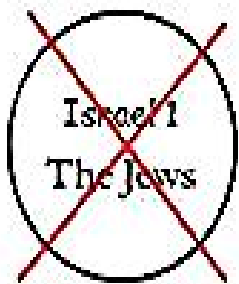


WHEN THE LIGHT COMES ON.....



- Bible nearly unintelligible without understanding the biblical cultures
- By deciding God has abolished the Law and replaced Israel, there's no point to studying the Old Testament

"New Israel" Theology



Gentiles

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Covenant Sign

○ Physical Circumcision

● Circumcision of the heart

***“I don’t know what the Bible says,
but I know what I believe.....”***

- Junior Hi kids are certain that they need **NO MORE INFO!**
- It is dangerous to approach the Bible with this kind of Junior Hi attitude
- Hebrews 5:11 *“You ought to be teachers, but you still need someone to teach you the very 1st principles of God’s Word all over again!”*

TEENAGERS

**If You Are Tired of
Being Hassled By**

UNREASONABLE PARENTS

NOW is the Time for Action!!!



**Leave Home and Pay Your Own Way
WHILE YOU STILL KNOW EVERYTHING!**

I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHICH IS WORSE, IGNORANCE OR APATHY...

THEN I REALIZED I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.



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IT TAKES: “Continuous exercise to distinguish good from evil”

- Naïve immaturity in Paul’s day, Samuel’s day, and our day
- Priests and Levites no longer gave thought to the Law or the Exodus
- We don’t study our faith forefathers, the Pilgrims, because it would mean hard work to understand their words and culture
- Knowing God’s Word takes time and dedication
- Mistaken beliefs are serious and can prove to be fatal



70 STRUCK DEAD BY THE ARK

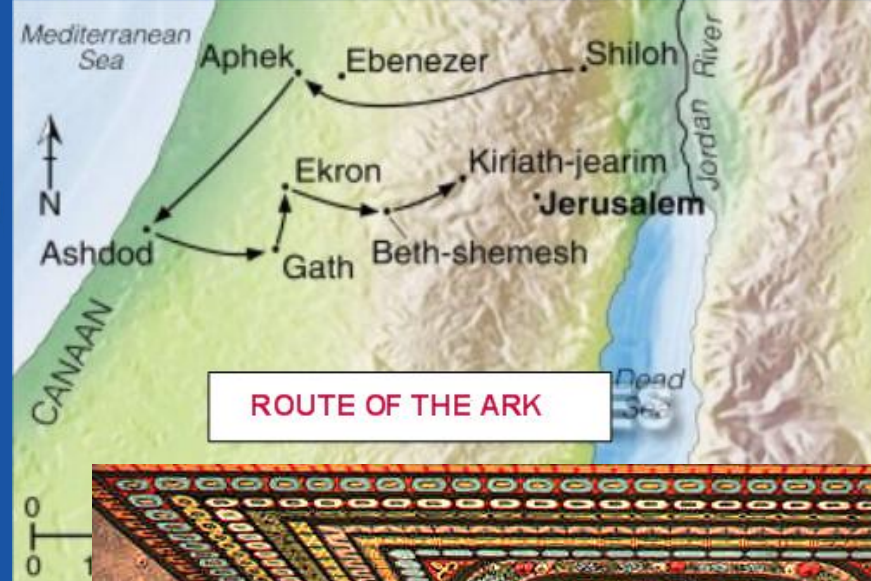
BY THE ARK

- Ark arrived at *Beit-Shemesh*
- Levites touched the Ark and saw what was especially holy and died for it
- Probably didn't know the Law
- Levites didn't seem to know WHY God reacted as He did
- Ark sent to *Kiryat-Ye'arim*

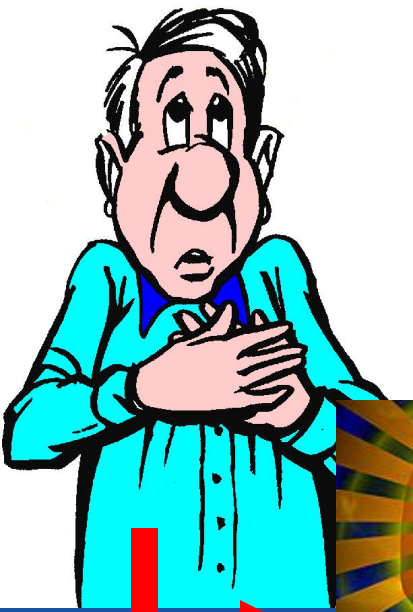


1st SAMUEL 7: WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TABERNACLE ?

- 20 years have passed since Ark sent to Kiryat-Ye'arim
- Mystery as to where the Menorah, Altar of Incense, & Table of Shewbread resided
- Time of King Saul, the High Priest was at Nob
- 2 Sam 6:3 Ark remained at Avinadav's house in Kiryat-Ye'arim



PURE EMOTION IS THE LEAST EXPRESSION OF LOVE TO GOD



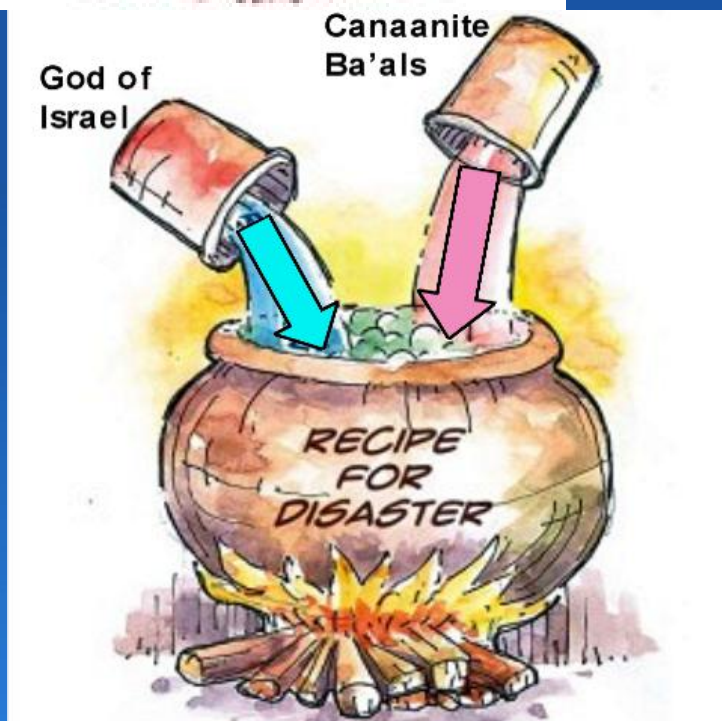
- *Naha ahare* = an inward feeling of desire and want
- Over time Israel and God moved apart, and now the Hebrews were feeling it
- Samuel says IF Israel seriously wants to repair the relationship, they must move from emotion, to a WILL to commit, then to ACTION
- **Heart** = mind, will, thought
- The goal is to LIVE OUT the Word of God, NOT to FEEL it!



THE BELIEVER IN THE KETTLE

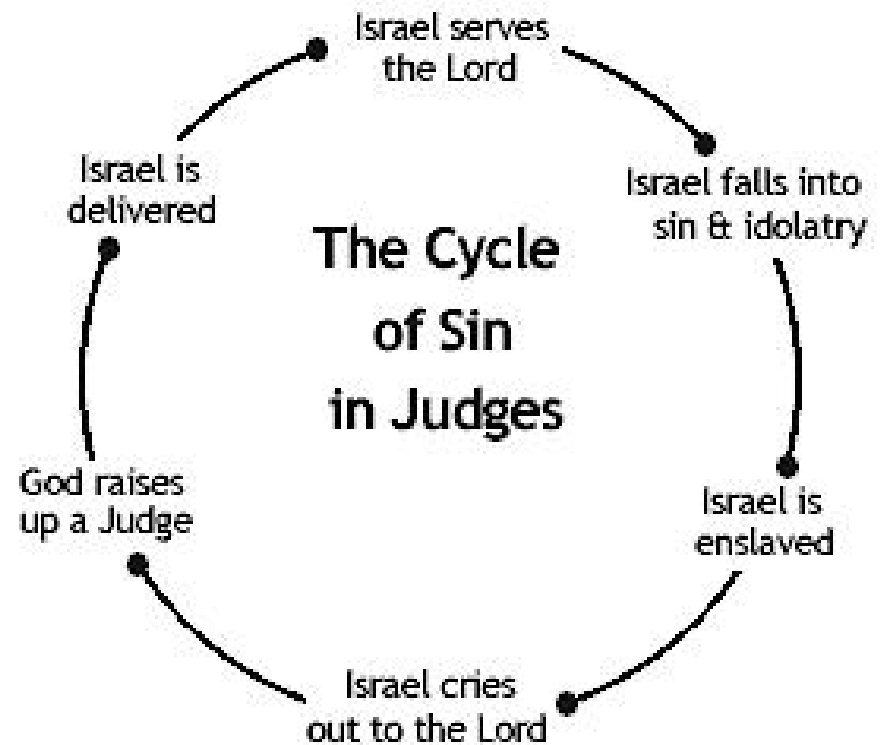


- Israel did NOT stop believing in YHWH, and did NOT renounce Moses and the Law
- They allowed impurity and paganism to creep in
- The Lord has no interest in our rationalizations, or interest in “fun” or “usefulness” of pagan elements or symbols to be used in the Name of God!



CONVOCAATION AT MITZPAH

- The God-Pattern of harmony with God, apostasy, oppression, repentance, deliverance
- At Mizpah Samuel's career as a Shofet of Israel began
- Samuel had an unusual and wide range of duties for the Lord
- Prophets tended to be jacks of all trades



WATER DRAWN AND POURED OUT AT MITZPAH CEREMONY



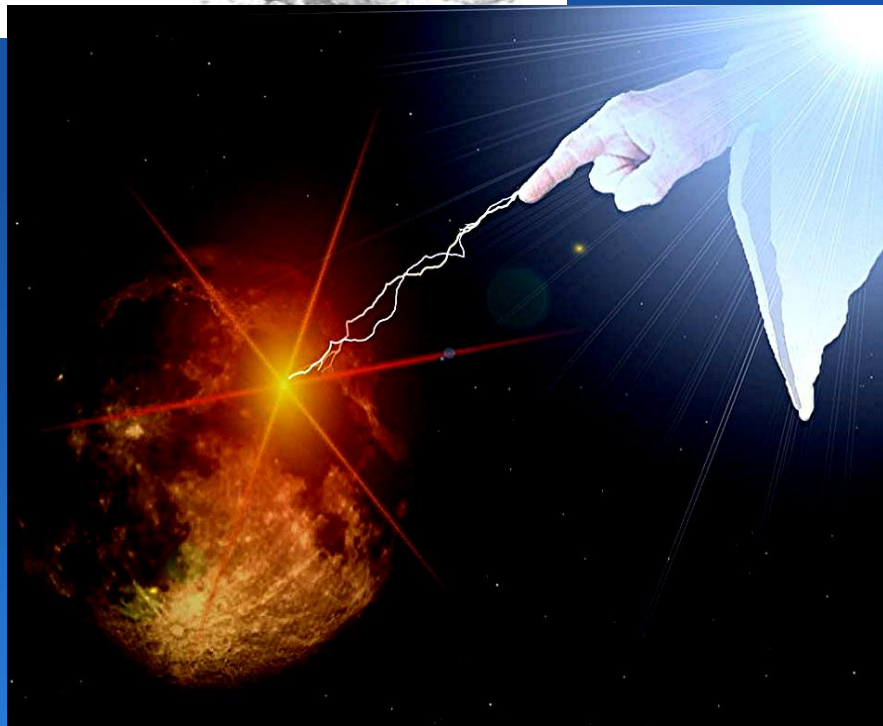
- Scholars confused and tantalized by this mention of water libation in Samuel
- NO DOUBT! It was a celebration of Sukkot
- Samuel called Israel for a pilgrimage to Mitzpah to celebrate the Fall Feasts
- Yom Kippur involves fasting, prayer, repentance, just like at Mitzpah

MITZPAH A SECONDARY HOLY SITE



- Shiloh was defunct as the religious center of Israel
- Mitzpah long recognized as a religious/cult center
- Judges 20 – 21, 1st Samuel 10, 1st Mac. 3
- Israel did NOT gather at Mitzpah for war!!

GOD “THUNDERS” OVER THE PHILISTINES



- While Samuel was sacrificing and Israel was praying, the Philistines attacked
- Thunder is usually God’s wrath in Heaven, that soon manifests on Earth
- Philistines panicked and ran for their lives
- Israel had a great victory, but it was God’s victory