

He that
OVERCOMETH

shall inherit all things; and I will be
his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

Passing
THROUGH the WATERS

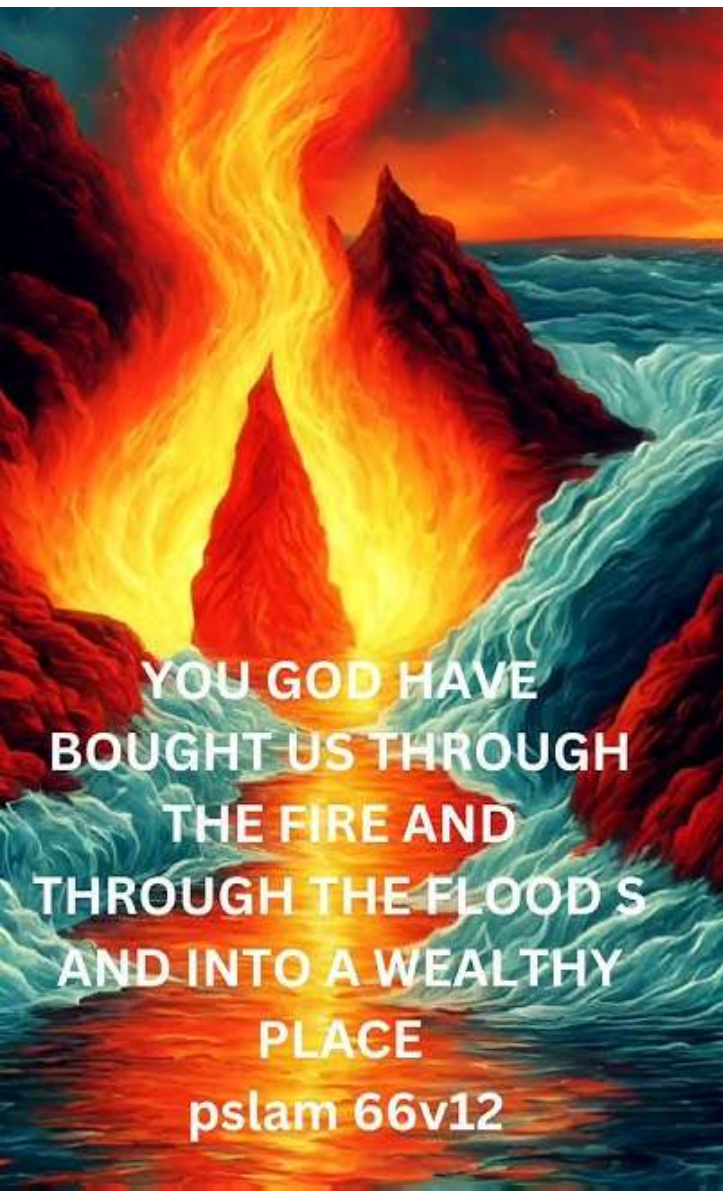




- There are several passages in the Word that contain the word, **“THROUGH”**.
- God is not going to take us out of tribulation, but he will bring us **THROUGH!**
 - And thou didst divide the sea before them, **so that they went THROUGH the midst of the sea** on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. Nehemiah 9:11
- God is not only doing something for you as he brings you **THROUGH** tribulation.
- **He is also destroying your persecutors and pursuers.**
- Your enemies are His enemies.



- God is very efficient.
- He **develops you** and **destroys His enemies at the same time.**
 - For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run THROUGH a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. Psalms 18:28-29
- You are called to be an **overcomer.**
- **Come over** that wall.
- **Mount** that **obstacle!**
- You are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)
- You can **run** or **break THROUGH** every problem because of the **strength** and the **joy** of the Lord.
 - Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.** Nehemiah 8:10



YOU GOD HAVE
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- He turned the sea into dry *land*: **they went THROUGH the flood on foot....** For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went **THROUGH** fire and **THROUGH** water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*. Psalms 66:6, 10-12
- God brings us **THROUGH** the **Red Sea** and the **Jordan at flood tide**.
- **On the other side of a great struggle is a great harvest.**
- This wealthy place is a place of “freedom” according to several sources.
- This is the **portion** of the **overcomer**.

FROM
THE VALLEY OF BACA
TO
THE VALLEY OF
BERACHAH

- Blessed *is* the man **whose strength is in thee**; in whose **heart** *are* the ways of *them*. Who passing **THROUGH** the valley of **Baca** make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from **strength to strength**, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God. Psalms 84:5-7
- “**BACA**” means “**weeping**”.
- **You will make your valley of weeping a place of springs.**
- The valley of Baca becomes the valley of Berachah, which means “**blessing**”.
 - And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD. 2 Chronicles 20:26
- **Bless the Lord when you feel like weeping!**
- He will turn your **mourning** into **joy**.
 - For I will turn their **mourning** into **joy**, and will comfort them, and make them **rejoice** from their **sorrow**. Jeremiah 31:13



- The **overcomer** will appear in **Sion**.
 - And I looked, and, **lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion**, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
 - And I heard a voice from heaven, as the **voice of many waters**, and as the voice of a **great thunder**: and I heard the voice of **harpers** harping with their harps:
 - And they sung as it were a **new song before the throne**, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
 - These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**
 - And in their mouth was found no guile: **for they are without fault before the throne of God.** Revelation 14:1-5

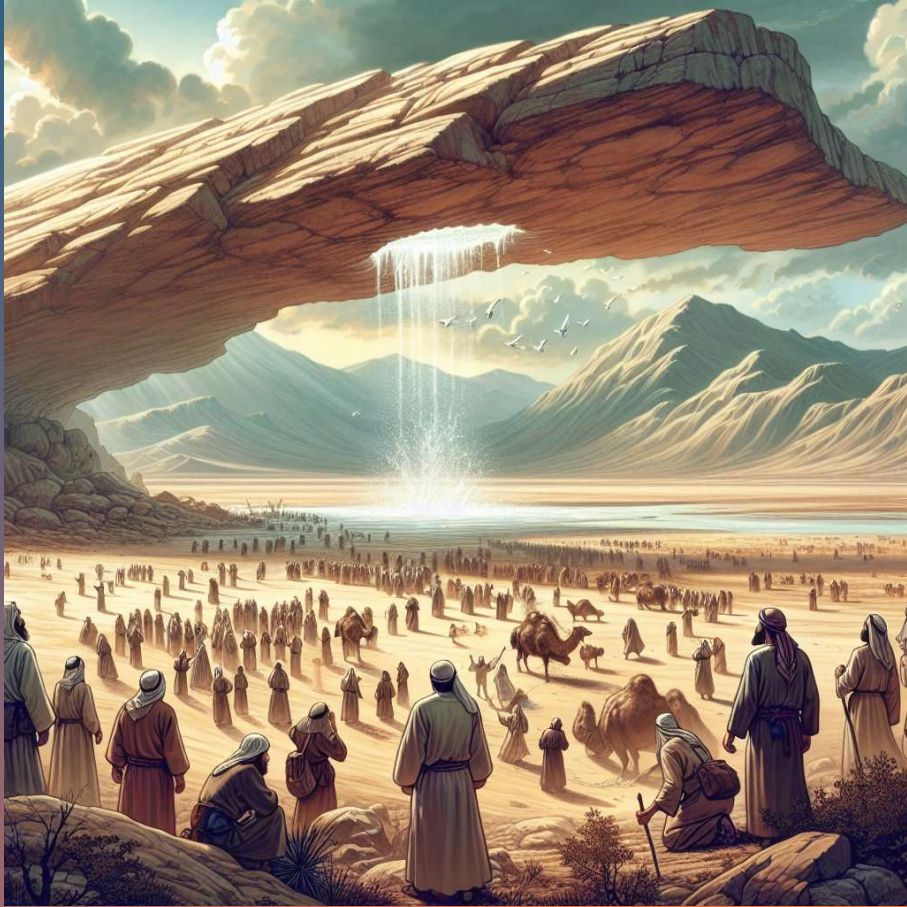


- Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, even at the Red sea. **Nevertheless** he saved them **for his name's sake**, that he might make **his mighty power** to be known. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them **THROUGH** the depths, as **THROUGH** the wilderness. And **he saved them** from the hand of him that hated *them*, and **redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.** Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. Psalms 106:7-12
- God is **saving us from ourselves.**
- **It is for the sake of HIS NAME that we are being delivered.**
- He rebuked the **Red Sea** instead of His people.

FOR HIS
MERCY
ENDURETH
FOR EVER

PSALM 136

- Every enemy will perish in this dealing.
- Let us sing His praise!
 - To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: **for His mercy endureth for ever**:...With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: ...To him which divided the Red sea into parts: ...And made Israel to pass **THROUGH** the midst of it: ...But overthrew Pharaoh and His host in the Red sea: ...To Him which led his people **THROUGH** the wilderness: ...To Him which smote great kings: ... And slew famous kings.
Psalms 136:10-18
- Like the Psalmist, let us get hung up on the note of **mercy**.
- **God's mercy flows throughout the wilderness.**
- It **flows** through **God's hand**.



- **In His mercy**, God is **smiting** every famous king that is within us.
 - For though **we walk in the flesh**, we do not war after the flesh:
 - (For the **weapons** of our warfare *are* not carnal, **but mighty through God** to the pulling down of **strong holds**;))
 - **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing **that exalteth itself** against the knowledge of God, and bringing **into captivity** every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- Go ye **forth of Babylon**, **flee** ye from the Chaldeans, with a **voice of singing** declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. And they thirsted not *when* he led them **THROUGH** the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. **There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.** Isaiah 48:20-22



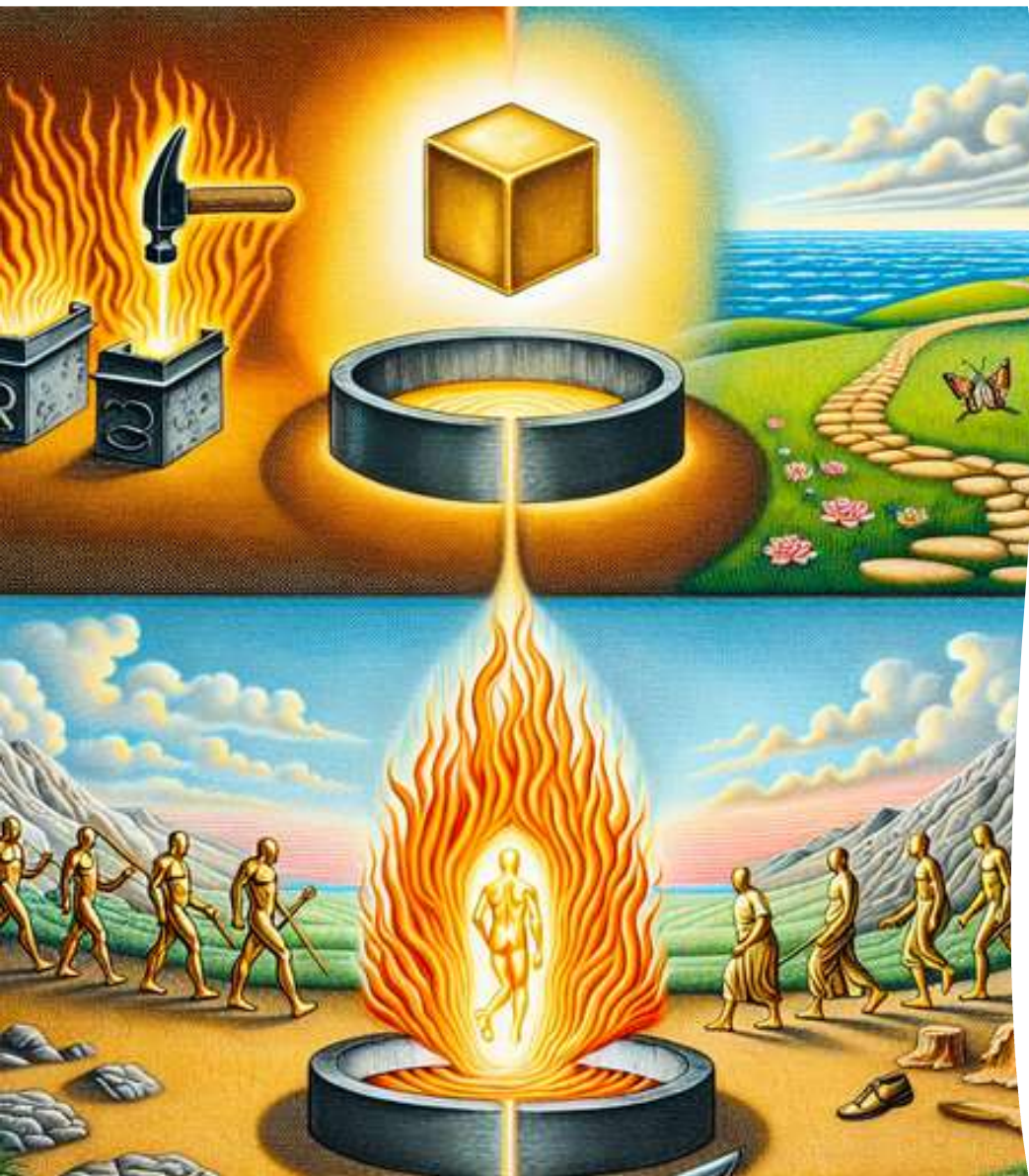
- God has liberated us from the **confusion** of **Babylon**.
- Let us **sing** and **declare His power** throughout the earth.
- The **Rock of Ages** has been smitten for us that we might be **set free** from all **wickedness** and **lawlessness**.
- **Praise His Name!**
 - That led them **THROUGH** the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble? Isaiah 63:13
- The Lord has **delivered** our **soul** from **death**, our **eyes** from **tears**, and our **feet** from **falling**. (Isaiah 116:8)



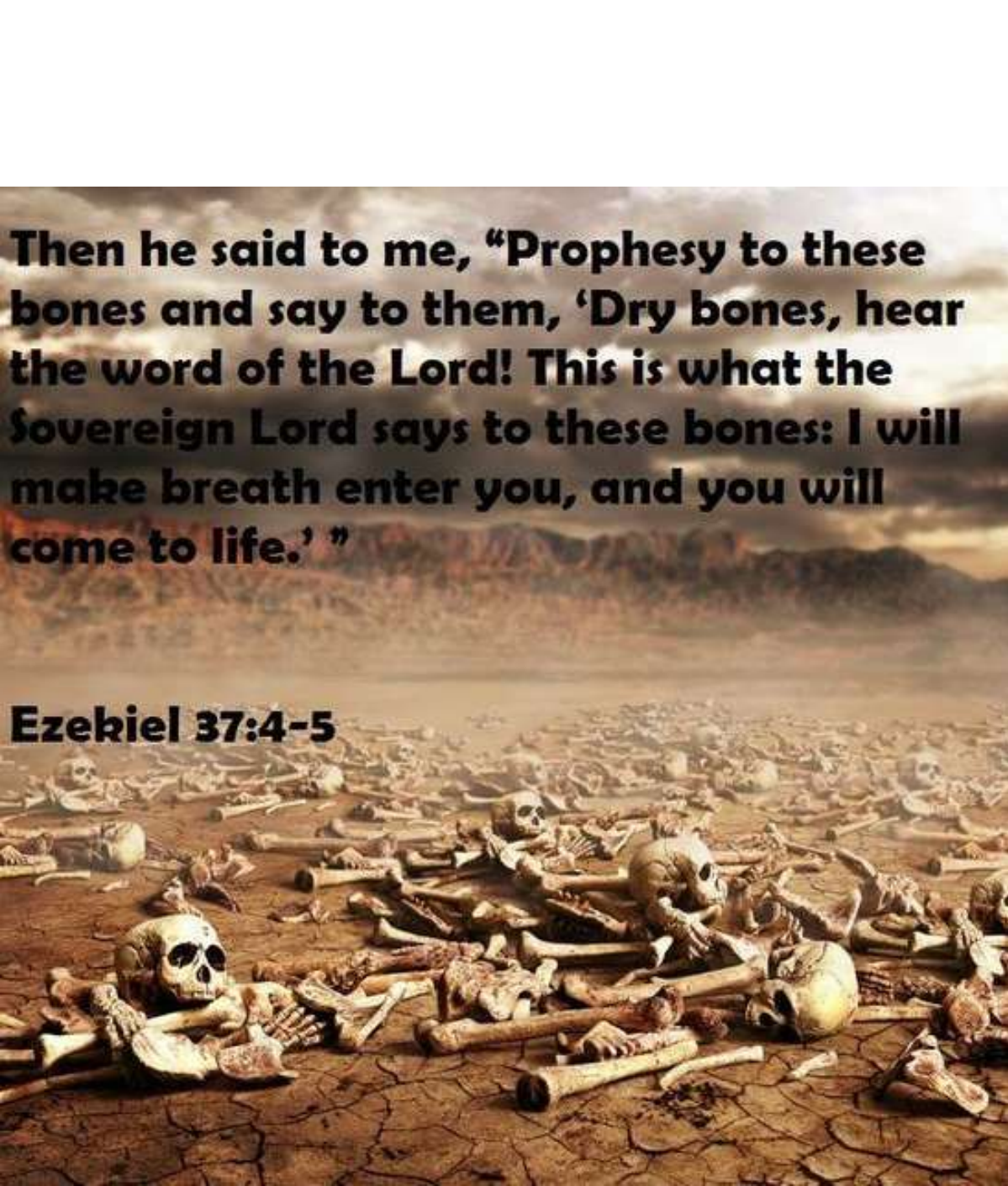
- We have been **proven** and **will not stumble** (totter, waver, falter, faint, or fall).
 - Neither said they, **Where is the LORD** that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us **THROUGH** the wilderness, **THROUGH** a land of deserts and of pits, **THROUGH** a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, **THROUGH** a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?
Jeremiah 2:6
- He has led **THROUGH** the **deep darkness** of the **shadow of death**.
- He has **kept us** and **preserved us** from **danger** and **destruction**.



- **No man** (“Adam”) can dwell in the wilderness.
- Literally, we have been brought into “**the land of a Carmel**”.
 - It shall blossom abundantly, and **rejoice** even with **joy** and **singing**: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, **the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God**. Isaiah 35:2
 - Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you **forty years** **THROUGH** the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. Amos 2:10
- **Forty** is the number of **trial** and **testing**.
- We are to **press through tribulation** that we might **possess** the **promise**.
 - **Ask** of me, and I **shall give thee** the **heathen** for thine **inheritance**. Psalms 2:8
 - But ye shall receive **power**, after that the **Holy Ghost is come upon you**. Acts 1:8



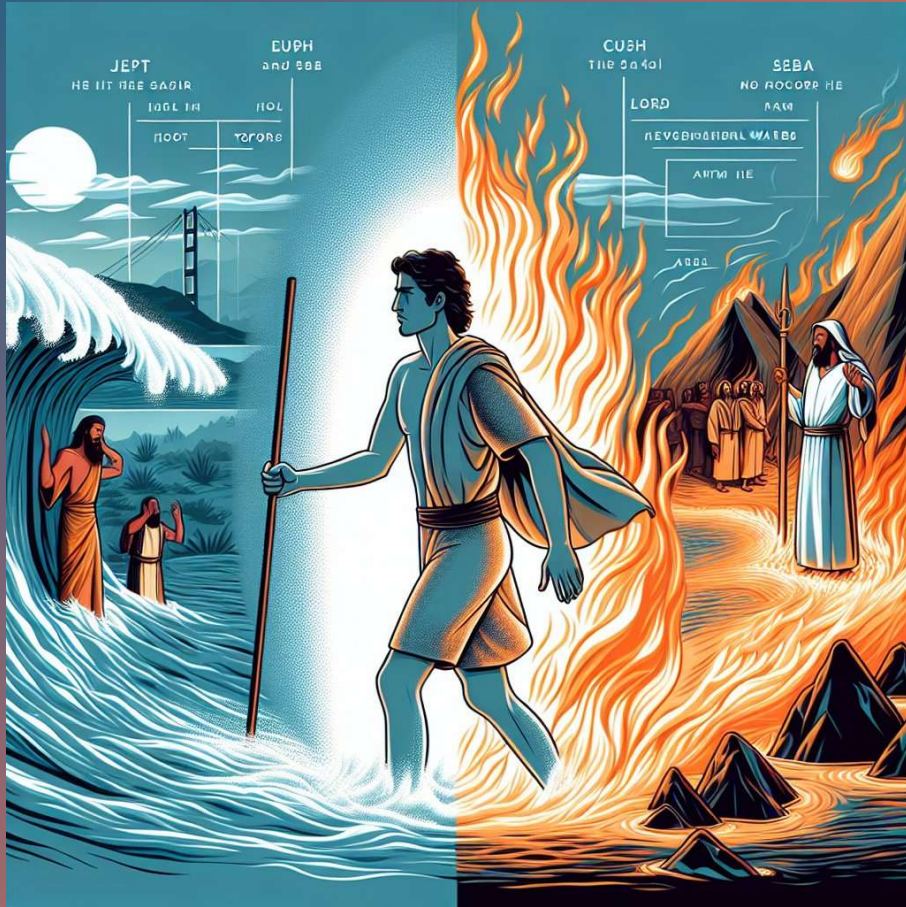
- And I will bring the third part **THROUGH** the fire, and will **refine** them as **silver** is **refined**, and will **try** them as **gold** is tried: they shall **call** on my name, and I will **hear** them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, **The LORD is my God**. Zechariah 13:9
- We know that there are **three realms** of God.
- His remnant has been led through the fires of **purification**.
 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14
- **HIS** people know what it is to press **THROUGH** tribulation.
- **We are His people and He is our God.**
 - Be ye not **unequally yoked** together with **unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14



Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.’ ”

Ezekiel 37:4-5

- There is a **FORMATION** taking place in the earth.
- There is **something being built into you and me.**
- **It is the nature of the CHRIST.**
 - My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you.**
Galatians 4:19
- **A new creation MAN** is coming together and will stand upon its feet as an **exceeding great army!**
- The **wind** of God’s **Holy Ghost** is **breathing** upon the member of His Body in **resurrection power** through the **mouth** of His prophets.
 - And he said unto me, **Son of man, can these bones live?** And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, **Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.** Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; **Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live.** Ezekiel 37:3-5



- But now thus saith the LORD that **CREATED** thee, O **Jacob**, and he that **FORMED** thee, O **Israel**, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. **WHEN** thou passest **THROUGH** the waters, I *will be* with thee; and **THROUGH** the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest **THROUGH** the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. **For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...** Isaiah 43:1-3

- Jacob was **CREATED**, but Israel was **FORMED**.
- The word “**formed**” means “to **press**, be narrow, be in **distress** or vexed, squeezed into **shape**, to **mold** into a form, especially as a **potter**, **fashion**, **frame**, **make**, **purpose**”).



- The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament adds that “While the word occurs with in parallelism with ‘**create**’ and ‘**make**’ in a number of passages, its primary emphases is on the **shaping** or **forming** of the object involved...When used of divine agency, the root refers most frequently to **God’s creative ability**. It describes the function of the **divine Potter**...The word also occurs in the sense of God’s **framing** or **devising** something in **His mind**.”
- It is used of His **preordained purposes**.
 - **Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it?** now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps. Isaiah 37:26
- It is used of His **current plans**.
 - Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I **frame** evil **against you, and devise a device against you:** return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. Jeremiah 18:11

Isaiah 43:21 KJV

**This people have I formed
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- The root is used of God's **forming the nation of Israel** in the sense of **bringing it into existence**.
- It is used in this way **only by Isaiah** and always **predicts God's activity** in this regard.
 - But now thus saith the LORD that **created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel**, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.... *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I **have formed him; yea, I have made him...This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.** Isaiah 43:1,7, 21
- **The wilderness is a divine MUST.**

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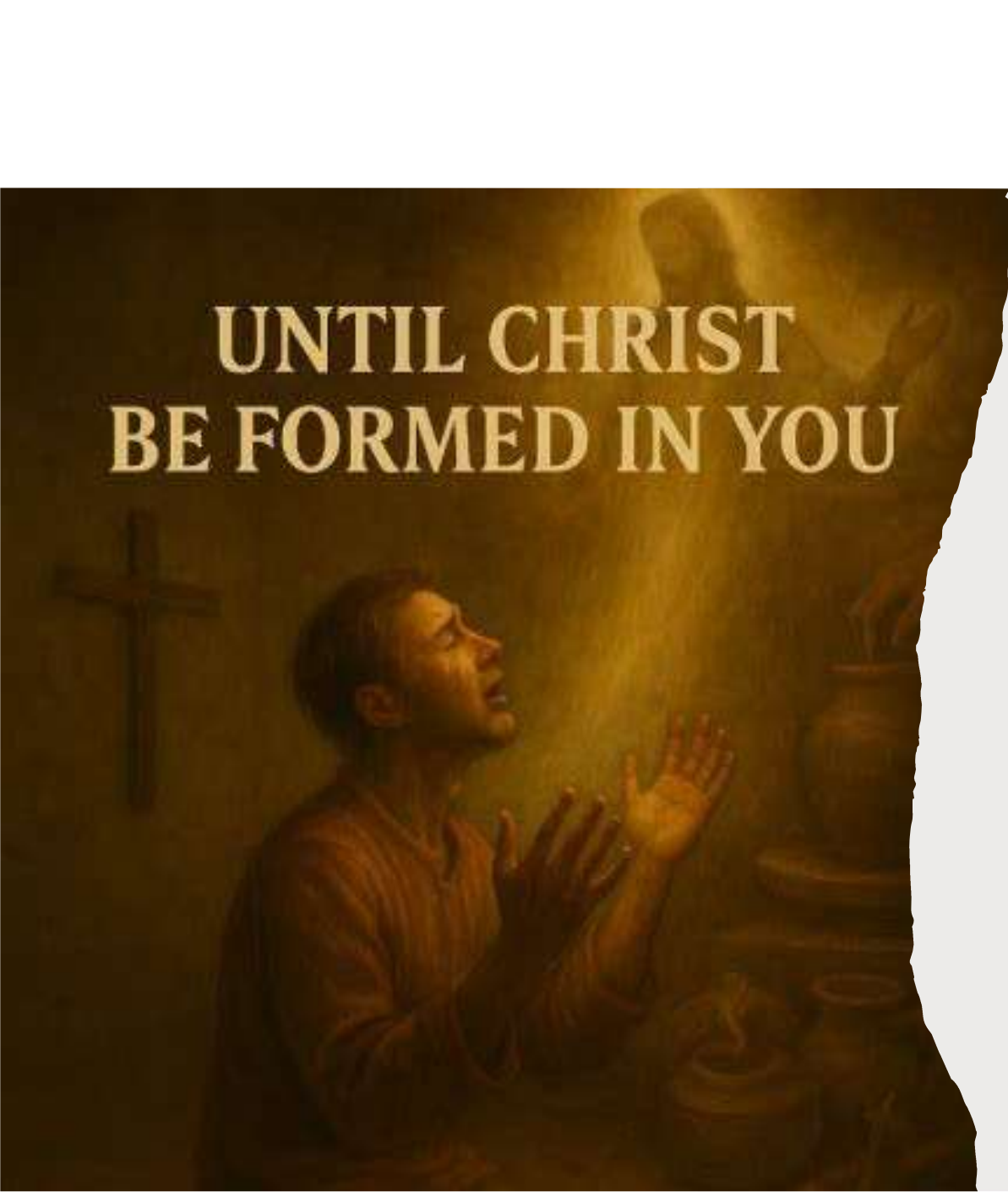
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- It is **in the wilderness** that we are **shaped** and **conformed** to the **image of His Son**.
 - And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the **called according to his purpose**. For whom he **did foreknow**, he also did **predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the **firstborn among many brethren**. Romans 8:28-29
- It is **in the wilderness** that the **Mind of Christ** is built into us.
- It is in the wilderness that **His nature**, the Israel nature of the **prevailer** and **overcomer** is **formed** in us.
 - 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**. Genesis 32:28
- **In the wilderness, Christ comes forth.**



- The first word of Isaiah 43:2 is **WHEN** not **IF**.
 - “**WHEN** thou passest **THROUGH** the waters, **I will be with thee.**”
- Do you remember what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount?
 - He is like a man **which built an house**, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and **WHEN** the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and **could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.** Luke 6:48
- **EVERY house is tested.**
- The place of **trial** and **testing** must come to the **life** and **ministry of every Christian.**
- **We must be FORMED.**

A man in a brown robe is shown in profile, looking upwards with his hands raised in prayer. In the background, a Potter is visible, working on a clay vessel. The scene is dimly lit with a warm, golden glow. A cross is visible on the wall to the left.

UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU

- We must be **squeezed** into **shape**.
- We must be **molded** in the **hand** of the **Potter**.
- We are to be the **plan**, and **purpose**, and **power** of God **in the earth**.
 - My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be FORMED in you**.
Galatians 4:19
- **There is something being built.**
- If you **desire** for Him to **construct His nature** in your life, then learn this: **God will bring you THROUGH!**
- **The pressures are increasing, not diminishing.**



- I beseech you in the Name of the Lord to see these principles that I am showing you.
- **God will be with you in the fire and in the water.**
- He will bring you **THROUGH** the wilderness and **INTO** the land of His promise.
- I want you to become an **overcoming** Christian.
- I want you to have a **testimony** of value.
- Isaiah said, “water**S**”. Not just water, but **WATERS**. Plural.
- **Being tested more than one time.**



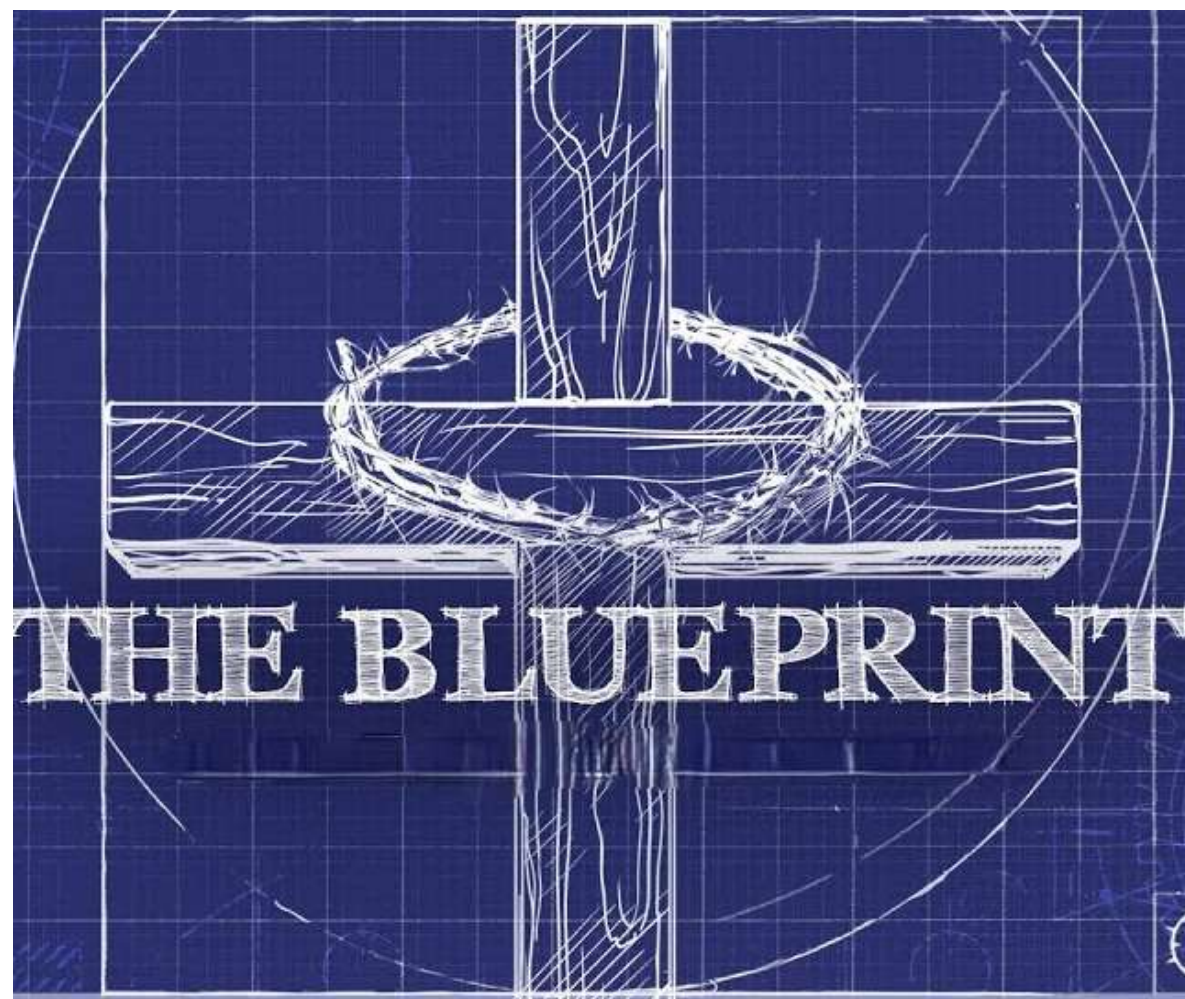
- God is causing us to **walk** in the reality of Kingdom principle.
- There has been far too much **rhetoric** and not enough of that **reality**.
- **Too much talk and not enough walk.**
- The prophet Ezekiel saw the **walking** out of these truths.
 - Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them **MEASURE** the **PATTERN**. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the **FORM** of the house, and the **FASHION** thereof, ...This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be MOST HOLY*...Rise, and **MEASURE** the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein...For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they **MEASURING** themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise...Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the **MEASURE** of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Ezekiel 43:10-12; Revelation 11:1; 2 Corinthians 10:12; Ephesians 4:13



JESUS CHRIST OUR PATTERN

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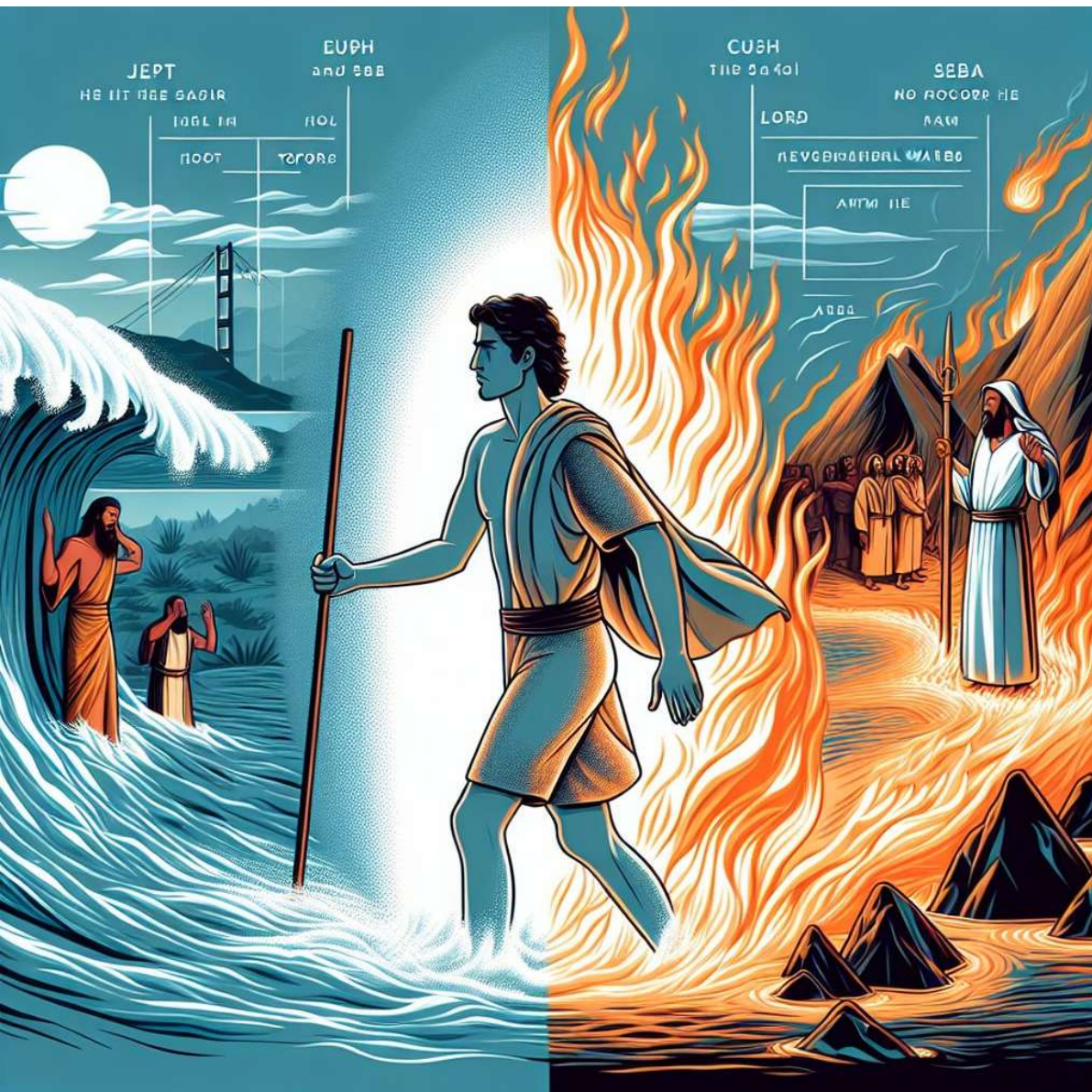
- We must **MEASURE** the Pattern before we can be part of the **FORMATION**.
- Ezekiel was to show the **House** to the **house**...**JESUS** was a **HOUSE** for the **fullness of God**.
 - And the **Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**. John 1:14
 - **For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**. Colossians 2:9
- **JESUS** is the **PATTERN**!
- Let us not measure ourselves by **human standards**, for **HE** is the **measure** we are coming to!
- There is a difference between the **PATTERN** of the house and **FORMATION** of the house.



- The **Pattern** is **JESUS** and **HE** is the **Blueprint** and the **Prototype** of every son.
- We must **see HIM**, and like Isaiah, be **ashamed** of our **lawlessness**.
- Too many in this hour have only seen the **Blueprint**.
- But they have not **SUMBITTED** to His **Lordship**.
- We have not been **ashamed** of the unholy “**Ishmaels**” that we have birthed.
- When one **builds a building** in the natural, **he makes a plan**.



- Then he **PAYS A COSTLY PRICE** and begins to **build** according that **plan**.
- **WE** must **pay the price**...we must **submit** to the **Pattern**, or there will never be the **FORMATION** of His more excellent ministry in our lives.
 - Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: **We have such an high priest**, who is set on the **right hand of the throne of the Majesty** in the heavens;
 - **A minister of the sanctuary**, and of the **true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
 - For every high priest is ordained to offer **gifts** and **sacrifices**: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
 - For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
 - Who serve unto the **example** and **shadow** of **heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God **when he was about to make the tabernacle**: for, **See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount**.
 - But **now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Hebrews 8:1-6



- **Jacob was created, but Israel was formed.**
- The new **nature** of the **Anointed One** is taking **shape in a people who are pressing through tribulation.**
- Be **encouraged** by the words of the prophet.
- **The rivers shall not overflow you.**
- And when you **walk** through the **fire**, you will not be **burned**.
- **Neither** shall the **flame** kindle upon you.
- **Praise His Name!**
- **God is FORMING YOU!**

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