



Cherubim

in the tabernacle & temple

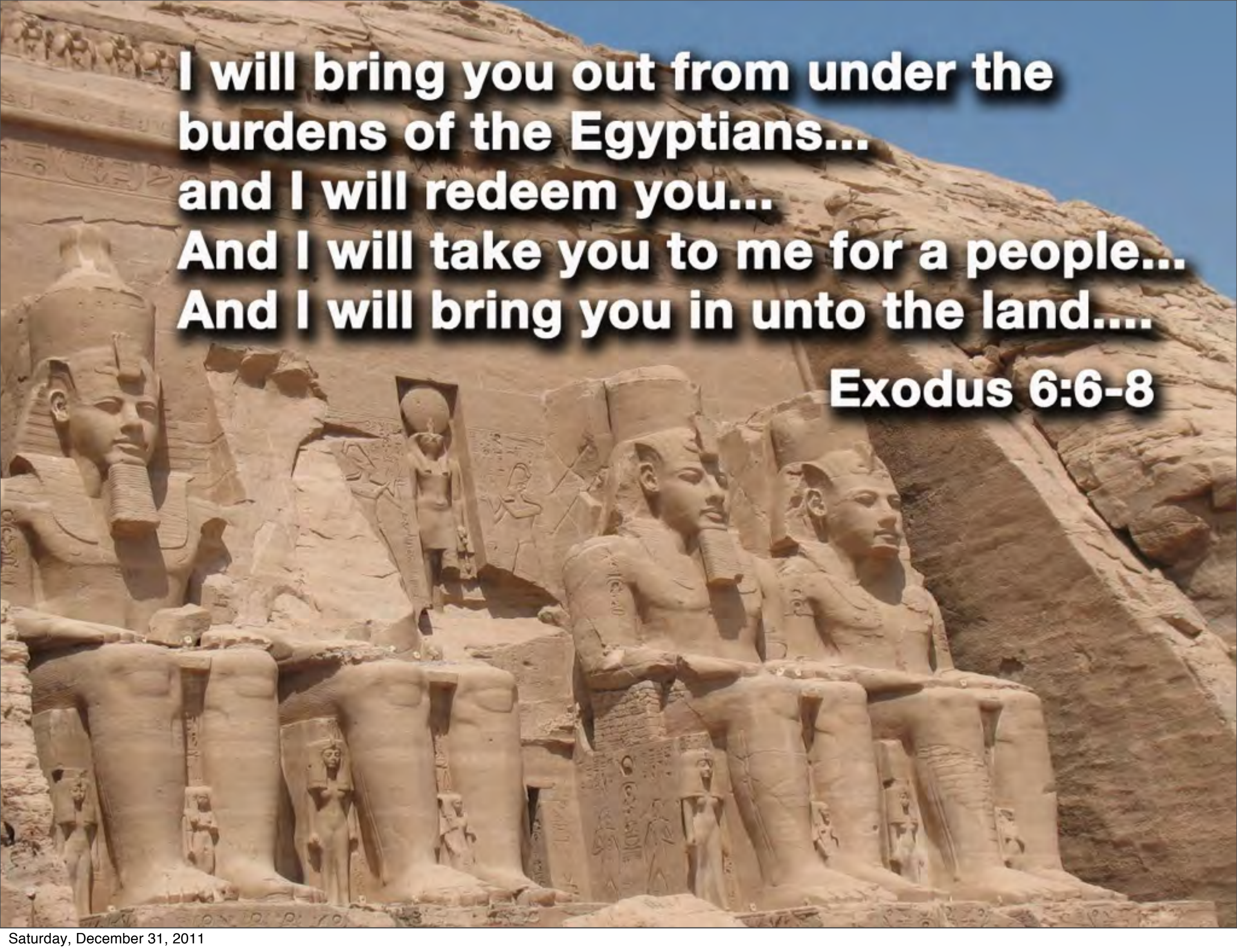
Purpose Israel *with*



"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."
- Acts 15:14


"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation..." - Gen 12:1-3

"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."
- Gen 32:28



**I will bring you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians...
and I will redeem you...
And I will take you to me for a people...
And I will bring you in unto the land....**

Exodus 6:6-8

An aerial photograph showing a dark blue body of water on the left, meeting a sandy beach and a green, hilly coastline. To the right, a large, arid, brownish-yellow landmass with some green patches and a winding river is visible. The text is overlaid on the dark water area.

**“Thou shalt bring them in,
and plant them in the
mountain of thine
inheritance, in the place,
O Yahweh, which thou hast
made for thee to dwell in,
in the Sanctuary, O Lord,
which thy hands have
established.”**

Exodus 15:17

Numbers 2

The Encampment of Israel



**West:
Ephraim**



**North:
Dan**



**East:
Judah**

**South:
Reuben**

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch *by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house...*

(Numbers 2:2)

And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.
(Numbers 2:3)



The Standard of Judah

Symbol of Israel

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O **Israel!... He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion:** who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

Numbers 24:5,9

c/p also Numbers 23:23-24; Ezekiel 19:1-6

**STANDARD
OF JUDAH**

1 Kings 10:20 - twelve lions round Solomon's throne

Symbol of Israel in Judgment

And the **remnant of Jacob** shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people **as a lion** among the beasts of the forest, as **a young lion among the flocks of sheep**: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and **none can deliver**.

Micah 5:8

**STANDARD
OF JUDAH**

Symbol of the King

Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,** nor a **lawgiver** from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Genesis 49:9-10

**STANDARD
OF JUDAH**

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David,** hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5:5

The Voice of Prophecy

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. **The lion hath roared**, who will not fear? the **Lord Yahweh hath spoken**, who can but **prophecy**?

Amos 3:7-8

The Rainbow Angel:

And cried with a loud voice, **as when a lion roareth**: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Revelation 10:3

STANDARD
OF JUDAH

Symbol of Judgment

The **lion** is come up from his thicket, and the **destroyer of the Gentiles** is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 4:7

Israel is a scattered sheep; the **lions** have driven him away: first the **king of Assyria** hath devoured him; and last this **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon** hath broken his bones.

Jeremiah 50:17

Ezekiel 32:2 - Pharaoh King of Egypt... lion of the nations
Isaiah 5:25-30 - Nations from far... roaring like a lion

STANDARD
OF JUDAH



Summary: The Líon

- The Líon ís used to represent the **Nation of Israel**
- It ís the specific **Standard of Judah**
- It ís a **symbol of the KING** - the Lord Jesus Chríst
- It ís used of **Israel in the wilderness**
- It ís used of **Israel in the age to come**
- It represents the **voíce of prophecy**
- It ís a **symbol of judgment**

**STANDARD
OF JUDAH**

On the south side shall be the standard (banner) of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elízur the son of Shedeur.

(Numbers 2:10)



The Standard of Reuban

Multitudinous Son - Israel



And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Yahweh, **Israel is my son, even my firstborn:** And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Exodus 4:22-23

And when the seventh month was come, and the **children of Israel** were in the cities, the **people gathered themselves together as one man** to Jerusalem.

Ezra 3:1

**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

Nehemiah 8:1 - People gathered as one man...
Ezekiel 37:17 - they shall become one in thine hand...

Chríst: The Son of Man

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Yahweh of hosts, saying, **Behold the man** whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of Yahweh...

Zechariah 6:12

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, **Behold the man!**

John 19:5

**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

Matt 16:27 - Son of man come in the glory of his Father
Matt 19:28 - Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory
Matt 24:27 - coming of the Son of man

The Multitudinous Chríst

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **Beloved, now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:1-3

**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

Col 1:18 - he is the head of the body

Col 3:10-11 - put on the new man... in the image of him that created him.

The Multitudinous Chríst

But as many as received him, to them gave he
power to become the sons of God, even to them
that believe on his name: John 1:12-13

For as many as are **led by the Spírit of God**, they
are the **sons of God**.... For the earnest
expectation of the creature waiteth for the
manífestation of the sons of God

Romans 8:14,19



**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

The Multitudinous Chríst

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 7:13

**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

Song of Sol 5:10-16 - The Beloved

The Multitúdinous Chríst

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks **one like unto the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. Revelation 1:13-16



**STANDARD
OF REUBAN**

Summary: The Man

- Reuban was Judah's firstborn son
- The MAN is obviously a symbol of Flesh - but **GOD manifest in the Flesh**
- The MAN represents the nation of **Israel** - **God's NATIONAL SON**
- The **MAN** is a title of the Lord Jesus **Christ** - God's only begotten son
- **The saint are** also described as "**sons of God**"
- "**One like the SON OF MAN**" is a phrase used of the saints throughout the prophets - and **represents the multitudinous Christ**

STANDARD
OF REUBAN



On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elíshama the son of Ammíhud.

(Numbers 2:10)



The Standard of Ephraim

Symbol of the Whole Nation of Israel



It stood upon **twelve oxen**, three looking toward the **north**, and three looking toward the **west**, and three looking toward the **south**, and three looking toward the **east**: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

1 Kings 7:25



Symbol of the Labourer

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the **ox that treadeth out the corn.** And, **The labourer** is worthy of his reward.

1 Timothy 5:18

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

STANDARD
OF EPHRAIM

Symbol of Humility & Praise

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please Yahweh better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

Psalm 69:30-32

STANDARD
OF EPHRAIM

Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**...took upon him the **form of a servant**... he **humbled** himself, and became obedient unto death...

Philippians 2:5-6

Symbol of Judgment

*Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine **horn iron**, and I will make thy **hoofs brass**: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth*

Micah 4:13

**STANDARD
OF EPHRAIM**

*Thou shalt not muzzle the **ox** when he treadeth out the corn*

Deuteronomy 25:4

Summary: The Ox



- The Ox is used to represent the **Nation of Israel**
- It is a **symbol of the Labourer**
- It is a **symbol of humility & thankfulness**
- **Christ took on the form of a servant -the ox,** and asks us to take his yoke upon us.
- It is used of **Israel in the age to come - in judgement of nations**

**STANDARD
OF EPHRAIM**

The standard (banner) of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahíezer the son of Ammíshaddaí.

(Numbers 2:25)



The Standard of Dan

Protection of Yahweh

Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how **I bare you on eagles' wings**, and brought you unto myself.

Exodus 19:4

STANDARD
OF **DAN**

Judgement of Yahweh

For thus saith Yahweh; Behold, **he shall fly as an eagle**, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

Jeremiah 48:40

Yahweh shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, **as swift as the eagle flieth**; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

Deuteronomy 28:49

STANDARD
OF **DAN**

c/p Matt 24:28 “Where the carcass is... eagles gather”

Spirit Nature

But they that wait upon Yahweh shall renew their strength; they shall **mount up with wings as eagles**; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that **thy youth is renewed like the eagle's**.

Psalms 103:5

Eagle is borne on the "wind" or ruach - the spirit

**STANDARD
OF DAN**

**If we would rule as the lion
we must first serve as the ox
If we desire spirit nature as the eagle
We must first manifest the spirit in our flesh (the Man)**

H. P. Mansfield



Parable of the Standards

And **when the cloud was taken up** from the tabernacle, then after that **the children of Israel journeyed**: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. **At the commandment of Yahweh the children of Israel journeyed**, and at the commandment of Yahweh they pitched...

(Numbers 9:17-18)



Directed by the Spirit

c/p Exodus 40:34-38

**And let them make me a sanctuary;
that I may dwell among them.**

**According to all that I shew thee,
after the pattern of the tabernacle,
and the pattern of all the instruments
thereof, even so shall ye make it.**

Exodus 25:8-9





the **Ark** *of the* **covenant**

the
Ark
of the
covenant



Exodus 25:10-16

And thou shalt make an ark of shittim wood.... (v10)

And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. (v16)

the **Ark** *of the* **covenant**



Proverbs 6:20-23

*My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. **When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:***

the
Ark
of the
covenant

**The
Mercy
Seat**



Exodus 30:6

**And thou shalt put it before the vail that is
by the ark of the testimony, before the
mercy seat that is **over the testimony,**
where I will meet with thee.**

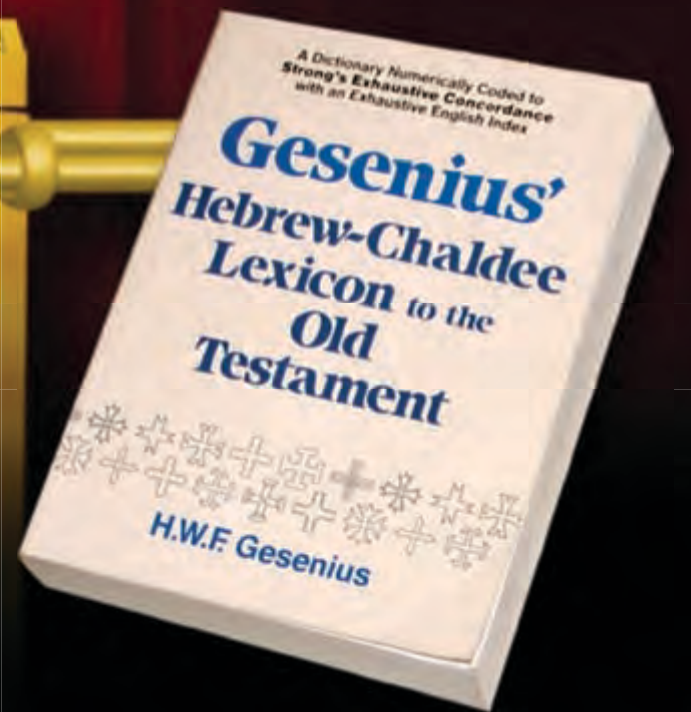
the **Ark** of the **covenant**



Definition: Covering

Strong's #3727 - Kapporeth

a covering, from root “to cover”, only used of the cover of the ark of the covenant, the inmost recess of the temple, where the ark of the covenant was placed.



the **Ark** *of the* **covenant**

The Mercy Seat



Hebrews 9:3-5

*And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; **And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.***

Mercy Seat: #2434 hilasmos - Propitiation

the
Ark
of the
covenant

**The
Mercy
Seat**



1 John 2:1-2

*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And **he is the propitiation (covering-mercy seat) for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

See also: 1 John 4:9-10 "sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins"

the **cherubim**

*made of
one piece*

Exodus 37:6-7

*And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And **he made two cherubims** of gold, beaten out of **one piece** made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat*

the **cherubim**



*Facing Each Other
& Mercy Seat*

Exodus 25:18-22

*And the cherubíms shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and **their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat** shall the faces of the cherubíms be. (v20)*

the **cherubim**



*Facing Each
Other & The Ark*

Hebrews 12:2:

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher
of our faith...*

Matt 22:37-39

*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ...
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

the **cherubim**

Summary: Cherubim on the Mercy Seat

- The Cherubim were part of the **COVERING** of the Ark , the Mercy Seat
- They protected the **TESTIMONY** or **COVENANT** that would **KEEP** Israel in the **WAY**
- Christ is the **MERCY SEAT**
- The **CHERUBIM** upon it are symbolic of the **MULTITUDINOUS** Christ
- Their focus is first on Christ then upon their brethren

*And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, **from between the two cherubim** which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.*

Exodus 25:22



PLACE OF COMMUNICATION

*And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of **Yahweh of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubim.***

2 Samuel 6:2

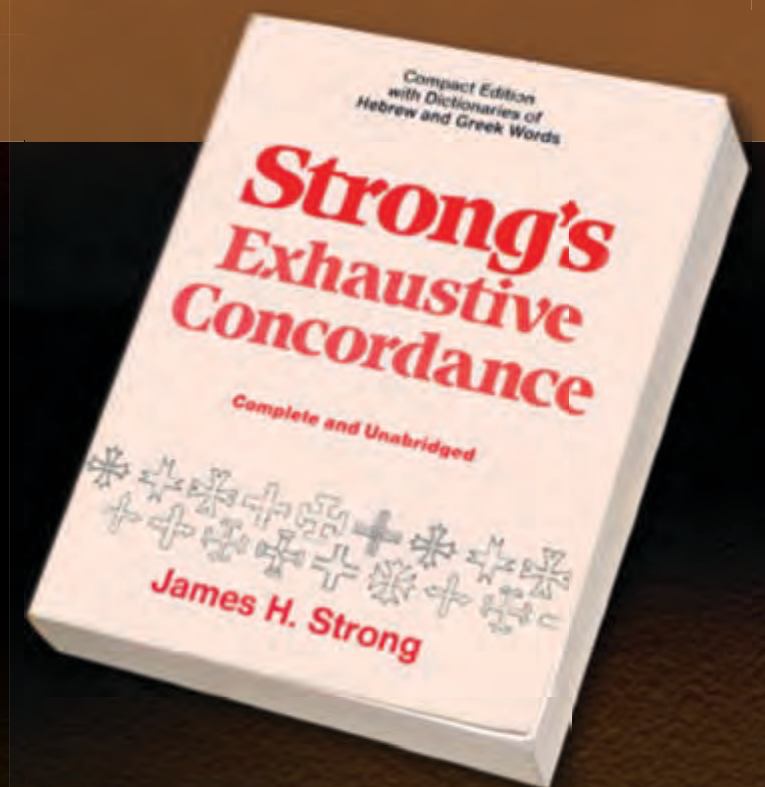


THE SYMBOLIC THRONE OF GOD

Definition: Dwellest

Strong's #3427 - Yashab

to sit, sit down, to be set, to remain, stay, to dwell, have one's abode, **to inhabit**



Yahweh reigneth; let the people tremble: **he sitteth
between the cherubím**; let the earth be moved.

Psalm 99:1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest
Joseph like a flock; thou **that dwellest between the
cherubím, shine forth.**

Psalm 80:1




THE SYMBOLIC THRONE OF GOD

Summary

- The Cherubim were the focal point where God would appear to Israel - in a cloud
- God would communicate with Israel from between the Cherubim - like Eden
- God inhabited the Cherubim - dwelt there
- This was his symbolic throne in the midst of the nation of Israel
- He would “Shine forth” and indicate his acceptance from this place.

EMBROIDERED ON THE VAIL

The image features two golden cherubim, each with a human-like face and a bird-like body with large, outstretched wings. They are positioned on either side of a central vail. The vail is a long, rectangular piece of fabric with a blue upper half and a purple lower half, held taut by the cherubim's wings. The background is a textured blue surface, and the entire scene is set against a red and white striped border at the top.

And **thou shalt make a vail** of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: **with cherubims shall it be made:** And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.


Exodus 26:31-32

EMBROIDERED ON THE VAIL

And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and **the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.** And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

Exodus 26:32-34

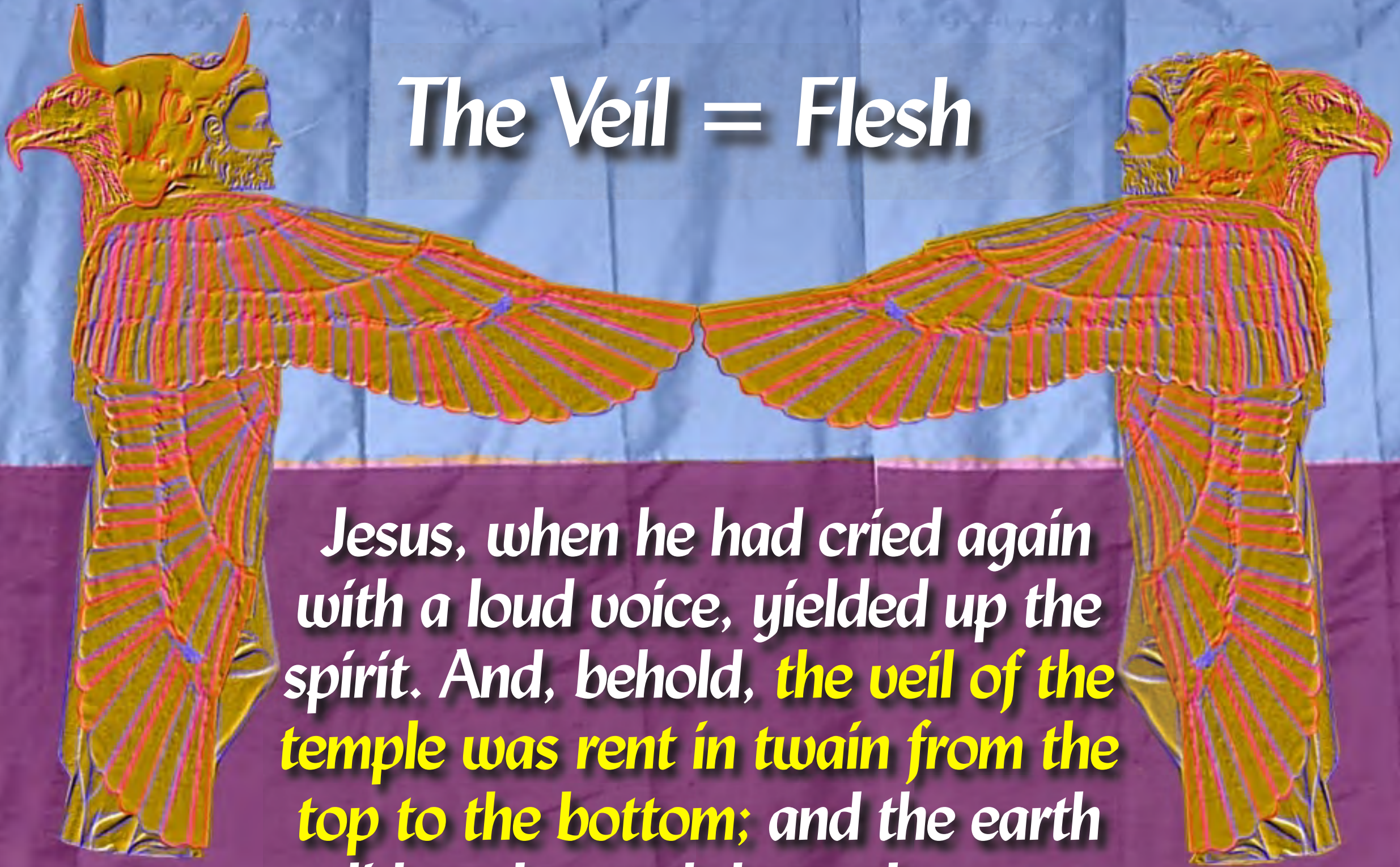
The Veil = Flesh



Having therefore, brethren,
boldness to enter into the holiest
by the blood of Jesus, **By a new
and living way**, which he hath
consecrated for us, **through the
veil, that is to say, his flesh**;

Hebrews 10:19-20

The Veil = Flesh



Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the spirit. And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;** and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Matt 27:50-51

Lesson of the Vail

- Cherubím on the vail represents **God manifest in the flesh**
- Entrance to the most holy place required the vail (flesh) to be rent - or put to death
- The **living way** was opened at the **crucifixion of Christ**

And within the oracle he made **two cherubíms of olive tree**, each ten cubits high... both the cherubíms were **of one measure** and one size... And he set the **cherubíms within the inner house**: and they stretched forth the **wings of the cherubím**, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. And he **overlaíd the cherubím with gold**.

I Kings 6:23-28

