



# PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES

- Hosea, Amos, Jonah and Joel teach us that God will instigate disasters to happen
- How God decides often depends upon our obedience versus our disobedience
- Prepare Spiritually, but also physically
- God has told us what to expect. Do you believe it?
- Those who heed God's warning fair better than those who don't

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, showing its eyes, nose, and mouth. The lion is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark, making the lion's face stand out.

# Be Sober...Be Vigilant

- Drunkards represent irresponsible Judah
- Judah has exchanged the truth for a lie
- Vs. 6 ***“For a mighty and numberless nation....”***
- Locusts or a human army? This is simile, not literal
- A nation operates under a commander; the locusts’ commander is God

# MY LAND

- The Land belongs to God, not to the Israelites
- Israel resides in the land, but the Lord OWNS the land
- Laws of Jubilee return land to original possessor
- My vines, My fig trees
- This is why a portion of the produce had to be returned to God



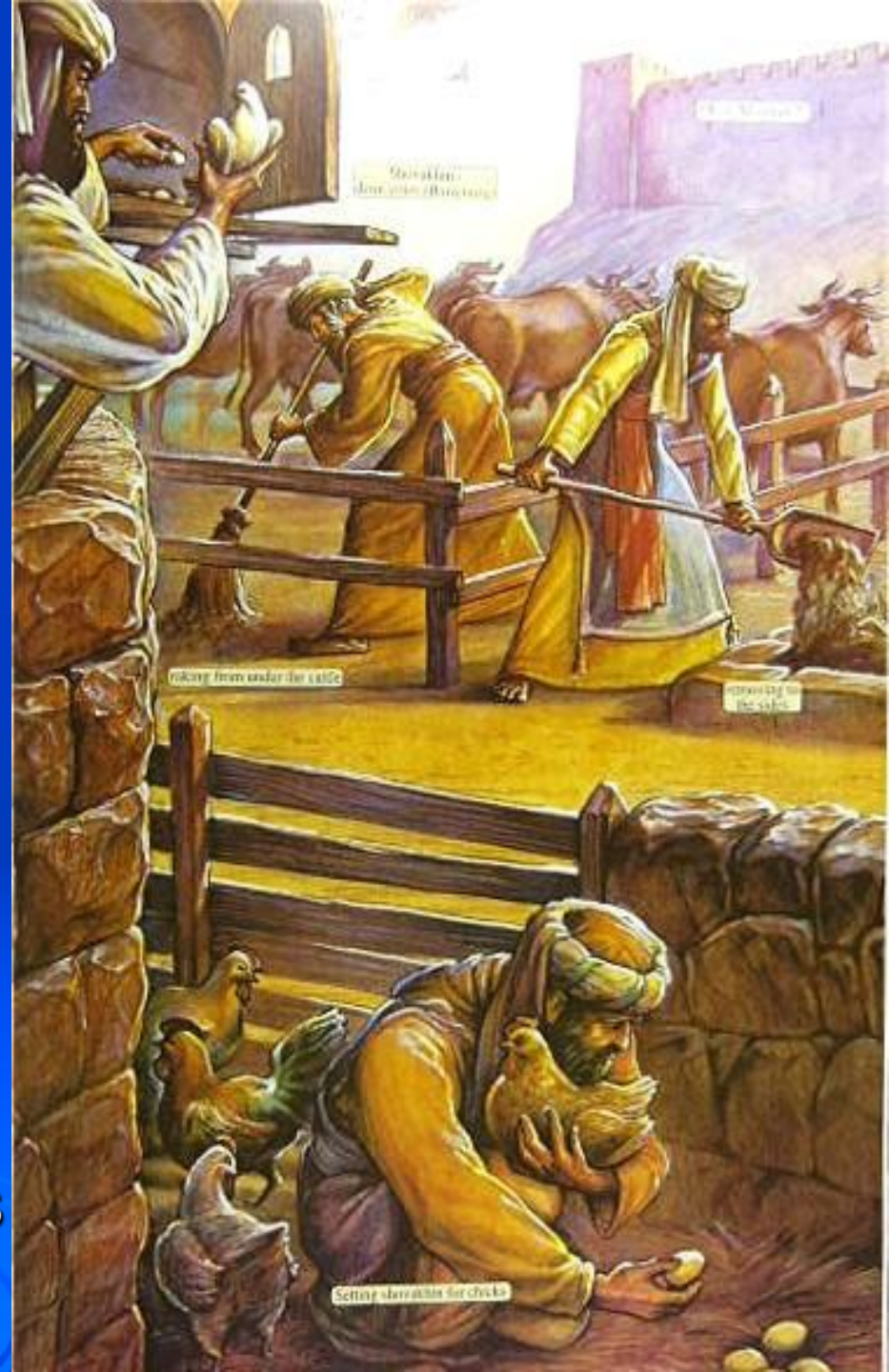
# The Biblical Betrothal Map

- Can a virgin have a husband?
- First, a girl is betrothed to a man
- Not technically married yet
- Girl continues to live with her father, all aspects of Hebrew marriage law apply
- After 30 days or so, girl is taken to live with her husband
- Upon consummation, the marriage is finalized
- The virgin mourns



# PRIESTS AND SHARATH

- Grain offering (*Minchah*)
- Drink offering (*Necek*)
- Priests were a higher status than *Sharath*
- *Sharath* did many Temple duties such as maintenance
- Because of no produce or wine to sacrifice, the people couldn't be delivered from their sins or celebrate the biblical feasts
- Deut. 28:33 - 34, 42, 51

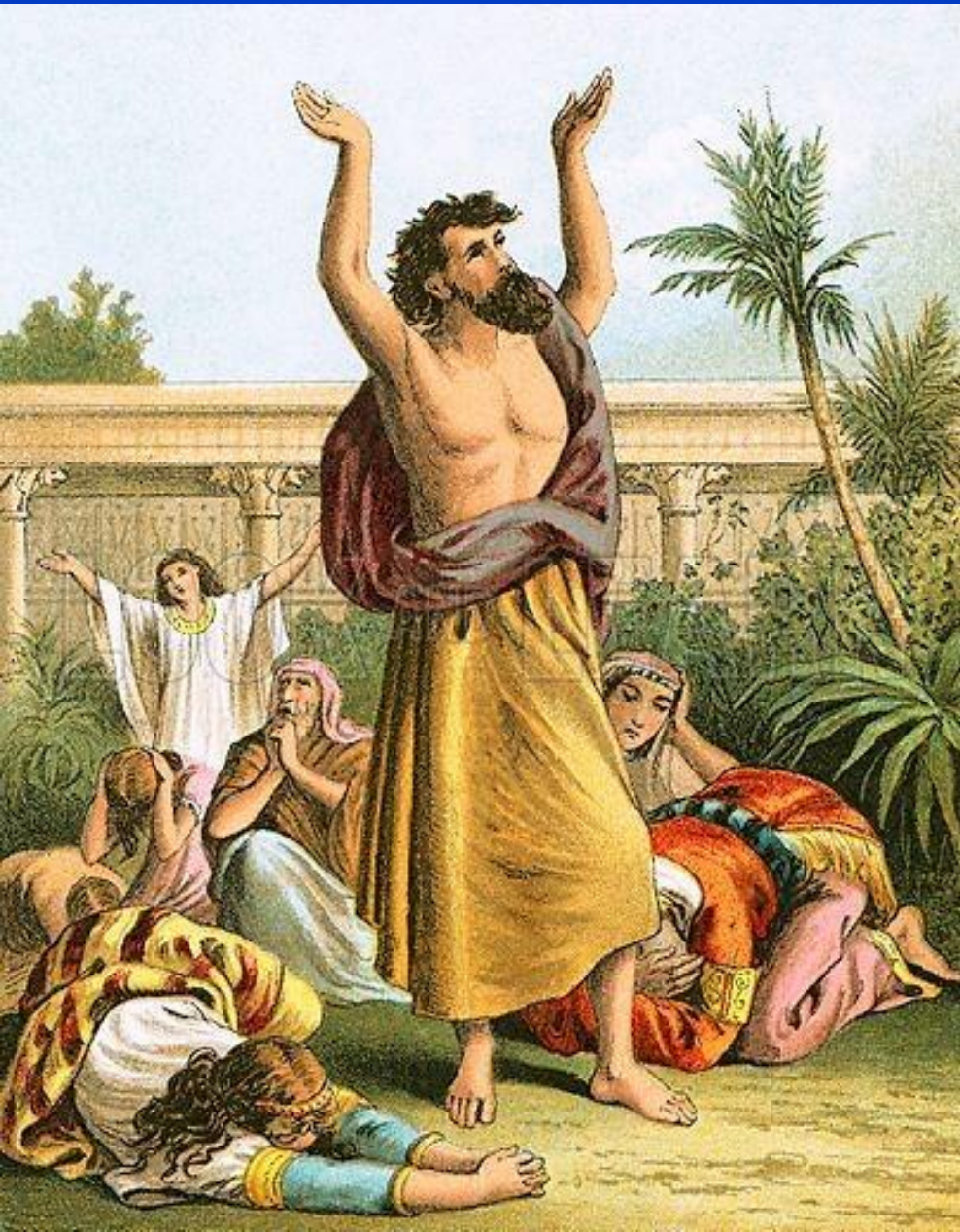


# WITHERED

- What is happening to Judah is what the Law of Moses prescribes
- ***Yabesh*** = withered
- Used here as a pun
- Priests and ministers ordered to wear sackcloth
- An end of their fellowship with God
- **Principle**: being sorry, even repenting, may not be enough...we must rely on God's mercy!



# Proclaim a holy fast.....



- Fasting is self-denial
- **Kadash** = to dedicate something holy
- **Atsarah** = solemn, sober assembly
- In 1:14 emphasis is on WHICH god
- Has the West and the USA passed the point of no return?
- We can reach a point where repentance is not sufficient for God to relent

# Just What Is the Day of the Lord?

- Vs. 15 A cry of terror!
- Not Day of the Lord.... It is Day of Yehoveh
- It is a day of mourning, pain, tears
- God's wrath administered in 2 spheres:  
1) the individual and 2) the national (the corporate)
- Day of Yehoveh is a corporate (national) event
- ALL who are living will suffer it



The God  
of our  
minds  
versus...



The God  
of the  
Bible

- *Yom* (Day) can mean several different things
- The Day of Yehoveh is an indefinite period of time, based on a definite event
- Idolatry is substituting our doctrines and definitions for God's written commands
- To submit and surrender to God means to submit and surrender our minds to His ways and commands



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO  
**"COUNT THE COST"?**  
(LUKE 14:28)

- Luke 14:26 – 33
- Biblically “hate” is usually a political term meaning to not have allegiance, or to reject
- If you want to follow Yeshua you must no longer think the same way, behave the same way, prioritize the same way
- “Good enough” fidelity towards Jesus doesn’t exist



- Billy Graham found that only 1% of those who came forward continued in the faith
- The Day of Yehoveh and all of its parallels come from Holy War concepts
- ***Cherem*** = Law of the Ban
- The spoils of Holy War are God's alone