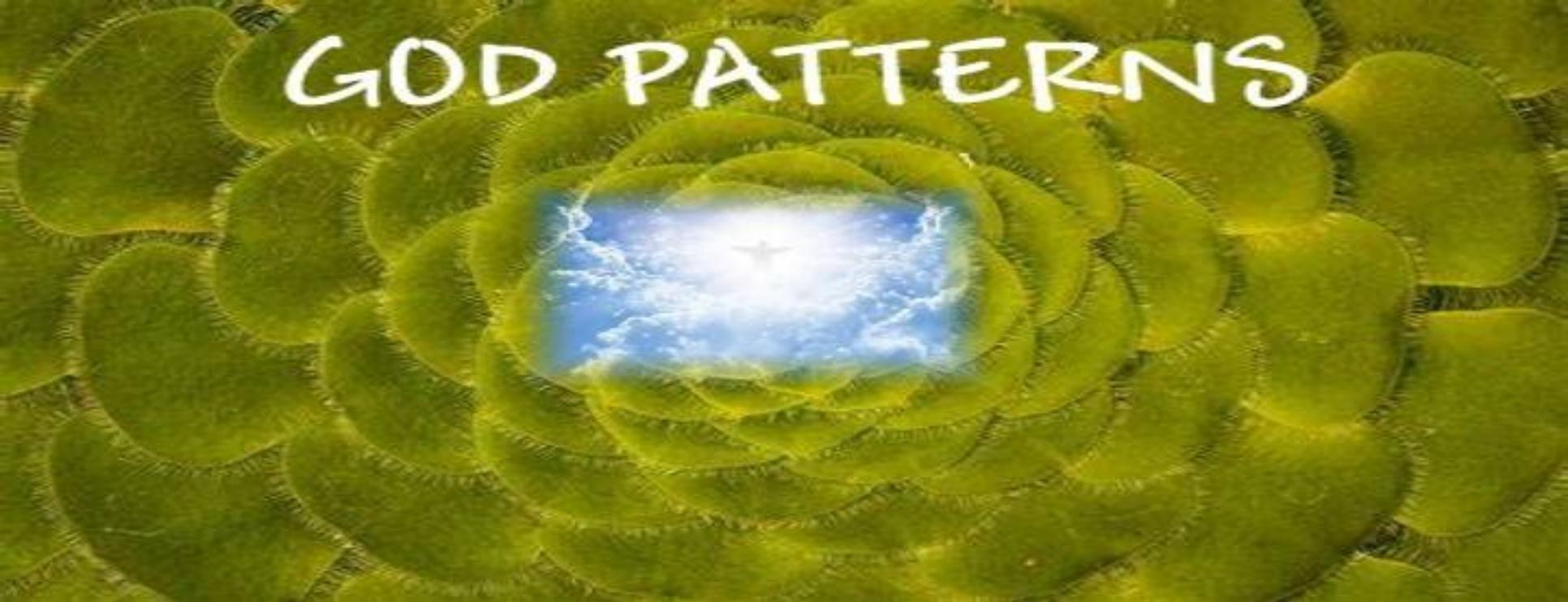


IS GOD A PERSON?



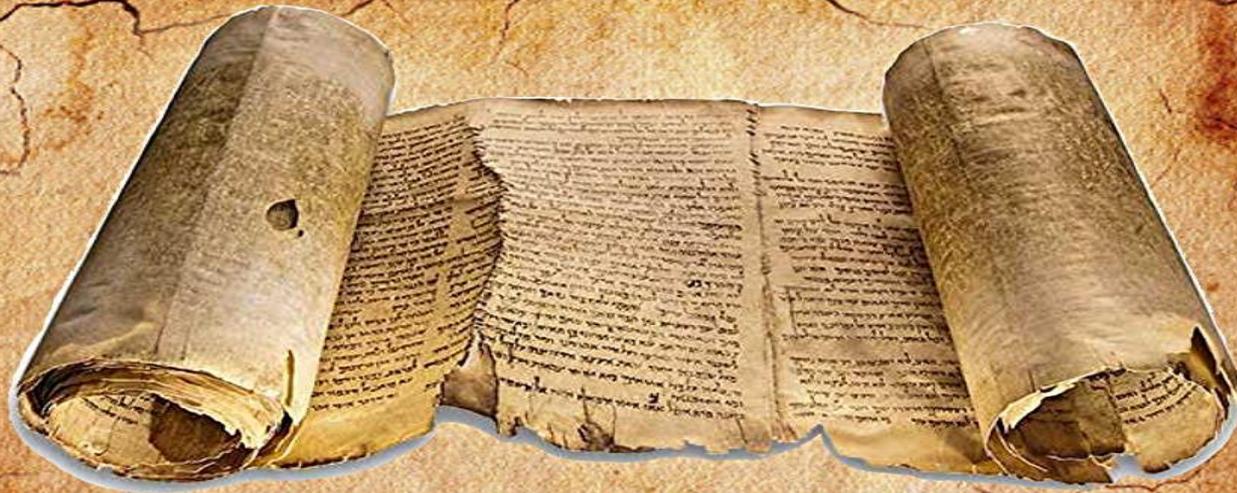
- We must never literally ascribe human emotion terms to God; those terms are metaphors/analogies
- God specifically says in Hosea 11: 9
“For God am I, and not man...”
- The first 4 verses of chapter 11 stitch together Israel’s past sins and God’s redemptive efforts
- Redemption is not being saved FROM God; it is God saving us from ourselves

GOD PATTERNS



- Israel forgot the Torah and so turned to their instincts
- Hosea did not come to beg for repentance, rather to announce God's punishment
- We can believe sincerely..... but wrongly!
- Vs. 5 should read: ***“NO!! They return to Egypt, and Assyria is king, because they refused to repent”***

HAFTARAH



OF THE WEEK

- Vs. 6 possible alternative: ***“A sword shall descend upon their skins, and consume their limbs, and devour their bones”***
- *Parashot* = portions = Torah divided into 50 sections
- ***Haftarah*** is an additional reading from the Prophets
- Hosea 11:7 – 12:12 is given as a cohesive unit of thought

HOSEA 11:8

God's inner struggle?

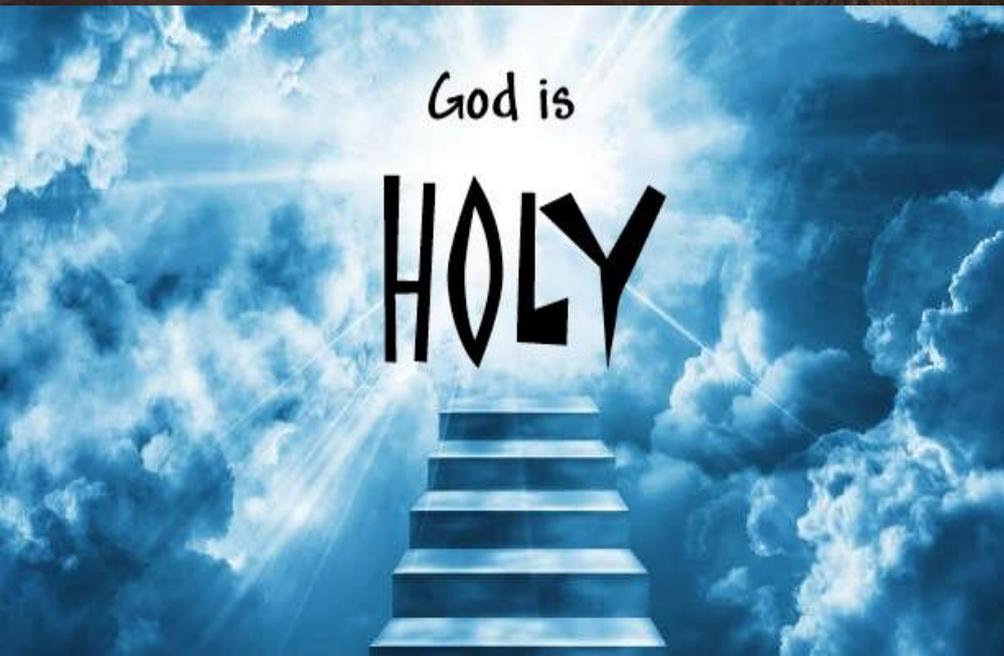
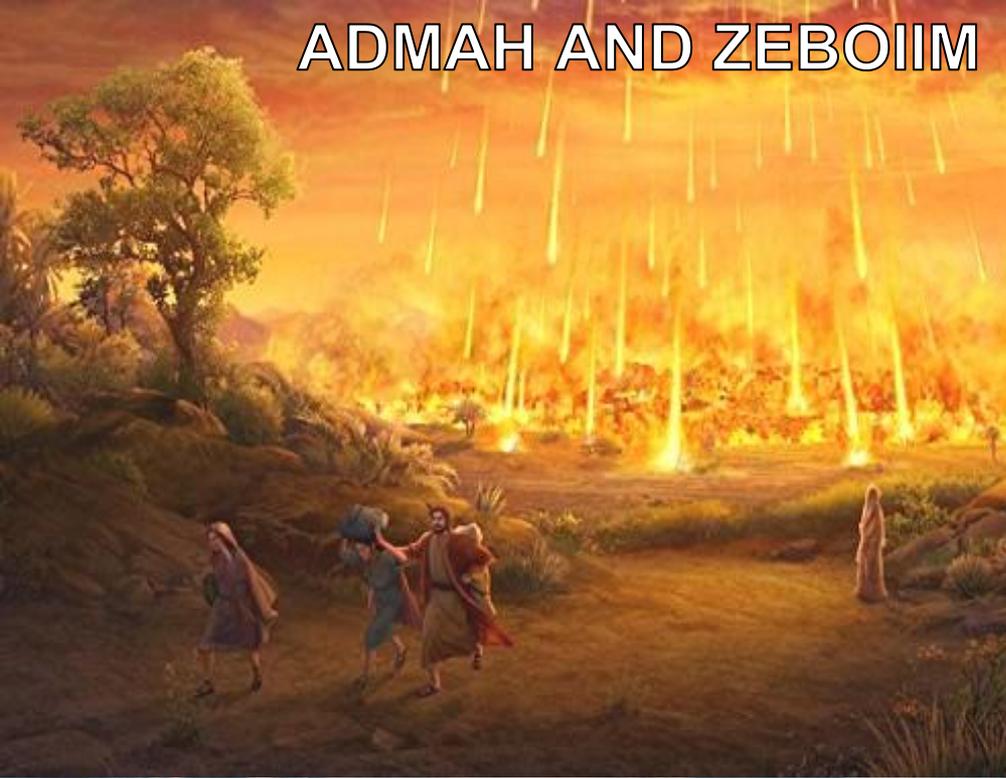
- Vs. 7, two possible directions of interpretation:
- 1) *“Then My people will tire of turning away... on the Most High they will call... they will surely exalt Him”*
- 2) *“For My people persists in it's defection from Me; When Israel is summoned... it doesn't rise at all”*
- Vs. 8 is a sudden shift to hope
- Israel will not bear full and final destruction

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be prepared

- Deuteronomy 4:25 – 31
- God doesn't make it up as He goes! How it happened before, it will happen again
- Your faith will shelter your eternal soul; but that alone won't shelter you from disaster in this life
- Preparation is awareness, common sense, diligence

ADMAH AND ZEBOIIM



- An end to Israel as a nation, but not as a people
- The Lord wants to win back those who have gone astray
- It is God's grace that He will in the future restore Ephraim/Israel; Israel didn't earn it
- **Kodesh** = holy = set-apart, unique
- God is NOT one of us!
- In the Baal system, the gods were just bigger, more powerful people

THE PROPHESED RETURN IS UNDER WAY

- 1Samuel 15:28 – 29
- Israel will still have a future
- Isaiah 27:13
- Hosea and Isaiah speaking of the same event only using different metaphors
- The return of the Northern Kingdom to their homeland says we've entered a new chapter of history



HOSEA CHAPTER 12

Life Lessons in Jacob's Journey

- The indictment against Israel is treachery and deceit
- The Hebrew view on verse 1 is different (opposite) than the Christian view
- JPS *“... and Judah is yet wayward towards God, and towards the Holy One who is faithful”*
- Does the word “Judah” belong here? Hosea is about the Northern Kingdom, not the Southern Kingdom

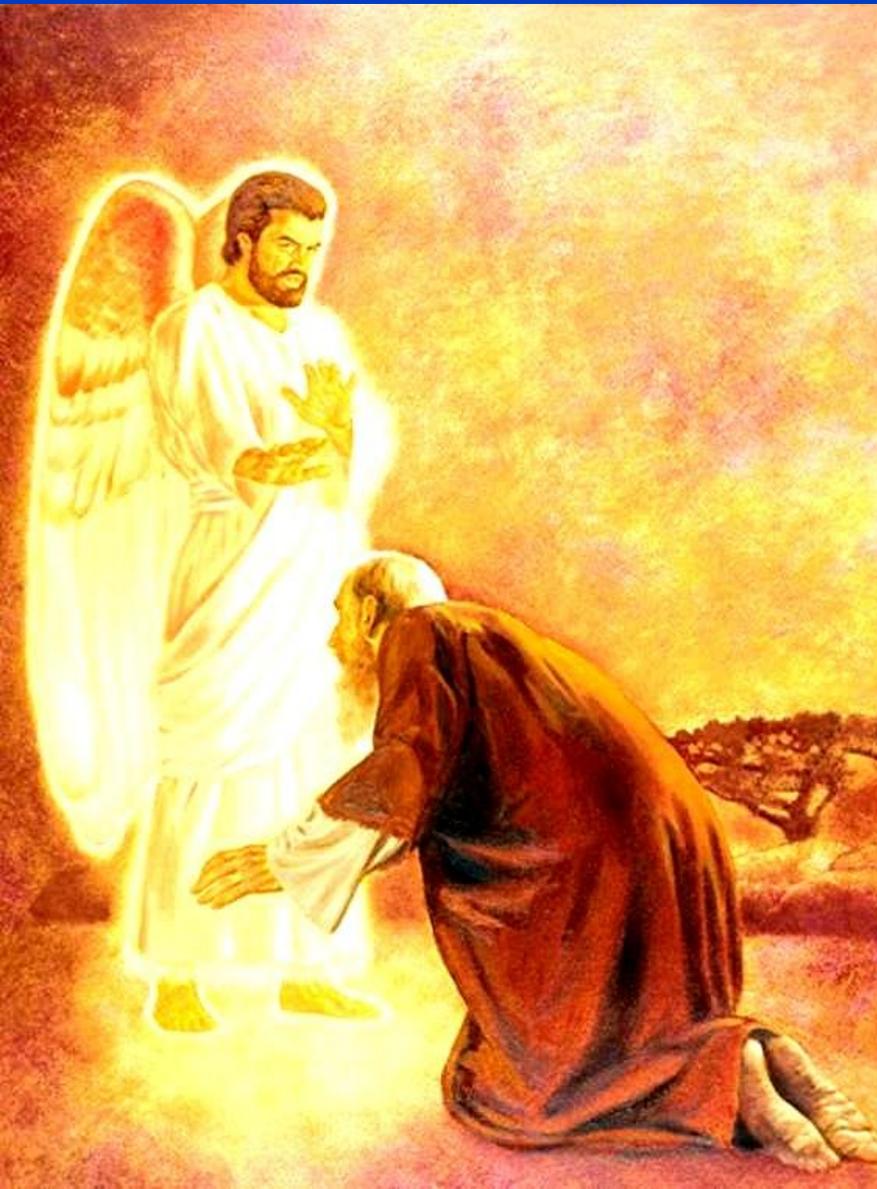
Y'SRAEL or Y'HUDAH?



YOD

- In the 8th century B.C., the letter Yod was used as an abbreviation for *Y'srael* (**Israel**) by the people of the Northern Kingdom
- After Israel's exile by Assyria, some Jewish scholars misunderstood and thought the *yod* indicated *Y'hudah* (Judah)
- Gruber: *“And Israel is devoted with respect to El, and with respect to angels is loyal”*

ANGEL WORSHIP



- Hosea is reprimanding Israel for worshipping an angel called Bethel, or the Angel of Bethel, or El
- Genesis 31:10 – 13
- Jeremiah 48:13
- ***Chemosh*** was the national god of Moab
- The angel that spoke to Jacob said that he was the El of Beit-el
- In Genesis 31, ***malach*** and El are synonymous
- The problem is Israel's veneration of an angel named Bethel