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#### Jeremiah, The Weeping Prophet

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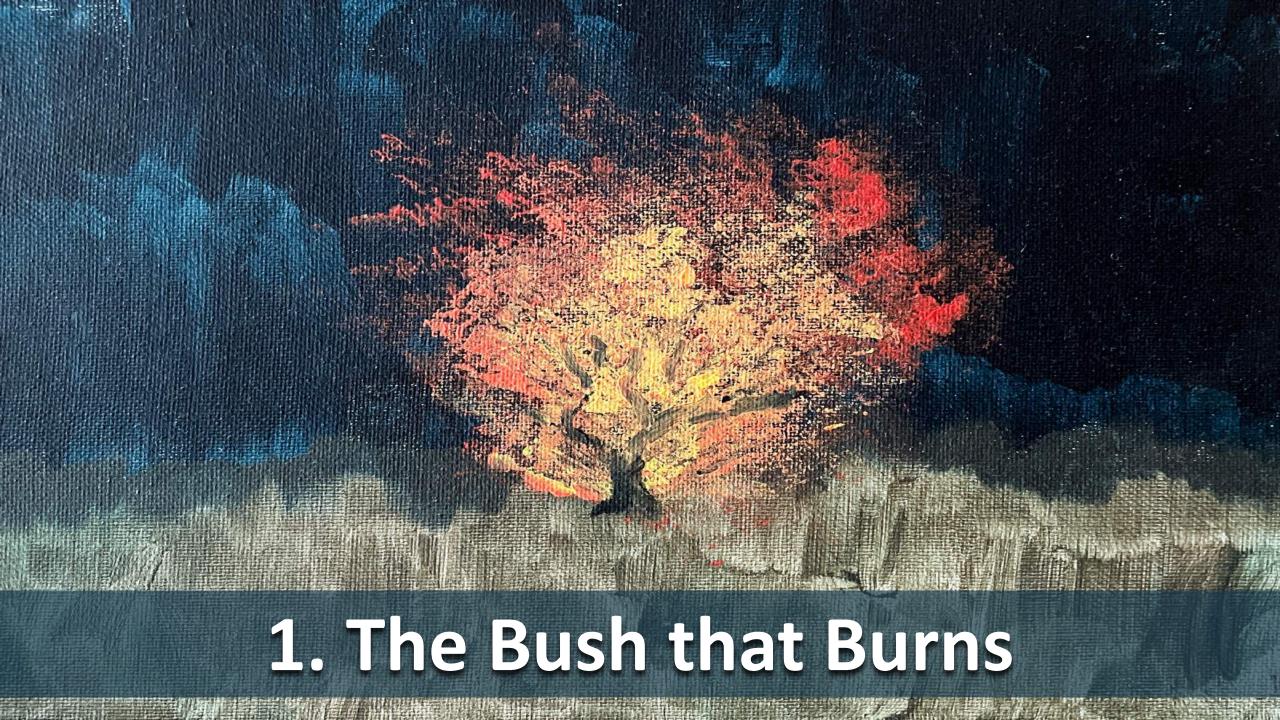
# Follow the Ancient Paths

What does all this cultural relevance produce?



# Have you ever lost your way?

#### Proverbs 22:28 (NIV84) — "Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers."



"One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-inlaw, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. 3 'This is amazing,' Moses said to himself. 'Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it.' 4 When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer **Exodus 3:1-5 (NLT)** 

look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' 'Here I am!' Moses replied. 5 'Do not come any closer,' the LORD warned. 'Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.'"

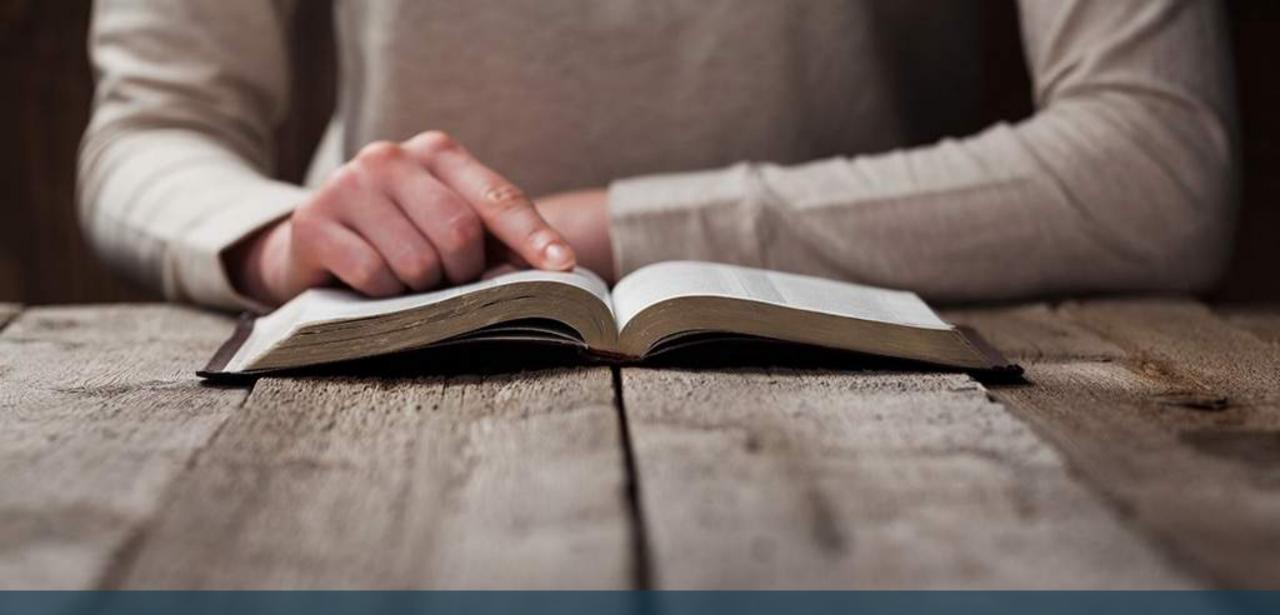
#### Exodus 3:1-5 (NLT)

We need to be aware of the burning presence of a living God when we come together in our worship.

**Deuteronomy 4:23–24 (NLT)** — "So be careful not to break the covenant the LORD your God has made with you. Do not make idols of any shape or form, for the LORD your God has forbidden this. **24 The LORD your God is a devouring fire; he is a jealous God.**"



# will cause you to LOSE YOUR WAY.



## 2. The Breath of God

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)** — "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV84) — "All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

# ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD BREATHED

#### Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) — "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good <u>success</u>."



# 3. Get Back to Bethel

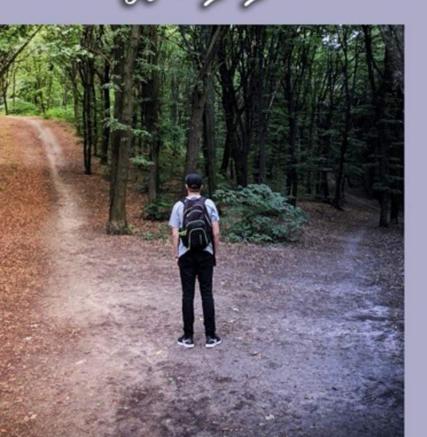
**Genesis 35:3 (NLT)** — "We are now going to Bethel, where I will **build an altar** to the God who answered my prayers when I was in distress. He has been with me wherever I have gone."



There the <mark>GODN</mark> Way is Walk In Ft

#### **Bethel**

#### (Hebrew) = the house of God



**1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** — "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) — "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."



## 4. Get Back to the Blood

# **1 Corinthians 2:2 (NKJV)** — "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

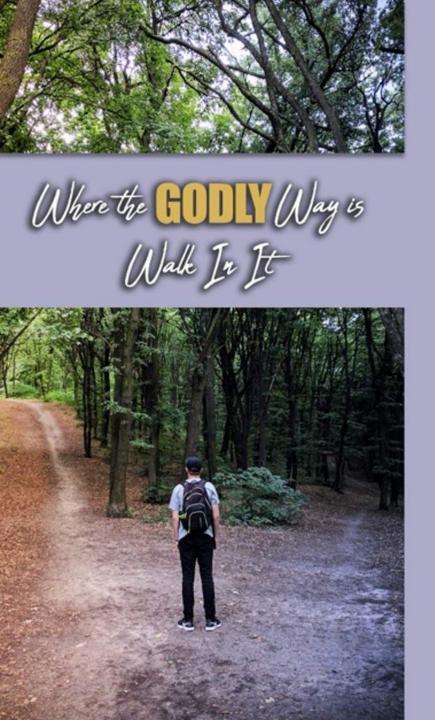
John 11:43–44 (NLT) — "Then Jesus shouted, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, 'Unwrap him and let him go!'"

### All of us are like Lazarus... DEAD in our transgression and sin

**Romans 5:8–9 (NLT)** — "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. **9** And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation."



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#### Find the Ancient Path!

- 1. Back to the Bush that Burns
- 2. Back to the Breath (the Word)
- 3. Back to Bethel (House of God)
- 4. Back to the Blood

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV84) — "This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it."

# We Stand at a Crossroad

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