preach, **15**and to have authority^b to drive out demons.

16These are the twelve He appointed:^c Simon (whom He named Peter), **17**James son of Zebedee and his brother John (whom He named Boanerges, meaning “Sons of Thunder”), **18**Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,^d **19**and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.^e

The Demon discussion: Mark 3:20-27

20Then Jesus went home,^f and once again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples could not even eat. **21**When His family heard about this, they went out to take custody of Him, saying, “He is out of His mind.”

22And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,^g” and, “By the prince of the demons He drives out demons.”

23So Jesus called them together and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? **24**If a kingdom is divided against itself, it cannot stand. **25**If a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand. **26**And if Satan is divided and rises against himself, he cannot stand; his end has come. **27**Indeed, no one can enter a strong man’s house to steal his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house.

Mark 4:35-41

35When that evening came, He said to His disciples, “Let us cross to the other side.” **36**After they had dismissed the crowd, they took Jesus with them, since He was already in the boat. And there were other boats with Him.

37Soon a violent windstorm came up, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was being swamped. **38**But Jesus was in the stern, sleeping

on the cushion. So they woke Him and said, "Teacher, don't You care that we are perishing?"

39Then Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the sea. "**Silence!**" He commanded. "**Be still!**" And the wind died down, and it was perfectly calm.

40"**Why are you so afraid?**" He asked. "**Do you still have no faith?**"

41Overwhelmed with fear, they asked one another, "Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Mark 5

1On the other side of the sea, they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes.**a**

2As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, He was met by a man with an unclean spirit, who was coming from the tombs. **3**This man had been living in the tombs and could no longer be restrained, even with chains. **4**Though he was often bound with chains and shackles, he had broken the chains and shattered the shackles. Now there was no one with the strength to subdue him. **5**Night and day in the tombs and in the mountains he kept crying out and cutting himself with stones.

6When the man saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees before Him. **7**And he shouted in a loud voice, "What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You before God not to torture me!"

8For Jesus had already declared, "**Come out of this man, you unclean spirit!**"

9"**What is your name?**" Jesus asked.

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." **10****And he begged Jesus repeatedly not to send them out of that region.**

11There on the nearby hillside a large herd of pigs was feeding. **12**So the demons begged Jesus, "Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them."

13He gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs, and the herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water.**b**

14Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. **15**When

they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

16Those who had seen it described what had happened to the demon-possessed man and also to the pigs. **17****And the people began to beg Jesus to leave their region.**

18As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by the demons begged to go with Him. **19**But Jesus would not allow him. **“Go home to your own people,”** He said, **“and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy He has shown you.”**

20**So the man went away and began to proclaim throughout the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And everyone was amazed.**

The first Jesus, Joshua, drove out the illegitimate inhabitants of the promised land

The Second Jesus, Yeshua, bound the strong man, the enemy, and gave dominion of the earth back to mankind those who would have faith in Him

Luke 10:17-20

17The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name.”

18So He told them, **“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19**Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. **20**Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”