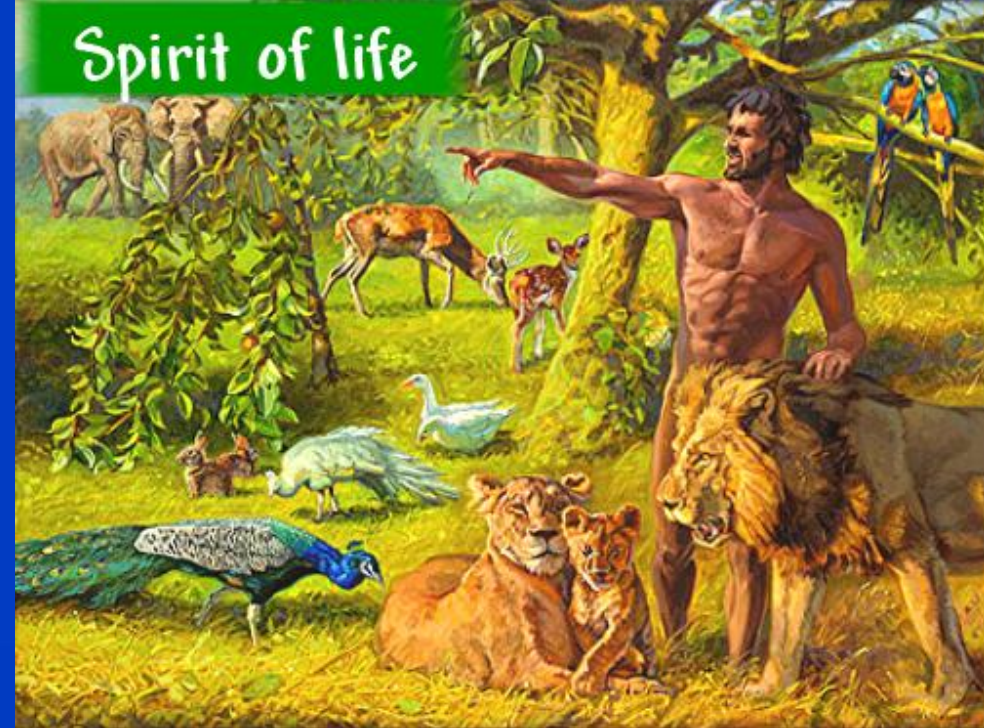


What is....

the Spirit
of God?

- In some Bibles Joel is 4 chapters, others it is 3, but all have the same content
- Joel chapter 3:1
- CJB “on all humanity” NAS “on all mankind”
KJV “on all flesh”
- Humanity and mankind are essentially synonyms
- **Basar** = flesh = all living creatures in general

- God does NOT pour out His Holy Spirit on irrational creatures
- “Spirit” is also the Spirit of Life
- Life = animation, consciousness to some level
- All living creatures have the Spirit of Life
- The Holy Spirit is distinct from the Spirit of Life
- Only certain humans, under certain conditions, receive the Holy Spirit



FLESH vs *HOLY* **SPIRIT**



- Holy Spirit not primarily about animation
- Soul the source and repository of our essence of self
- God's Holy Spirit is the opposite of flesh
- Matthew 26:41
- Having the Holy Spirit does not assure we'll do God's will
- Romans 7:14 - 24

THIS ? OR THIS ?



- “After this” = after fulfillment of Chapters 1 and 2
- Does “all flesh” mean all humans worldwide?
- Does this include gentiles?
- What does “Israel” mean?
- Israel is meant on 2 levels: Spiritual and Physical
- Spiritual = an ideal of God Physical = People/nation

WHAT DOES

ISRAEL MEAN IN THE BIBLE?

- Yeshua is held up as the “true Israel”
- Paul speaks of the mystery of “Israel” in Romans 9 when he says: “... *not everyone from Israel is truly part of Israel...*”
- The body of God’s thought about Israel is the ideal Israel or the true Israel
- Physically, Israel is a political and religious entity that occupies a piece of land...it is a nation

YOUR NAME SHALL

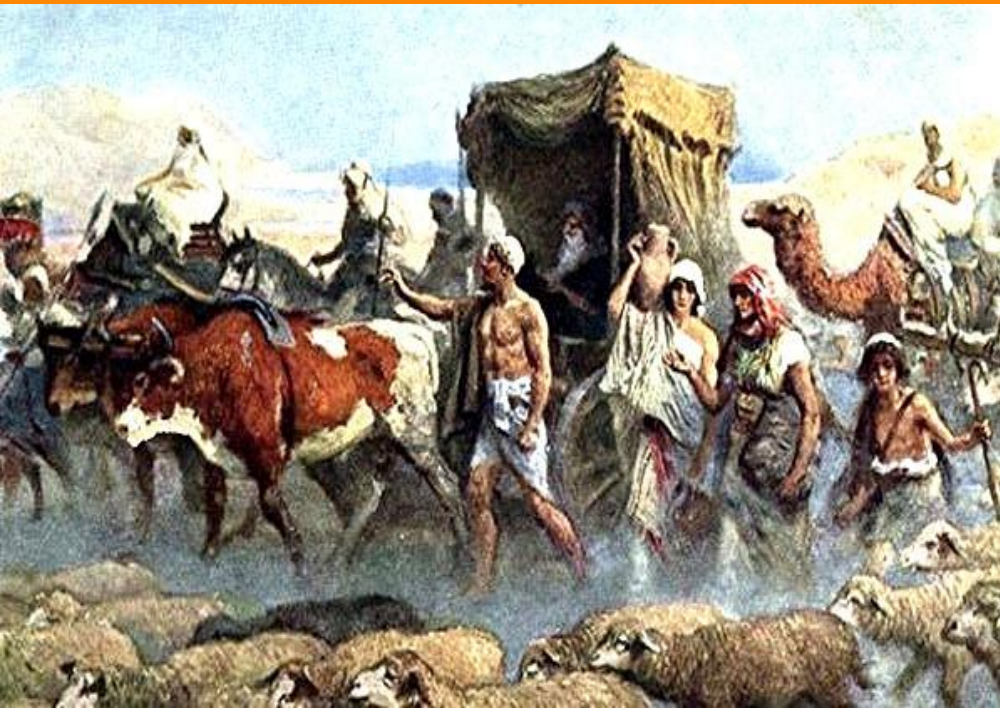
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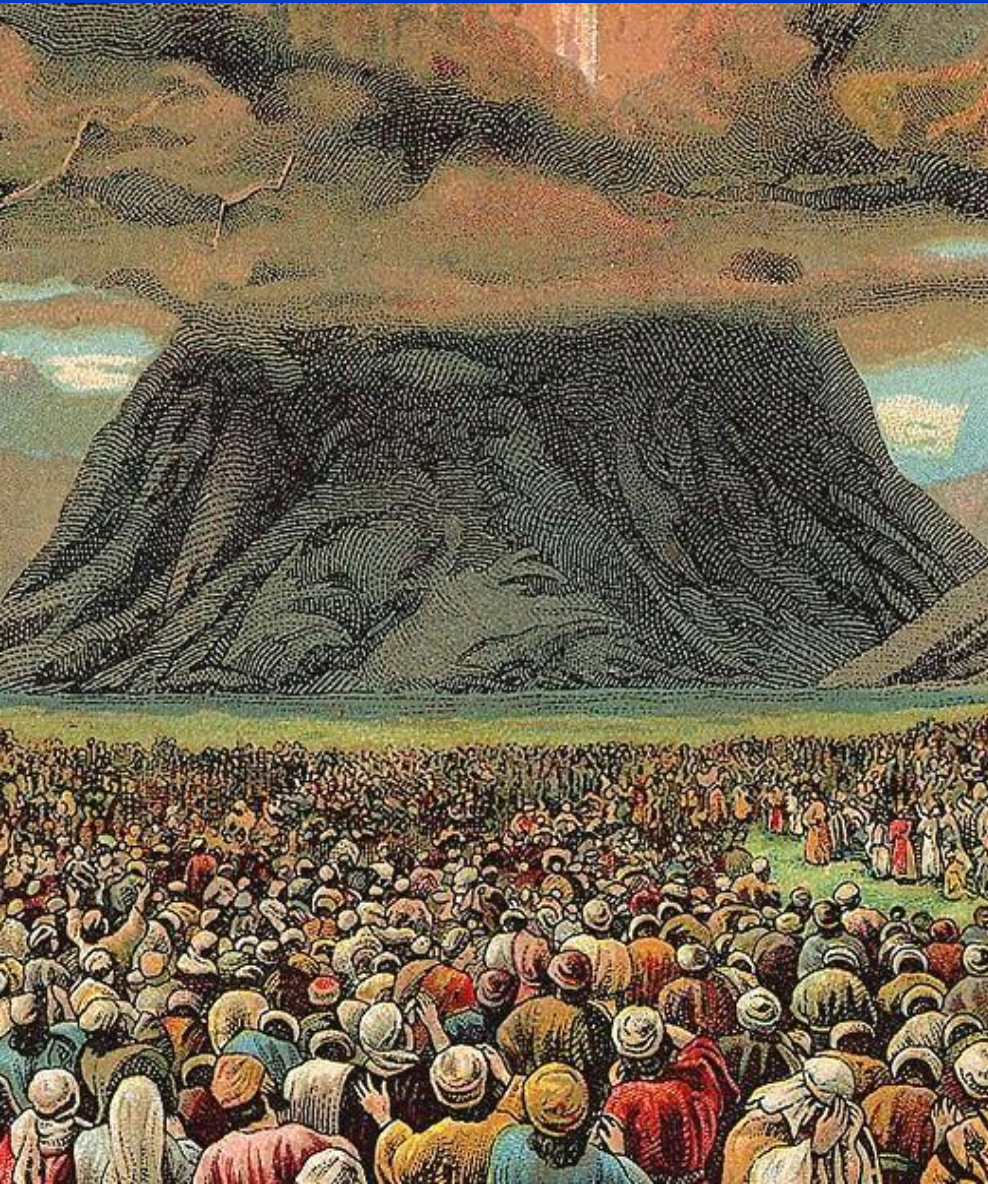


Genesis
32:28



- The ideal of Israel was assigned to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to put into action
- Ideals on earth are called philosophies
- Jacob's new name a prophecy
- Once Jacob's family grew to about 200, they went to Egypt
- After 400 years they left Egypt as an enormous number

THE HEBREWS BECOME ISRAEL



- On Mt. Sinai, the ideal of Israel becomes the nation of Israel
- Abraham made a covenant, handed to Isaac, then to Jacob
- Deuteronomy 29:9 - 12
- With the Covenant of Moses, the ideal was put into action
- Each new covenant adds to the previous
- Jeremiah 31:30 – 32
- A covenant with Israel!

PENTECOST

Acts 2

- Peter says the Pentecost coming of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of Joel's Holy Spirit prophecy
- This was a strictly Jewish festival of Shavuot
- All the people mentioned from all the nations were either born Jews or gentile converts to Judaism
- The Holy Spirit fell upon JEWS! NOT upon Gentiles!

WHAT ABOUT GENTILES?

- If all humans on earth regardless of beliefs received the Holy Spirit, then what's the purpose of Christ?
- It had **ONLY** to do with Israel... in chapter 4 we see what is going to happen to the nations
- “...***YOUR sons and daughters...
YOUR old men...
YOUR young men...***”
can only mean Israel



HOW IT HAPPENS

- Paul battled against “converting” gentiles to Jews
- This was to be ONLY a spiritual transaction
- Romans 11:13 – 18
- Paul says we must become part of Israel (the Olive Tree)
- What makes Israel, Israel are its covenants with God
- We are NOT joined to political Israel, but rather to ideal Israel

