



The History of the Jewish Nation following Egypt:

1. They were careless with God's Covenant.
 - they treated it as a set of rules to be followed, instead of a relationship to be embraced.
2. They experienced the consequences of being careless.
 - a. God removed His favour from them ... but not His attention.
 - b. God reminded them that the covenant they shared had not expired.
 - c. God assured them of His love, and of a promised future.
3. As they struggled to honour their covenant with Him, God promised them something new.
 - a. **A New Government: "A Throne"**. (Isaiah 9:1-7)
 - b. A New Covenant: "A Lamb". (Isaiah 53)

9 Nevertheless, the time of darkness and despair will not go on forever ... there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine ...

5 The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned.
They will be fuel for the fire.

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

7 His government and its peace will never end.
He will rule with fairness & justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Isaiah 9

Key Point: God is promising His people a new King – one like they have never seen or experienced before.

- A King so powerful that his reign will never end.
- A King so fair and just that “*shalom*” will describe his reign.
- A King that honours with them the Covenant that they are bound to.
- A King who is somehow human, yet somehow beyond human.
 - *Wonderful*
 - *Counselor*
 - *Mighty God*
 - *Everlasting Father*
 - *Prince of Peace*

So, who is this King ... what are His names?

Note: In Isaiah's world, names did not just identify people, they described them!

- Jabez - *I birthed him in pain.*
- Jehovah Jireh - *My God provides.*
- Isaiah - *Yahweh is salvation.*

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1. He will be called "Wonderful"

- Hebrew: 'pele' (phe - le)

defn - astonishing; miraculous;
too wonderful to comprehend.

Note: same root as palal - 'prayer' (heb) - speaking to authority;
to intercede

Manoah (the father of Samson) did not realize that that man he was speaking to was the angel of the Lord.

Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the Lord, "What is your name, so that we may honour you when your word comes true?"

He replied, "Why do you ask my name? It is (pele) too wonderful for you to understand."

Summary:

God is promising through His prophet that their Messianic King will be someone who is simply too wonderful to understand ... that his goodness is, in fact, so beyond their comprehension that the rest of Him can only be imagined.

*⁴ For since the world began,
no ear has heard
and no eye has seen a God like you,
who works for those who wait for him!*

Isaiah 64

Who is this King ... what are His names?

2. He will be called "Counselor".

- Hebrew: 'yoetz'
 - 3 possible meanings:
 - a. Advocate: a person who pleads the cause of another; who defends & vindicates.

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the
Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

1 John 2:1-2

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- Hebrew: 'yoetz'
 - 3 possible meanings:
 - a. Advocate:
 - b. Mediator: one who stands between two parties in dispute, with the purpose & goal of reconciling them.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all humankind.

1 Timothy 2:5

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2. He will be called "Counselor".

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 - 3 possible meanings:
 - a. Advocate:
 - b. Mediator:
 - c. Guide: someone who knows the way and takes us there.

Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going ... ⁶ I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Jesus - John 14

Who is this King ... what are His names?

3. He will be called "Mighty God".

- Hebrew: 'el gibbor'
 - el - God describes God as the One who does something.
"God the _____."
 - gibbor – Mighty Warrior; Champion

David & Goliath:

*When the Philistines saw that their "gibbor" was dead,
they turned and ran . . .*

1 Samuel 17:51

- "el gibbor" - "God, the Mighty Warrior!"
... God, our Champion, who cannot be vanquished by anyone *or* anything.

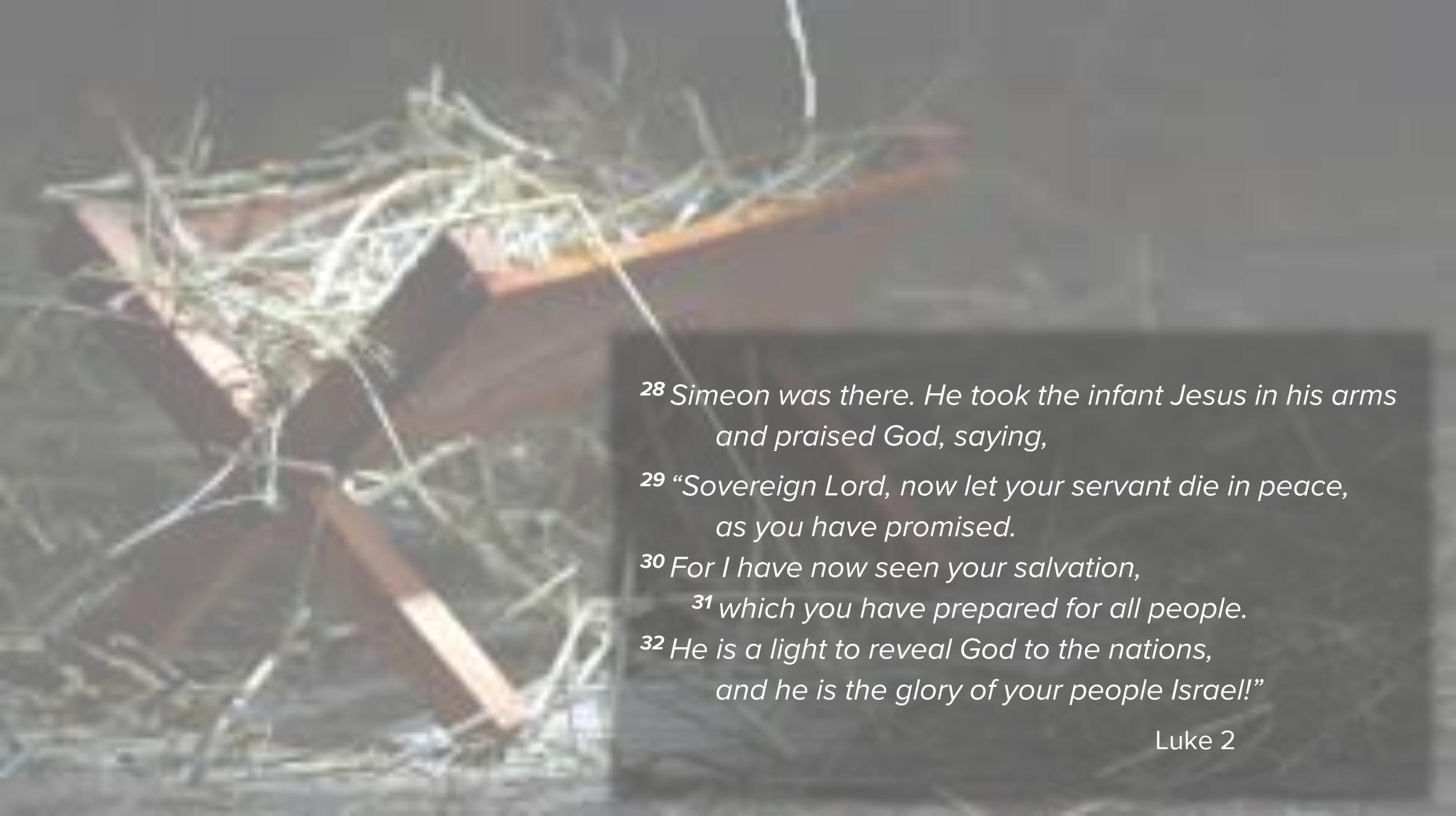
When you were dead in your sins, and helpless in your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And, having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

Then one of the elders said to me, "Don't cry. Look! The Lion from Judah's tribe, the great descendant of David, has won the victory, and he can break the seven seals and open the scroll."

Revelation 5



A wooden manger filled with straw, set against a dark background. The manger is made of light-colored wood and is filled with dry, yellowish-brown straw. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a backdrop.

28 Simeon was there. He took the infant Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.

30 For I have now seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared for all people.

32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Luke 2