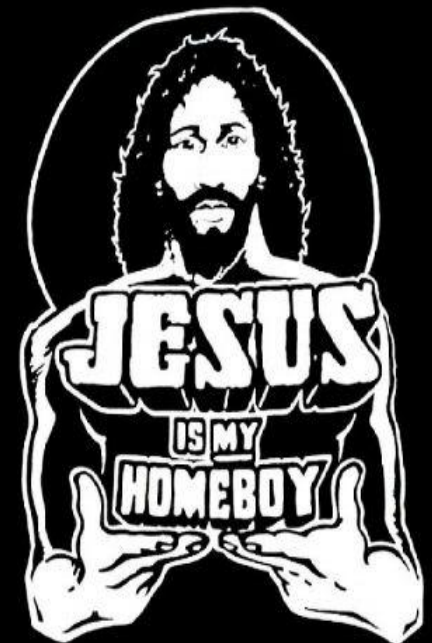
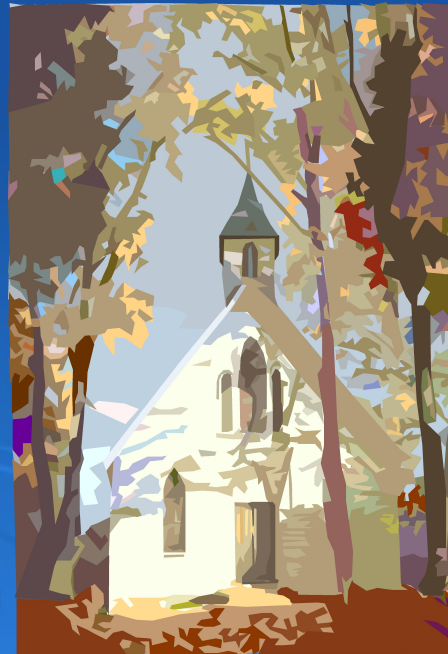


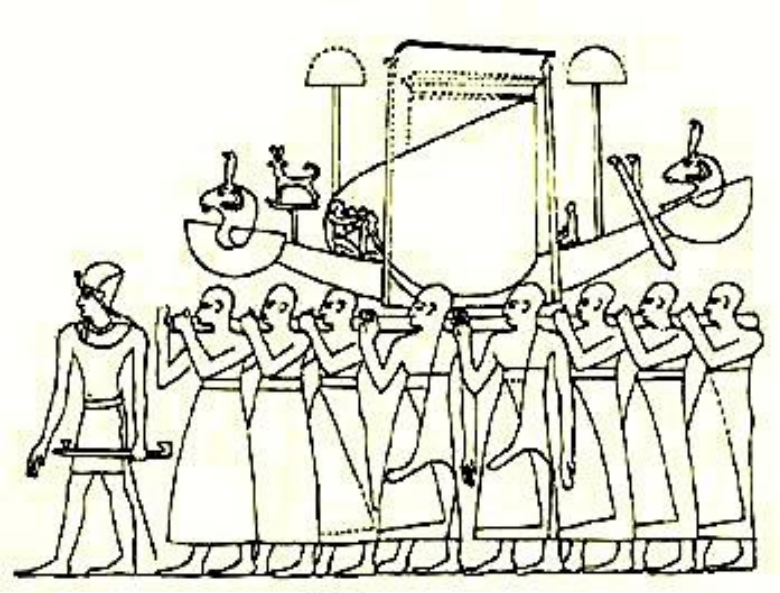
GOD'S NATURE, IN OUR VIEW

- 2nd Samuel 7 is a theological feast !
- David and Israel viewed God through the lens of their time and culture
- We do the same based on a variety of factors
- David, and WE, all have distorted views of God that can only be corrected by returning to the Holy Scriptures and abandoning manmade doctrines and traditions

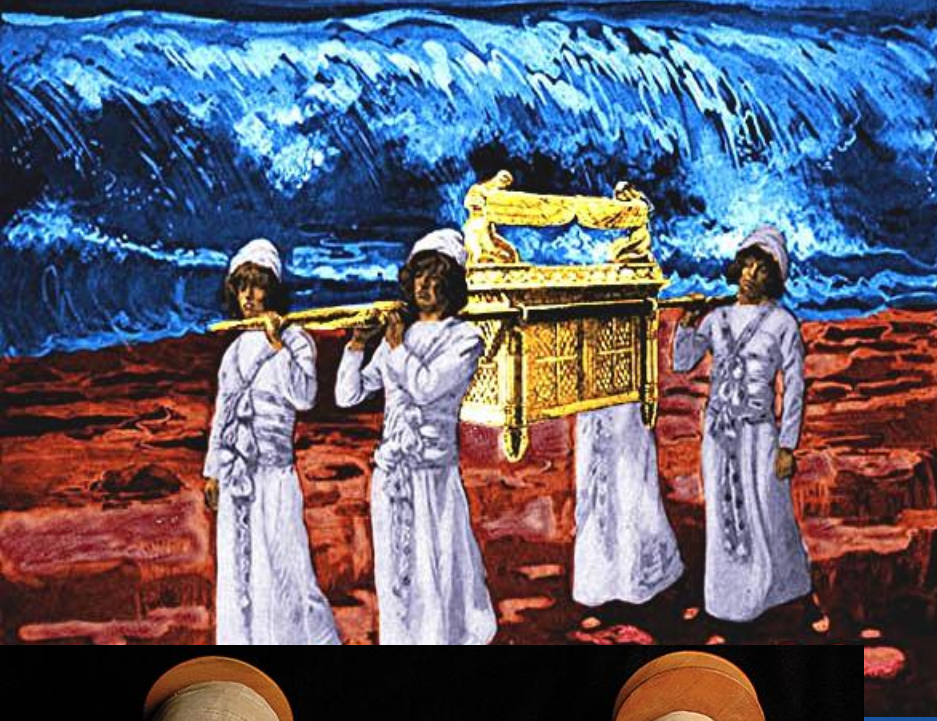


DWELLING AND TRAVELING

- HOW is God present with David?
- Middle Eastern norms were that gods had to be carried around
- Gods needed buildings to live in
- Gods confined in temples, like a genie in a bottle
- How gods operated was not questioned, and all cultures (including Israel) basically saw it the same way



THE ARK AS A TRAVELING BOX



- David thought that God **NEEDED** a dwelling place and to be carried around
- David's chief concern was that God be near, even handy, thus a Temple solved the problem
- David saw the Ark as God's traveling box
- 2Sam7:7 – 9 ***"...I have been with you everywhere you went.."***
- Modern Christianity and Judaism have preferred our traditions and customs to God's Word

“When.....you sleep with your ancestors....”

- A play on words: David will NOT build the Lord a “house” but the Lord will build David a “house”
- **Beth** = dwelling place, family, dynasty
- Death of the righteous is couched in the understanding of death and afterlife in that era
- Abraham’s Bosom, NOT Sheol, is where the righteous Hebrews went when they died



FOREVER



- **Prophecy:** the Lord will establish one of David's sons as ruler
- BOTH a near AND far future prophecy
- ***Ad'olam*** and ***le'olam***= forever
- ***"End of the age"*** is also "forever" in the sense that it is until men, and heaven and earth are in a different form
- Forever is used 7 times in this chapter
- 7 is the number of perfect completion, wholeness

A HOUSE FOR MY NAME



- A son of David will be permitted to build a Temple
- NOT a house for “God” but rather a house for “His Name”
- God lives in Heaven, not in a manmade structure
- 1Chron 22:7 – 10 David could not build a Temple because he had blood on his hands
- **Shlomo** (Solomon) means “peace”, comes from **shalom**

GOD WILL ADOPT DAVID'S SONS

- God will be a father to David's son, and David's offspring will be a son to God
- Good example: Jacob adopts Ephraim and Manassah away from Joseph
- A father's rule is absolute, but he shows mercy to the son
- A son receives great privileges, but has great duties to his father
- David's sons will be ruling NOT in David's name, but in God's name since they have been adopted!



FATHER / SON RELATIONSHIP

- All of Israel's kings saw God as their sovereign
- With David's SON a new relationship with God begins
- God says that because of the father/son relationship, if one of David's ruling sons breaks the Law, God will NOT withdraw His Grace
- Yehoveh DID withdraw His grace from King Sha'ul (and did not give it to Ishbosheth)
- Therefore Saul's dynasty ended, but David's will NOT



600 YEAR WAIT AFTER ZEDEKIAH

- Zedekiah the last king of David's dynasty to rule Israel
- 596 – 586 B.C., appointed by Nebuchadnezzar
- Jews of King Herod's day hoped for a miracle that another of King David's dynasty would liberate Israel from the Romans and rule
- The Messiah
- Yeshua born from King David's line, but didn't liberate Israel so was rejected by the religious leaders and most Jews



FATHER / SON PROMISE IS KEY

- Luke 1:30 – 33 “*..he will be called son of Ha'Elyon*”
- Vs. 18 David goes to the tent of the Ark and pours out gratitude to the Lord
- Man’s “forever” is temporal and temporary
- God’s “forever” is eternal and permanent



YESHUA, THE NEW ADAM



- Vs. 19 has been a dilemma for Bible scholars
- In Hebrew it says, “this is indeed a *torah* for an *adam*”
- *Adam* can be a proper name, or it can be generic for “man”
- The context is Messianic and spiritual in nature
- Hebrews do NOT see the divine nature of Messiah so *adam* means “man”
- As Believers we KNOW Messiah is divine, so this MUST mean “Adam” (the first human)
- What God has told David is:
“Indeed a teaching for an Adam”

YESHUA IS “THE WORD”



- *Dabar* = word
- Double meaning
- On one level “the word” is the oracle from God
- On another level “the word” is David’s ancestor, the Messiah who will rule forever
- John 1:1 *“In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...”*