

War for the 70

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INTRO: INCREASING GOVERNMENT

Good morning, Arising Church! Today is October 19th, 2025.

We are excited to continue our series on the celestial war in which we are engaged. Over the last few weeks, we have been stirred to vigilance and awakened as the body of Christ to rouse ourselves to action in this heavenly war.

Over this last week, during our **One Association Conference**, we heard from our brothers across the globe about the ongoing war effort to reach the seventy nations. During this *War Council*, we were spurred to action—to go above and beyond the call of duty by living as holy unto the Lord in every area of our lives.

In the last session of the conference, in the message ***Above & Beyond***, we were given a "quick response code" by Pastors Perot, Acevedo, and Linton. In response, we made vows in the presence of the Lord to give above and beyond what is required for us to live on, to fund the war effort.

And Church, we **will** make good on those vows! Not just for three months, not only for a year, but for the rest of our lives—we will make good on these vows to give toward the work of reaching the seventy nations for Messiah!

Our last message in this series, prior to our conference, was ***Kosmokrator*** preached by Pastors Ben, Nick and Peter. We learned that Satan has been at work behind the scenes to counteract every step of Adonai's plan.

You should remember that when God chose the race of mankind to accomplish His plan, Satan immediately sought to corrupt and destroy the race of mankind through a serpent and through celestial powers (Gen. 3 & 6).

When God chose His nation, Satan immediately tried to corrupt and destroy it—through sexual immorality (Gen. 20), through the ruthless slaughter of all the baby boys in Egypt (Ex. 1), and through foreign military intimidation (Judges 6).

When observing only a few of the stratagems of Satan we covered, you can see how his grip and control over the seventy nations have increased since the garden. Satan used his influence over the nations of the Canaanites, Egyptians, and Midianites (and many other nations!) to counteract the plan of God.

HOWEVER!

The God of Israel will not be deterred, and His plans will not be thwarted! In spite of Satan's dominion and authority expanding over the seventy nations, Adonai's government is also increasing through the seed of Abraham!

Let's take a look at this verse in Isaiah 9

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ISAIAH 9:6-7 LES

⁶ BECAUSE A CHILD WAS BORN TO US;
A SON WAS GIVEN TO US WHOSE LEADERSHIP CAME UPON HIS SHOULDER;
AND HIS NAME IS CALLED "MESSENGER OF THE GREAT COUNCIL,"
FOR I WILL BRING PEACE UPON THE RULERS AND HEALTH TO HIM.
⁷ HIS LEADERSHIP IS GREAT, AND THERE IS NO BOUNDARY TO HIS PEACE
ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND HIS KINGDOM,
TO ESTABLISH AND TAKE HOLD OF IT BY JUSTICE AND BY RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FROM NOW TO ETERNITY.
THE EAGERNESS OF THE LORD SABAOTH WILL DO THESE THINGS.

The God of Israel will have no end to the *increase* of His governmental domination!

Which leads us to the title of today's message: **WAR FOR THE 70**



Every attempt to destroy and deter Adonai's sovereign plans only served to expose Satan's stratagems and diminish his kingdom while expanding God's eternal kingdom here on earth!

While Satan's grip over the nations has increased over time, the kingdom of our God is ALWAYS expanding, to the point where Satan's grasp is totally obsolete.

Saints, we are not here today to simply stimulate some theological itch for you... We are here to learn about our part in the plan of Adonai and what we must do to see the plan completed!

As we enter today's sermon, brace yourself to be driven to action—with a steely resolve that you have a part to play in this *increase* of Adonai's governmental domination!

SATAN TIMELINE:

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In the sermon ***Kosmokrator***, we went through several Stratagems of Satan. Did it become abundantly clear to you that these kinds of instances are prevalent in our lives and clearly from Satan himself?

Well, interestingly enough, not a single one of those stratagems ever mentions Satan by name or by association at all...

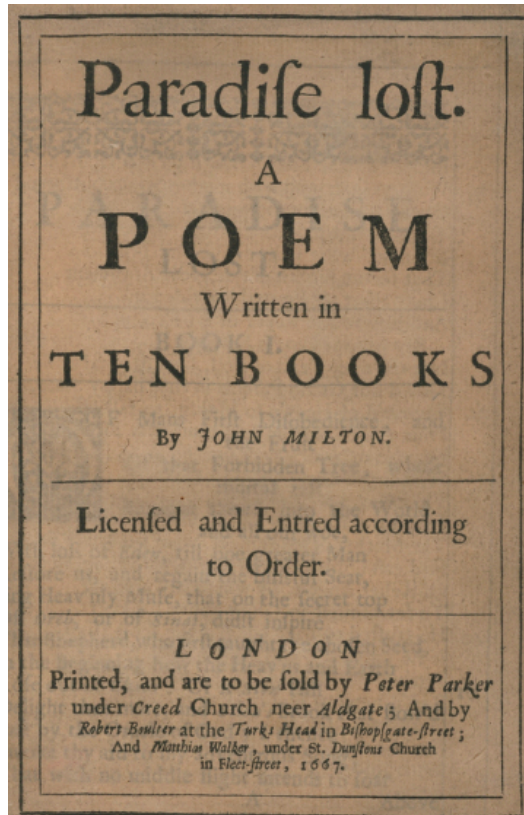
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We are not back-peddling on our sermon at all; we knew this was where we were going to go. These are absolutely stratagems of Satan, but the entire time he was not committing these acts of corruption and destruction simply himself, he was using proxies.

From the garden all the way through the Tanakh, Satan was orchestrating his attack against Adonai—but was hiding behind the curtain the entire time.

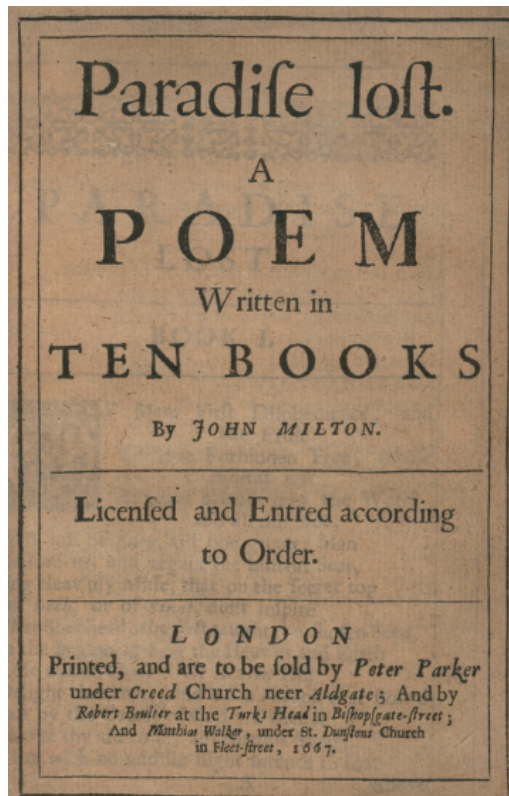
We are going to walk through something you have possibly heard before, but we know it must be understood better. Because if you were raised in the church, you likely were told a lie about our enemy that was meant to distract you from understanding his true nature.



Strangely enough, most everything you were told about Satan is derived from a book by some dirtbag named John Milton.

Let's read about some of the things John Milton taught Christians for 400 years about Satan that every Seminary decided to just take as gospel truth instead of reading their Bible.

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SATAN FROM PARADISE LOST:

1. **SATAN** WAS FORMERLY CALLED **LUCIFER**, IS THE FIRST MAJOR CHARACTER OF POEM
2. ONCE THE **MOST BEAUTIFUL ANGEL** AND IS A TRAGIC FIGURE WHO FAMOUSLY DECLARES "BETTER TO REIGN IN HELL THAN SERVE IN HEAVEN"
3. FOLLOWING A **FAILED REBELLION AGAINST GOD**, HE IS CAST OUT FROM HEAVEN AND **CONDEMNED TO HELL**
4. PRESENTED AS **HAPPENED BEFORE THE GARDEN OF EDEN**

So to be clear, Lucifer is not Satan, he was not cast from Heaven before creation because he led a revolt, he was not some worship leader and was not the prettiest of angels or something like that...

Somehow, Satan, that long-legged mack daddy, convinced everyone of a false story about who he is and everyone believed it. (way to go Christians...). But today, we are going to open our Bibles and actually begin to see how the Holy Spirit and the Biblical authors wanted us to understand Satan. Let's begin at a very early place in the Biblical story, one of the few that gives deep insight into the operating procedures of the heavenly council and the role of Satan himself. Turn to Job with us.

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SATAN: ADONAI'S PROESCUTOR

JOB 2:1–3 (NIV)

ON ANOTHER DAY THE ANGELS CAME TO PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND SATAN ALSO CAME WITH THEM TO PRESENT HIMSELF BEFORE HIM. ² AND THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, "WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM?" SATAN ANSWERED THE LORD, "FROM ROAMING THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, GOING BACK AND FORTH ON IT." ³ THEN THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, "HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB? THERE IS NO ONE ON EARTH LIKE HIM; HE IS BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT, A MAN WHO FEARS GOD AND SHUNS EVIL. AND HE STILL MAINTAINS HIS INTEGRITY, THOUGH YOU INCITED ME AGAINST HIM TO RUIN HIM WITHOUT ANY REASON."

Job lays out for us a council room setting where angels are coming before Adonai to present themselves to Him, these are all God's agents who serve Him and apparently must report to him.

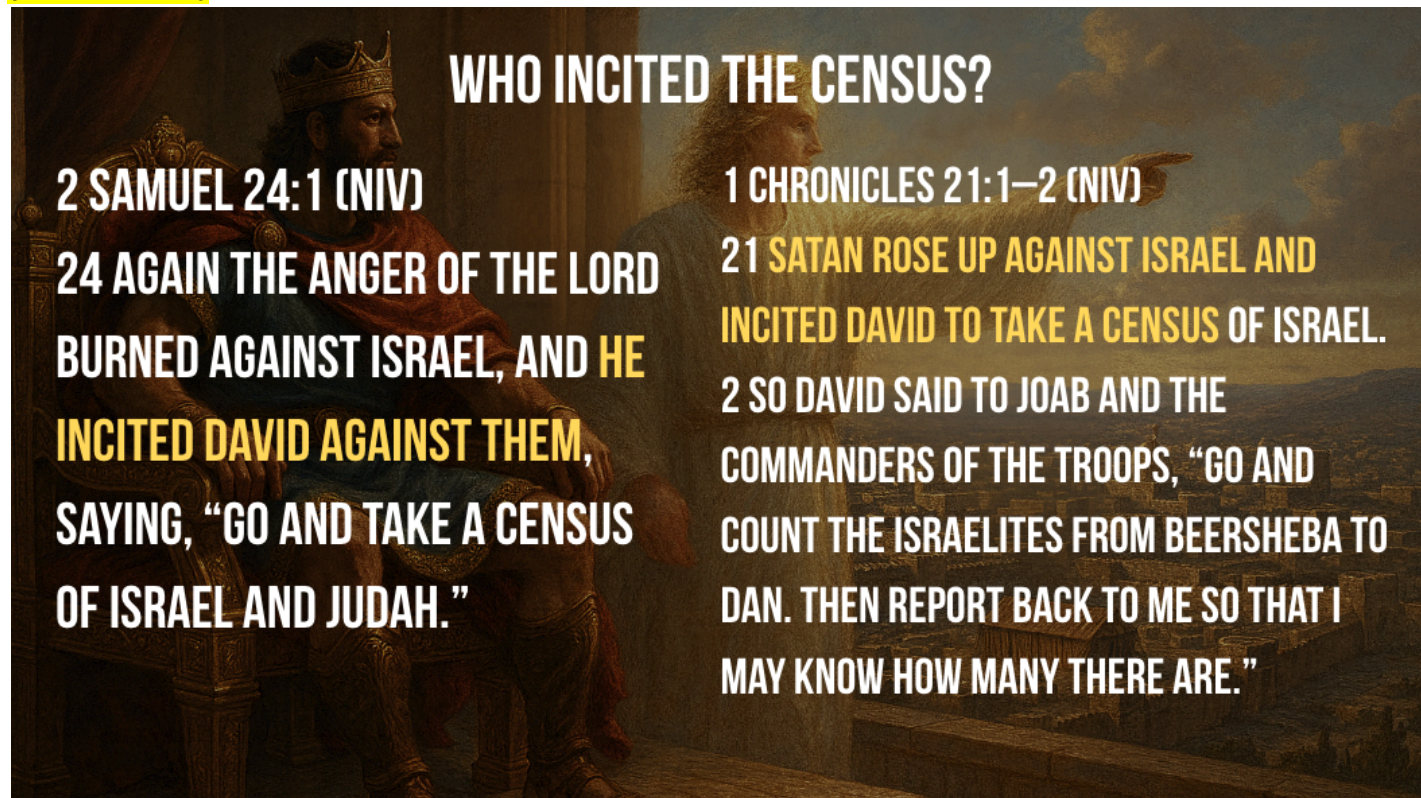


Satan also came to present himself to Adonai. Satan had a role in the heavens as God's prosecuting attorney while also causing chaos behind the scenes. Remember how we broke down the hierarchy of spiritual being, likely being structured in similar ways to the animal kingdom and our government?

Some beings were given reign over nations (Deut 32), some fight with other spiritual beings simultaneously with Israel (Judges 5), and some deliver messages to earth and investigate sin (Gen 19). And one in particular (Satan) is some sort of prosecutor for the Lord. He roams the earth looking for someone to test. In Job 1 & 2, it's apparently a setting they have been in before; God even makes suggestions to Satan concerning who he should sift/test.

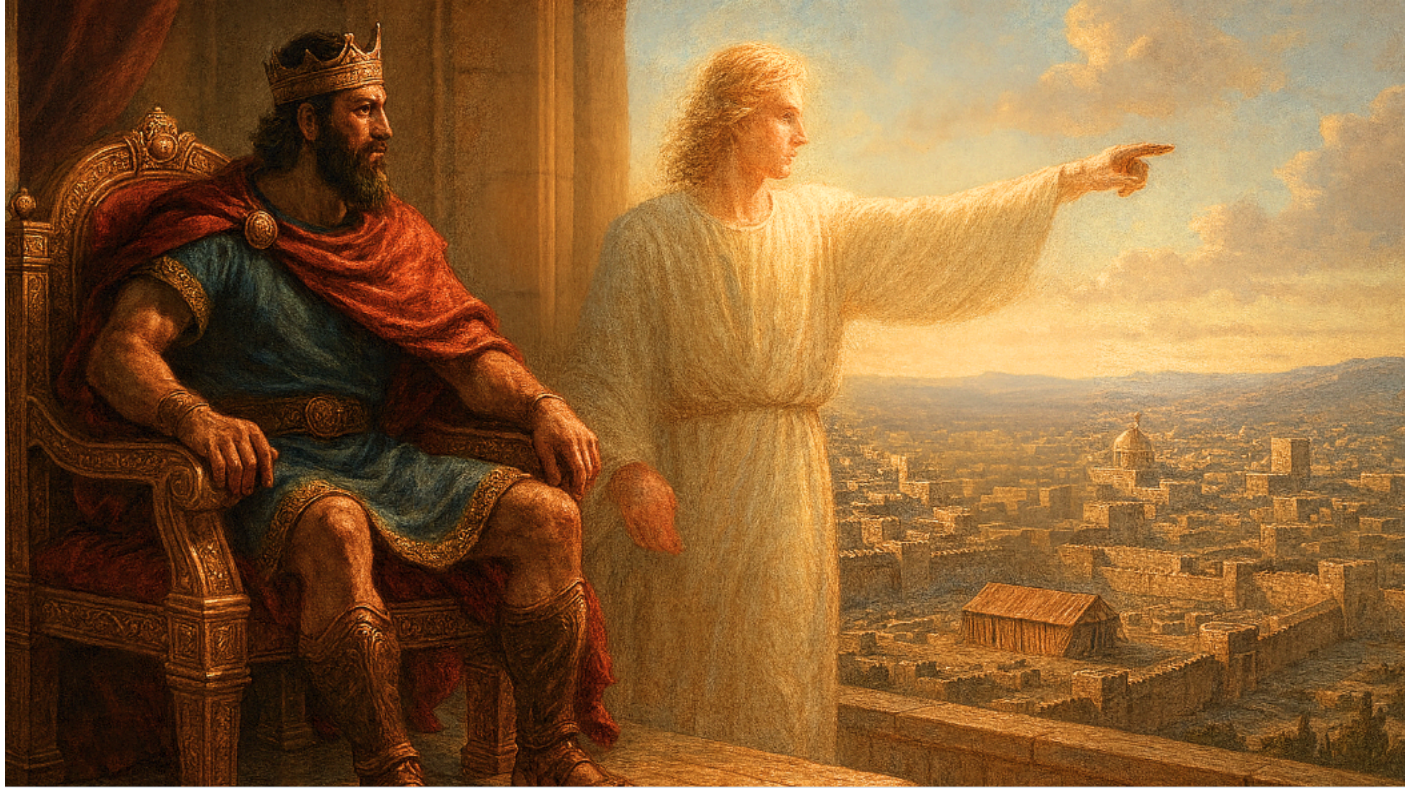
You have benefited greatly from 2,000+ years of preaching, but also are hurt by it at times. During the time of the Patriarchs and Israel's reign, it was not common knowledge to mankind or even the heavenly powers that Satan was malevolent and orchestrating chaos behind the scenes. Of course, God knew, but he chose to allow Satan to remain hidden. Here is another example that shows Satan was not known to be the being behind the curtain as we understand it.

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The question has been for the longest time: who incited the census?

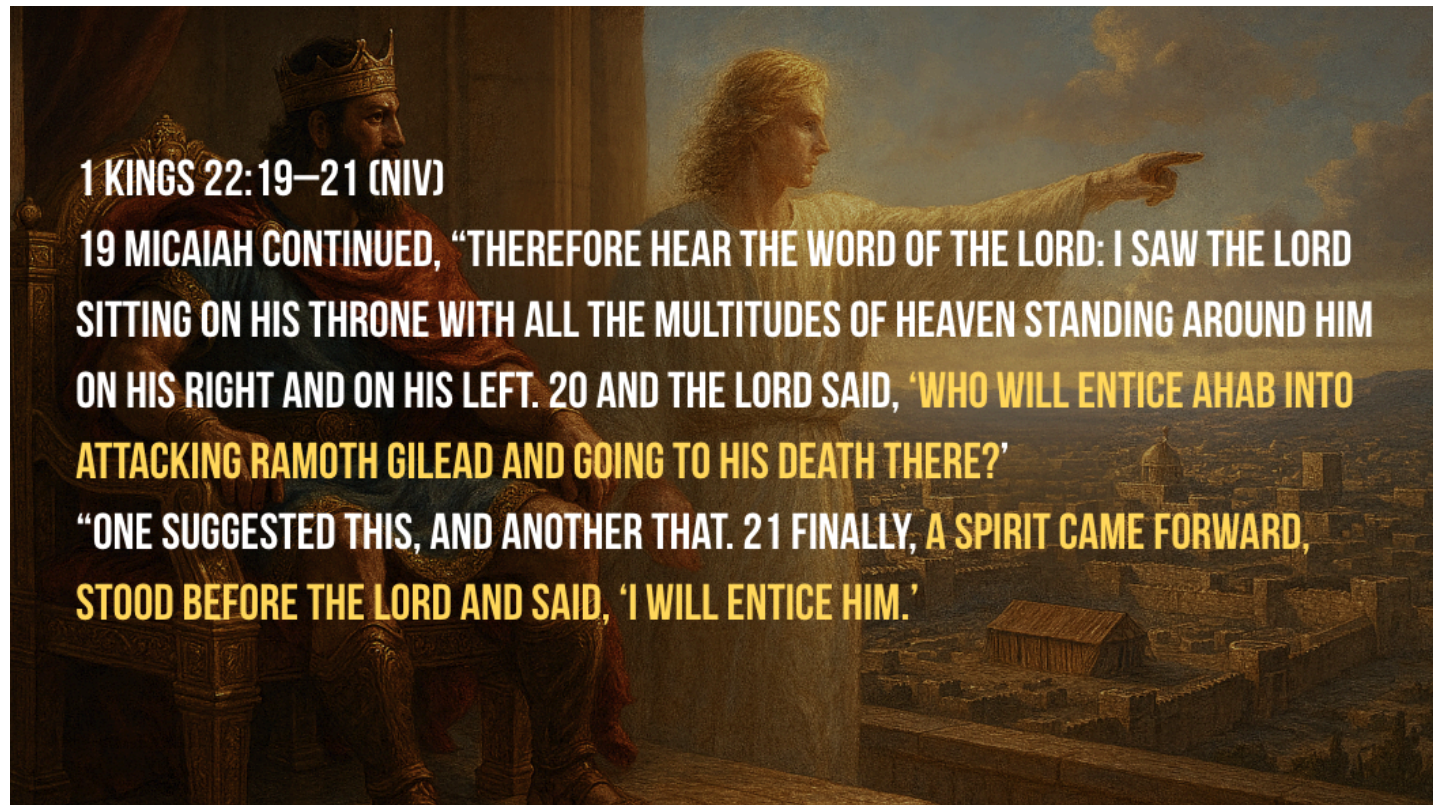
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There are several things to consider. One: Chronicles is a much later work with more revelations given since the days of Samuel. Two: we read this and think it a contradiction because we see God and Satan being two completely separated sources—which is not true. Remember back to Job. God sent Satan to incite Job. In the same way, God could have sent Satan to be the one to incite David, and Adonai himself still be the origin of command and will.

This sort of setting happens other times in the Tanakh as well. For example, 1 Kings 22!

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Adonai speaks with his council and desires to send a representative to incite Ahab to go to battle; the same thing must have happened with David, but Satan is the one chosen or who volunteered to go.

Remember, according to Job 15, the heavens are not pure. Its obvious to us now that Satan had nefarious intents to be the one to get to incite David.

Let's look at one more instance of Satan in the Tanakh.

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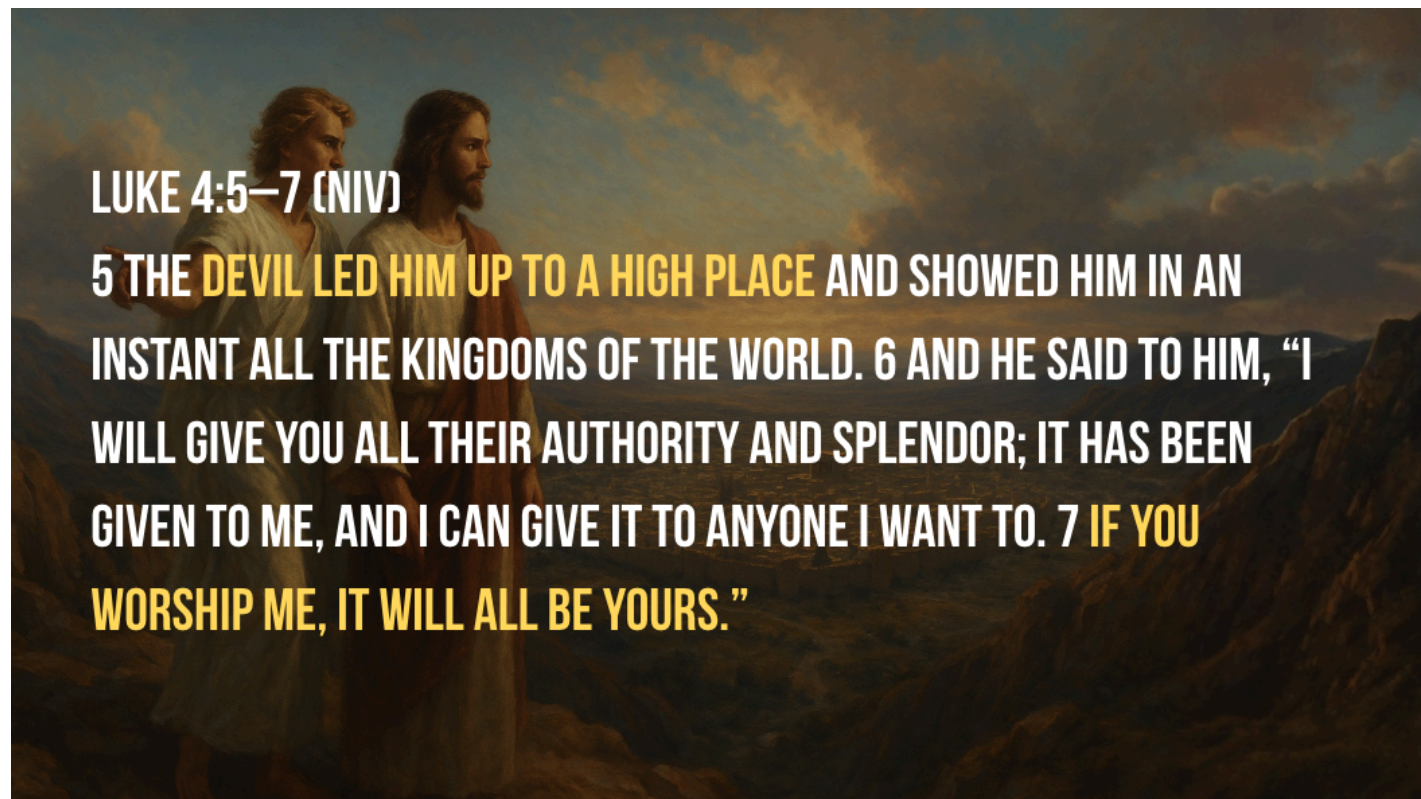
ZECHARIAH 3:1–2 (NIV)

3 THEN HE SHOWED ME JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST STANDING BEFORE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND SATAN STANDING AT HIS RIGHT SIDE TO ACCUSE HIM. 2 THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, “THE LORD REBUKE YOU, SATAN! THE LORD, WHO HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM, REBUKE YOU! IS NOT THIS MAN A BURNING STICK SNATCHED FROM THE FIRE?”



Here we get another instance of Satan doing his job as a celestial prosecutor, but this time, he gets rebuked for it. The Angel of the Lord confronts Satan in the presence of the High Priest, whom Satan is attempting to accuse. This verse would not lead the original audience to believe Satan is the malevolent being behind the curtain, but it would show that he is **not all good by any means**; his act of accusing the High Priest was AGAINST God's direction, and he got rebuked for it.

What is remarkable is that as the Biblical story continues, Satan can't help but show his real intentions as he makes the fatal flaw to attempt to incite a man who will humiliate him without the need for another angel to show up. Let's go to Luke 4.





In Luke 4 - Satan is back at it, still doing what he has always done - inciting the righteous as a prosecutor. But this time, he takes it a step further. It says earlier in verse 2 that Satan tempted Jesus for 40 days; it wasn't just one conversation. We get a small part of it. But during this time, as we just read, Satan tells Jesus that he will give him the kingdoms of the world if he will worship him...

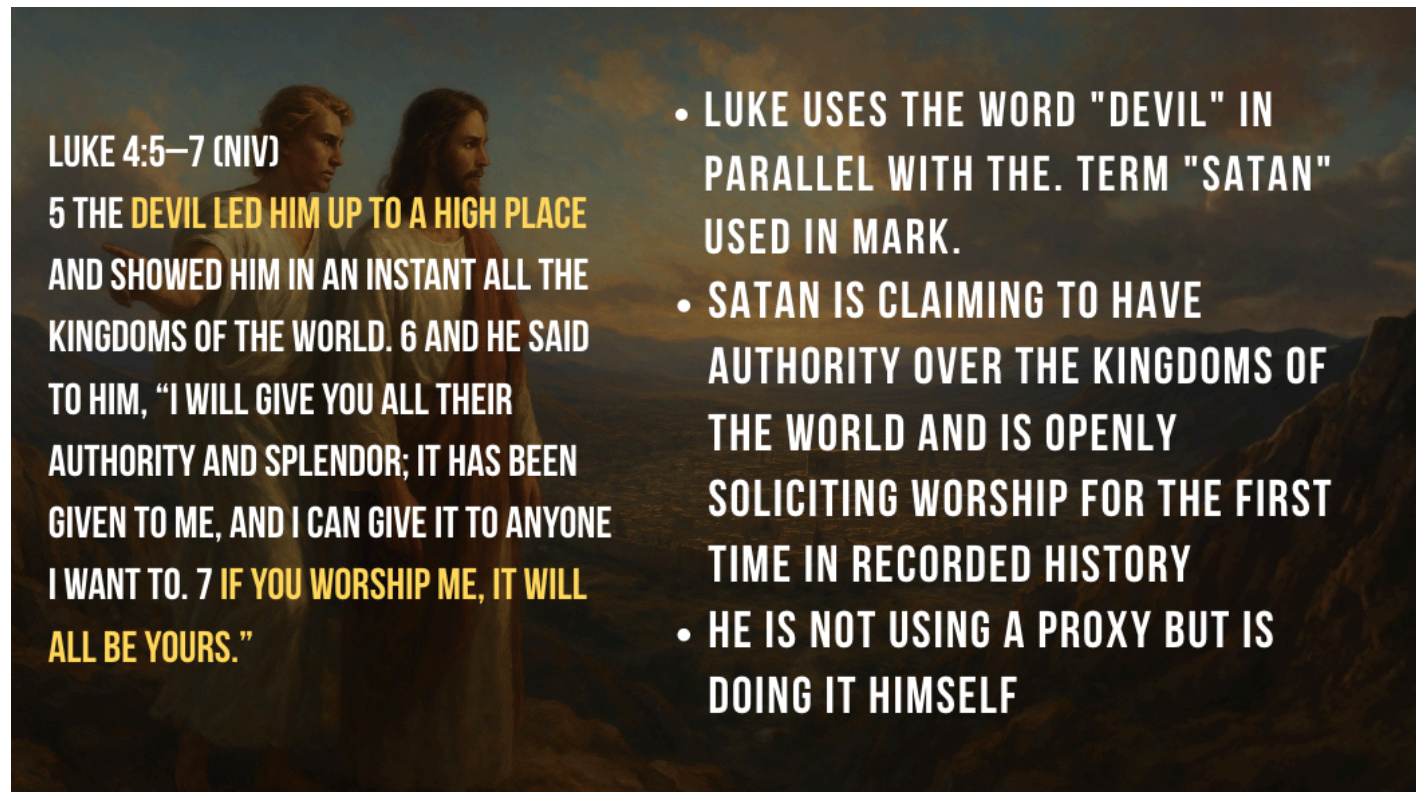
What were the kingdoms Satan was referring to? It was, of course, the 70 nations on earth given over to the malevolent spiritual beings, whom Satan has been orchestrating. Satan has sifted, accused, tested, but this is the first recorded time that he wants worship for himself.

You may have read this story in the past and think - Why would Satan ask God to worship him? Doesn't he know that he won't? You must remember how benefitted we are from 2k years of preaching. You and I have a hard time wrapping our heads around Jesus being a man - the original audience had the opposite problem. To them, he was just another Jew who grew up with Jewish parents in Nazareth - Joseph and Mary. The original audience had a hard time grasping that he is actually God. Satan had the same problem. He is not omniscient or omnipresent - we don't even think he knew exactly who this man

was, but he knew he was dangerous and was casting out demons with 70 disciples...

These offers do not tempt Jesus because Jesus knows he will take these nations; they are his birthright.

Let's summarize this moment because it's crucial to the narrative:



LUKE 4:5–7 (NIV)
5 THE DEVIL LED HIM UP TO A HIGH PLACE
AND SHOWED HIM IN AN INSTANT ALL THE
KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD. 6 AND HE SAID
TO HIM, "I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THEIR
AUTHORITY AND SPLENDOR; IT HAS BEEN
GIVEN TO ME, AND I CAN GIVE IT TO ANYONE
I WANT TO. 7 **IF YOU WORSHIP ME, IT WILL**
ALL BE YOURS."

- LUKE USES THE WORD "DEVIL" IN PARALLEL WITH THE TERM "SATAN" USED IN MARK.
- SATAN IS CLAIMING TO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD AND IS OPENLY SOLICITING WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECORDED HISTORY
- HE IS NOT USING A PROXY BUT IS DOING IT HIMSELF

But even after this, Satan continues his function as prosecutor. We know this because he asks to sift Peter. Now think about this for a minute - who is Satan asking to sift Peter?

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LUKE 22:31-32 (NIV)

31 "SIMON, SIMON, SATAN HAS ASKED TO SIFT YOU AS WHEAT.

Adonai! Just like he had to ask to sift Job, and seemingly asked to incite David, accuse Joshua and tempt Jesus.

With all of these in mind, we can clearly see the way in which Satan was a prosecutor in the heavens, seemingly just doing his job, but was behind the scenes orchestrating chaos. Eventually, when confronted with Jesus, he showed his cards and exposed his true motives.

At this point, Satan was cornered, and so he attempted a coup with a massive move: killing Christ. Little did he know that what he was doing was initiating his downfall.

- o **1 Corinthians 2:8 (NIV)**

8 **None** of the rulers of this age **understood it**, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

CHRONOLOGY DEFINED BY JESUS

JOHN 12:30-33	NOW THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD WILL BE DRIVEN OUT
JOHN 13:27	SATAN ENTERS JUDAS
JOHN 14:30-31	THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD IS COMING, HE HAS NO HOLD ON ME
JOHN 16:11	PRINCE OF THIS WORLD NOW STANDS CONDEMNED

In John 12, it explicitly identifies the time of Jesus' crucifixion as the moment of Satan's fall. (NOT BEFORE CREATION)

Then, in John 13, Satan is seen as entering into Judas, abandoning his ancient strategy of working through proxies and instead entering into a man himself.

In John 14, Jesus demonstrates full awareness of the impending confrontation.

Finally, in John 16, as Jesus speaks of Satan's coming judgment—portrayed almost as a corrupt district attorney who overreaches and thereby secures his own condemnation.

Together, these chapters unveil the climax of the spiritual war and reveal the cross as the courtroom where Satan is exposed.

Colossians 2:15 NIV

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a **public spectacle** of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

At the crucifixion, Christ made a public spectacle of Satan and cast him down from heaven to the earth. Revelation 12 explains this in further detail.

You are all good bible students, we know what you are all thinking: What about Luke 10?? What about Jesus seeing him fall like lightning from heaven?

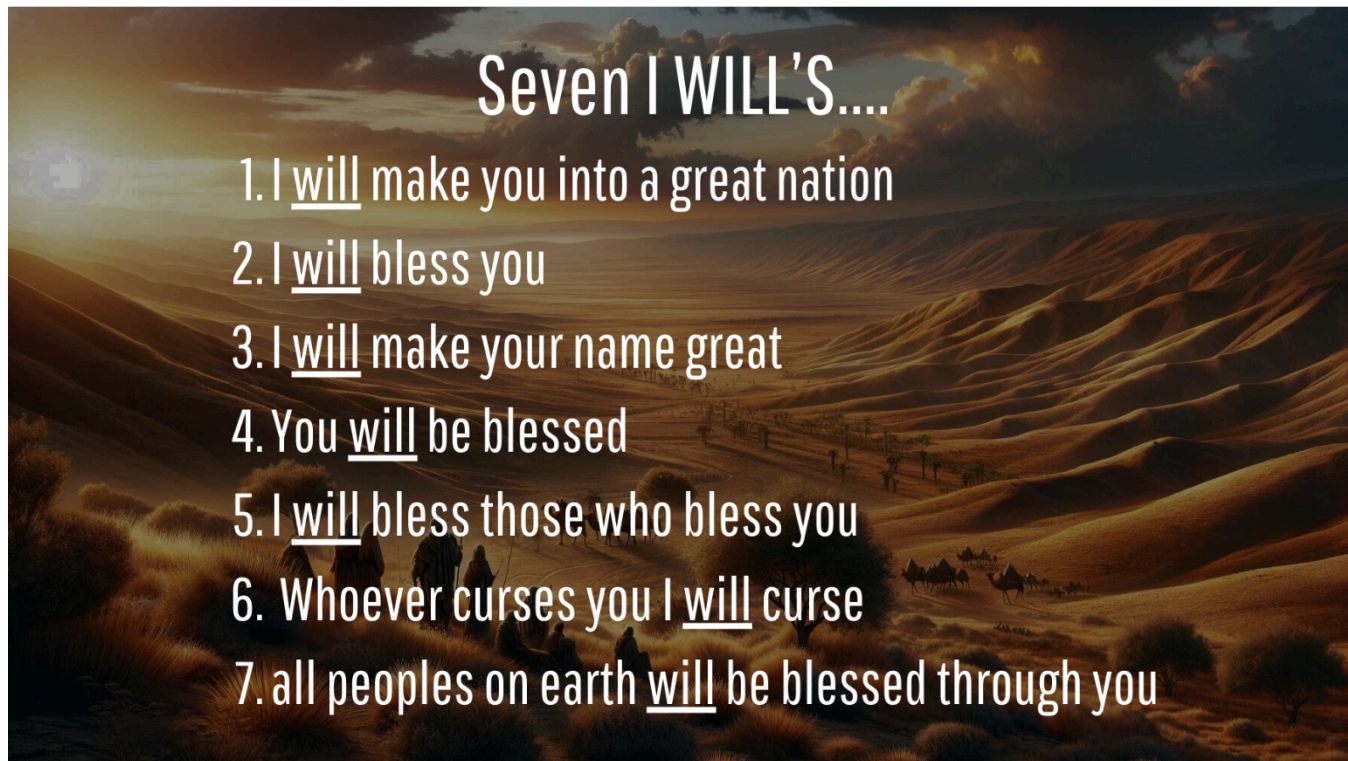
We would explain it now, but we need to further the concepts from the last few weeks for it to pay off properly. Now that we have properly reviewed and set up the message, we can finally begin....

THE PLAN OF 70:1

WORLDWIDE REBELLION:

You'll remember from our foundations teachings that the Bene Ha Elohim led humanity into the first worldwide rebellion against God, as seen in Genesis 6. Then the Seventy nations defined in Genesis 10 entered into the second worldwide rebellion against God at the Tower of Babel. And then Genesis 12 records the prophetic announcement that God would use the one nation that would come through Abraham for the redemption and/ or condemnation of all nations. Let's go ahead and read that!

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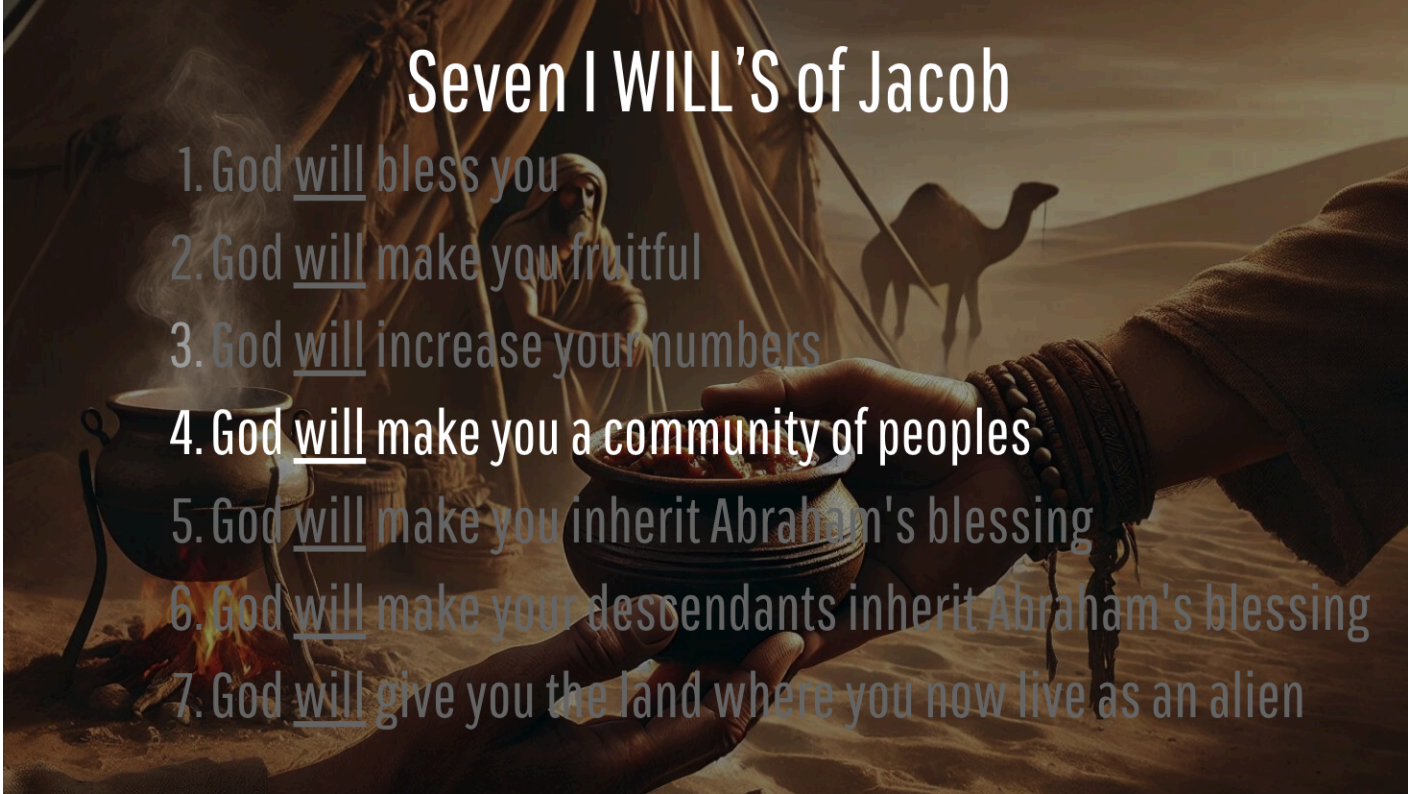
Deuteronomy 4:20 & 32:9 explicitly teach that Israel is God's inheritance. This would mean that every other nation was left to go their own way as disinherited nations.

However, God never sets aside His promise to Abraham... Not only to form a nation but also to bless every nation through them! This was a delay for the nations, not destruction! All nations must be blessed through only ONE nation.

(Restate 1 & 7)

- 1. I will make you into a great nation**
- 7. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you**

The fact that God chose one nation that He would inherit did not mean He was **not** going to bless all the other nations. The same promise to establish Israel is also a promise to the nations that they will receive blessing through God's inheritance, Israel. Remember what God told Jacob?



Seven I WILL'S of Jacob

1. God will bless you
2. God will make you fruitful
3. God will increase your numbers
4. God will make you a community of peoples
5. God will make you inherit Abraham's blessing
6. God will make your descendants inherit Abraham's blessing
7. God will give you the land where you now live as an alien

Perhaps the most pervasive and powerful way to enumerate this truth is in studying the number 70. The number 70 represents gentile nations or dealings with gentile nations.

If you haven't done a study on the number 70, it is well worth your time and will help in your understanding of the greater plan of Adonai for the nations through Israel.

Adonai telegraphs this truth in a variety of ways that we will dive into in **the next slide.**

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70 IN THE TANAKH

- GENESIS 10 - SONS OF NOAH
- GENESIS 11 - BENE HA ELOHIM
- GENESIS 46 - FAMILY INTO EGYPT
- EXODUS 15 - ELIM & THE NATIONS
- EXODUS 24 - ELDERS ON THE MOUNTAIN
- NUMBERS 7 - SILVER SPRINKLE BOWL
- NUMBERS 11 - SPIRIT OF MOSES
- NUMBERS 29 - BULLS SUKKOT
- JUDGES 1 - ADONAI BEZEK
- JUDGES 9 - ABIMELEK KILLS GIDEONS SONS
- JUDGES 12 - ABDON SONS AND GRANDSONS
- 1 KINGS 5 - SOLOMON'S CARRIERS
- 1 KINGS 7 - TEMPLE MENORAH'S
- 2 KINGS 10 - JEHU KILLS AHAB'S SONS
- 1 CHRONICLES 21 - PESTILENCE CASUALTIES
- 2 CHRONICLES 29 - REDEDICATION OF TEMPLE
- 2 CHRONICLES 36 - SABBATH REST

70 IN THE TANAKH CONT...

- GENESIS 11 - TERAH LIVED 70 YEARS BEFORE FATHERING ABRAM & BROTHERS
- EXODUS 1 - 70 SONS OF JACOB
- LEVITICUS 23 - 70 SABBATHS
- 1 SAMUEL 6 - 70 MEN KILLED FOR GAZING UPON THE ARK
- PSALM 90 - YEARS OF OUR LIFE ARE 70
- ISAIAH 23 - TYRE WILL BE FORGOTTEN FOR 70 YEARS, THEN JUDGED.
- JEREMIAH 25 - SERVE BABYLON
- EZEKIEL 8 - 70 ELDERS
- EZEKIEL 41 - WALLS OF THE INNER TEMPLE ARE 70 CUBITS HIGH
- DANIEL 9 - 70 WEEKS TO PUT AN END TO SIN/TRANSGRESSION
- ZECHARIAH 7 - PEOPLE FASTED AND MOURNED FOR 70 YEARS

70 IN THE BRIT HADASHAH

- MATTHEW 18 - FORGIVE 70 X 7 TIMES
- LUKE 10 - DISCIPLES SENT TO PREACH
- ACTS 23 - 70 HORSEMEN SAVE PAUL
- REVELATION 12 - THE BEAST HAS 7 HEADS AND 10 HORNS
- REVELATION 17 - THE PROSTITUTES BEAST HAS 7 HEADS AND 10 HORNS

We will only hit a few of these today, but take a picture of these slides and do your own study!

Understanding the implications of 70 and the nations throughout the scripture is crucial to understanding the broader plan of God. Shall we dive into our message today?

Let's all turn to

- **Genesis 46:26-27 (NIV)**

All those who went to Egypt with Jacob — those who were his **direct descendants**, not counting his sons' wives — numbered sixty-six persons. 27 With the two sons who had been born to Joseph in Egypt, the members of Jacob's family, which went to Egypt, were **seventy** in all.

Now, we all know from our foundations teachings that there were FAR MORE than seventy people traveling down to Egypt. Jacob's sons had wives, children, servants, livestock and entire households that moved with them that the text says were not included in the number. It was 70 direct descendants (seemingly

meaning sons and grandsons). The whole number would be hundreds, maybe even thousands of people.

So why does Moses deliberately say 70? He is not giving us a whole census...he is giving us a focused group to show a prophetic pattern. So even though the physical group going into Egypt was massive, the Spirit intentionally highlights 70 because it points to God's ultimate purpose for His chosen nation. This was never just about Israel's survival during a famine... it was about the formation of a nation designed to bless all nations.

By the time you get to the Exodus, this small seed has multiplied into a multitude so large that when they leave, **Exodus 12:38** says, "a mixed multitude" went with them...these were peoples from many tribes and tongues joining themselves to the God of Israel.

But it all began right here, in Genesis 46, with the prophetic number 70. **The 12 sons had grown to a company of 70!**

What looked like a simple family migration was God planting the seed for His redemptive plan...a nation birthed with the favor of God to bless every nation on earth.

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Moses, when recounting these events of God's favor on the descendants of Abraham, says this in Deuteronomy 10.

- **Deut 10:14-15 (NIV)**

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. 15 Yet the Lord set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, **above all the nations**, as it is today.

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DEUTERONOMY 32 WORLDVIEW

DEUTERONOMY 32:8–9 (ESV)

8 WHEN THE MOST HIGH GAVE TO THE NATIONS THEIR INHERITANCE,
WHEN HE DIVIDED MANKIND,
HE FIXED THE BORDERS OF THE PEOPLES
ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF GOD.
9 BUT THE LORD'S PORTION IS HIS PEOPLE,
JACOB HIS ALLOTTED HERITAGE.

These words should cause you to think about the Deuteronomy 32 worldview that we discussed in our prior sermon Chaorskampf, that God's personal inheritance, **portion**, and **heritage** is the nation of Israel, who Adonai exalted over ALL other nations!

- o **Deut. 10:16-18 (NIV)**

16 Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. 17 For the Lord your God is **God of gods** and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. 18 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

Adonai is the **God of all gods**, the Lord of all lords. The description of how He rules should be considered in contrast to Psalm 82, another familiar passage over these last several weeks, Adonai's rebuke of the celestial sons who did not rule the way He does.

GOD'S RULE VS. LESSER GODS' RULE

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LESSER GODS' RULE

PSALM 82:1-3 (NIV)

1 **GOD** PRESIDES IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY; HE RENDERS JUDGMENT AMONG THE "**GODS**":
2 "HOW LONG WILL YOU **DEFEND THE UNJUST** AND **SHOW PARTIALITY TO THE WICKED**?"

And—He loves the alien.

The Lord is forecasting His love to those outside Israel, who have witnessed His works and desired to join and embrace the God of Israel.

- **Deuteronomy 10:19-22 (NIV84)**

19 And **you are to love those who are aliens**, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. 20 Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. 21 He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. 22 Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were **seventy** in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as **numerous as the stars in the sky**.

Not only does the Lord love the alien, but Israel is also to love the alien as Adonai does.

The Lord started with ONE man - Abraham, who then grew through his grandson Jacob to TWELVE SONS, who then grew to be SEVENTY IN ALL as they went down to Egypt. Adonai's nation is increasing and multiplying. The numbers specifically are showing the supernatural increase but also forecasting the prophetic image of Adonai's rulership of not only his nation, but ALL nations.

And it even grows from 70! Moses is calling to mind for the Israelite hearers the promise given to Abraham, that this nation would not only be as numerous as the stars, but they would be of the same quality, the same makeup as the stars of heaven.

Moses is connecting the revelation of the **seventy**—to the **promise to Abraham**, that they would become like the stars of heaven.

Let's move to another 70.

- **Exodus 15:27 NIV**

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Coming just off the One Association Conference, or if you have been here for any length of time, this passage should be more familiar to you than the average Christian.

The twelve springs represent the twelve tribes of Israel. These springs weren't stagnant wells; they were flowing sources of life, a symbol of how each tribe was meant to carry the living water of Yahweh.

And there were seventy palm trees, representing the seventy nations of the world... One nation that began as twelve springs was always intended to feed and refresh the seventy palms—the nations that had been cut off from the presence of God.

Israel's rest was never meant to be isolation. It was meant to be intercession. God didn't bring Israel into the wilderness to hide them from the nations; He brought them there to form them *for* the nations—to teach them what it means to be a spring that never runs dry.

So when the people camped under those seventy palm trees, they were literally sitting in a prophecy. They were resting in the shadow of the nations they were called to redeem.

Elim reminds us that Israel's calling—and ours—is to be like those springs: life-giving, outward-facing, carrying the living water of Yahweh to the ends of the earth.

Turn with us to Exodus 24:9

- **Exodus 24:9-11 NIV**

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank

The fact that the 70 elders were having a dinner with the living God of gods is incredible.

We are not going to unpack all of the background here, but you should be praying for revelation as we talk about this passage. The one nation on earth that God chose for Himself had 70 elders. And where do they go? They ascend the mountain that stood between heaven and earth...Sinai becomes the place of meeting...the place where the heavens descend and the men were invited up...

Instead of the Bene ha Elohim making an oath on Mount Hermon to do unspeakable evil, God was having his own meeting with his chosen nation with 70 Elders...Are you getting the picture here? Yahweh is showing His intent to replace the 70 rebellious spiritual beings with 70 earth-born Israelites who would one day shine like the stars of heaven.

Heaven once had 70 celestial rulers who governed the nations in corruption. Now, God calls seventy elders from the dust of the earth, men filled with His Spirit, to stand in His council and eat at his table. He is showing the unseen realm that He will accomplish His will through weak, dependent sons of Adam who will replace the 70 lesser gods.

It's exactly what Paul was getting at when he said in **1 Corinthians 6:3**, "Do you not know that we will judge angels?" These seventy are the prototype of that destiny. God is declaring to the heavens, *"I will raise up men and women from the earth who will take your place, who will reflect My image and lead the nations back to Me."*

These elders were not invited to the mountain just to bask in glory; they were commissioned to carry the presence of Yahweh back down into the camp. They were meant to lead Israel in righteousness so that Israel could lead and bless the nations.

This is Yahweh's intent from the beginning...to form a people who could sit with Him in heavenly places and then go forth to reconcile the earth back to its Creator.

Let's continue to talk about the elders of Israel.
Turn to **Numbers 11**, and look at verse 24.

- o **Numbers 11:24-25 NIV**

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. **[OR NEVER STOPPED]**

In this passage, we see the same Spirit that empowered Moses to lead the people was now resting on the seventy others. These men weren't just being appointed; they were being anointed. God Himself was reproducing His Spirit through His chosen leader into others who would share His burden for the nation.

The bene ha elohim who rules over the nations failed to operate in the same Spirit as the Most High. That's why they were judged and disinherited. They didn't reflect His nature or character.

But here, in the wilderness, Yahweh is showing his plan. He's forming a new council. 70 elders filled with the same Spirit that rests on His appointed mediator.

What happens when the Spirit rests on them? They prophesy! This is a shadow of what happens at Pentecost. These elders set the tone for what would come. They become living examples of what it means to be filled with the same Spirit, speaking the same message, and carrying the same mission. Their role was to reproduce that Spirit in others. To raise up more sons of the Kingdom who would carry the life of God into every nation under heaven.

While Pastor Slaughter is overseas advancing the gospel, we are going to honor him today by doing some... Math... Math... Math! So buckle up as you turn to 1 Kings 7:48-49.

- **1 Kings 7:48-49 (NIV)**

Solomon also made all the furnishings that were in the Lord's temple: the golden altar; the golden table on which was the bread of the Presence; 49 the lampstands of pure gold (five on the right and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary); the gold floral work and lamps and tongs;

Clearly, this is describing the articles of the temple of God. Did you notice that there were 5 lampstands on the left and 5 on the right sides of the holy place? So, $5+5= \dots 10$. Who remembers how many branches were on each lampstand? 7!

Now we move from addition to multiplication. If there were 10 lampstands with 7 branches each, 10×70 would make 70 total lamps burning continuously before the presence of God!



Remember, the temple was a shadow on earth of what was going on in the heavens. God's goal has always been to take one nation, namely Israel, and use that nation to rightly represent him so that they can call back the 70 disinherited nations to be lights before him forever! This was the point of Jesus' ministry! In Isaiah 56:6-7, John 2, Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, and Luke 19:46, Jesus tells everyone that his Father's house was made to be a house of prayer FOR ALL NATIONS! Very few things in the Bible get Jesus to pick up a whip and go to work, but the misrepresentation of his father's desire for the nations is one of them! Does this not tell us how important this must have been to Jesus?

It also brings greater meaning to John 8, where Jesus is teaching at the temple and he cries out, "I am the light of the world". He is pointing out that he is everything Israel was meant to be. That he would raise up 12 (and then 70) Israeli men who would rightly represent God and bring in the 70 nations to be in God's presence forever!



Let's talk about another 70 that forecasts God's plan for the nations.

- o **2 Chronicles 29:31-35 (NIV)**

Then Hezekiah said, "You have now dedicated yourselves to the Lord. Come and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the temple of the Lord." So the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and all **whose hearts were willing** brought burnt offerings.

32 The number of burnt offerings the assembly brought was **seventy bulls**, a hundred rams and two hundred male lambs — all of them for burnt offerings to the Lord.

Burnt offerings have to do with sin and the expiation of sin. When Hezekiah came to power, he inherited a contaminated temple... His daddy Ahaz was a devil...

He needed to cleanse and clarify the purpose of God in the temple since the purpose of the temple was to identify Yahweh's presence with and in Israel, the one nation on earth that was His. Hezekiah therefore sacrificed exactly 70 bulls... one for each nation that Yahweh wanted to **reclaim through Israel**. His House would be a House of prayer for all nations—first Israel is sacrificed for, and then a sacrifice is made for all nations—this is broadcast through the number 70.

This same truth is reflected all over the word. One example is in Numbers 7, where each tribe brings a silver sprinkling bowl to the Tabernacle; each one weighed 70 shekels. You can look at what these sprinkling bowls were used for, but for now, we will leave it at the fact that these were likely used for service at the **altar** or in the court of the tent of meeting.

We do want to share one of the most interesting mentions of 70 as a representation of the nations in Numbers 29.

In the 7th feast of Israel, Sukkot, which occurs in the 7th month, on the 7th day according to Numbers 29, Israel would have sacrificed 70 bulls during the feast. Where the nation of Israel was once in a temporary residence, but has been brought into permanence and now is turning their attention towards every nation on earth.

Clearly, God cares about the disinherited nations—so much so that in a feast established by God for Israel to perform each year, a bull is sacrificed for each of the disinherited nations.

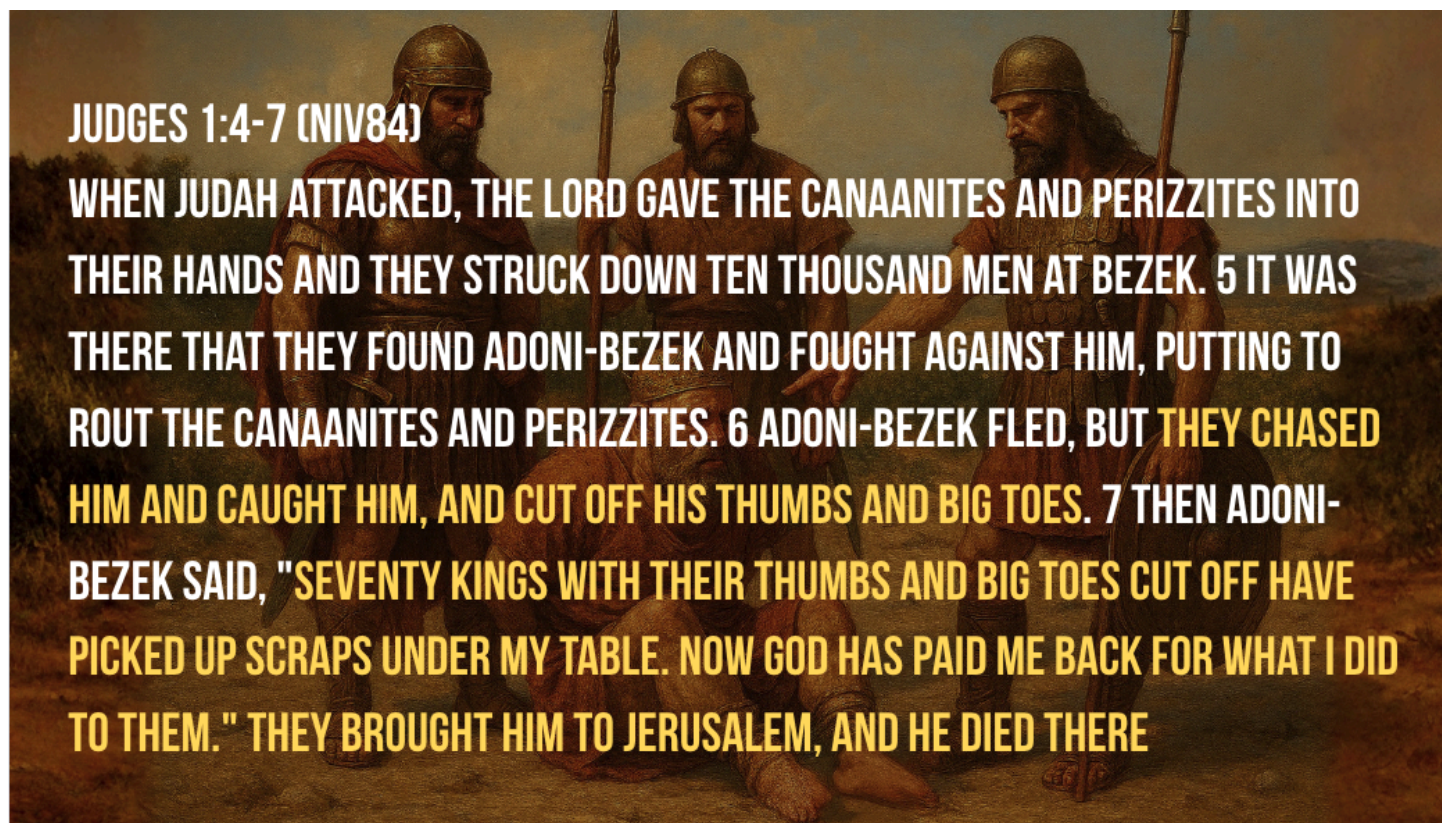
So if you find yourself having a difficult time accepting Israel's future by counting them out from time to time... just remember that you were counted out before Israel was created!

The fact that the Lord taught His nation to sacrifice for the other nations should fill you with deep gratitude for the people of Israel who have continued to sacrifice for the nations throughout the millennia. Israel was created for your redemption!

The God of Israel will reclaim the lost nations of the world. This has started with God's representatives on this earth being one man, moving to 12 tribes, to reclaim the 70 nations, to become as numerous as the stars... all of this is forecasting the increase of God's governmental dominance to all nations!

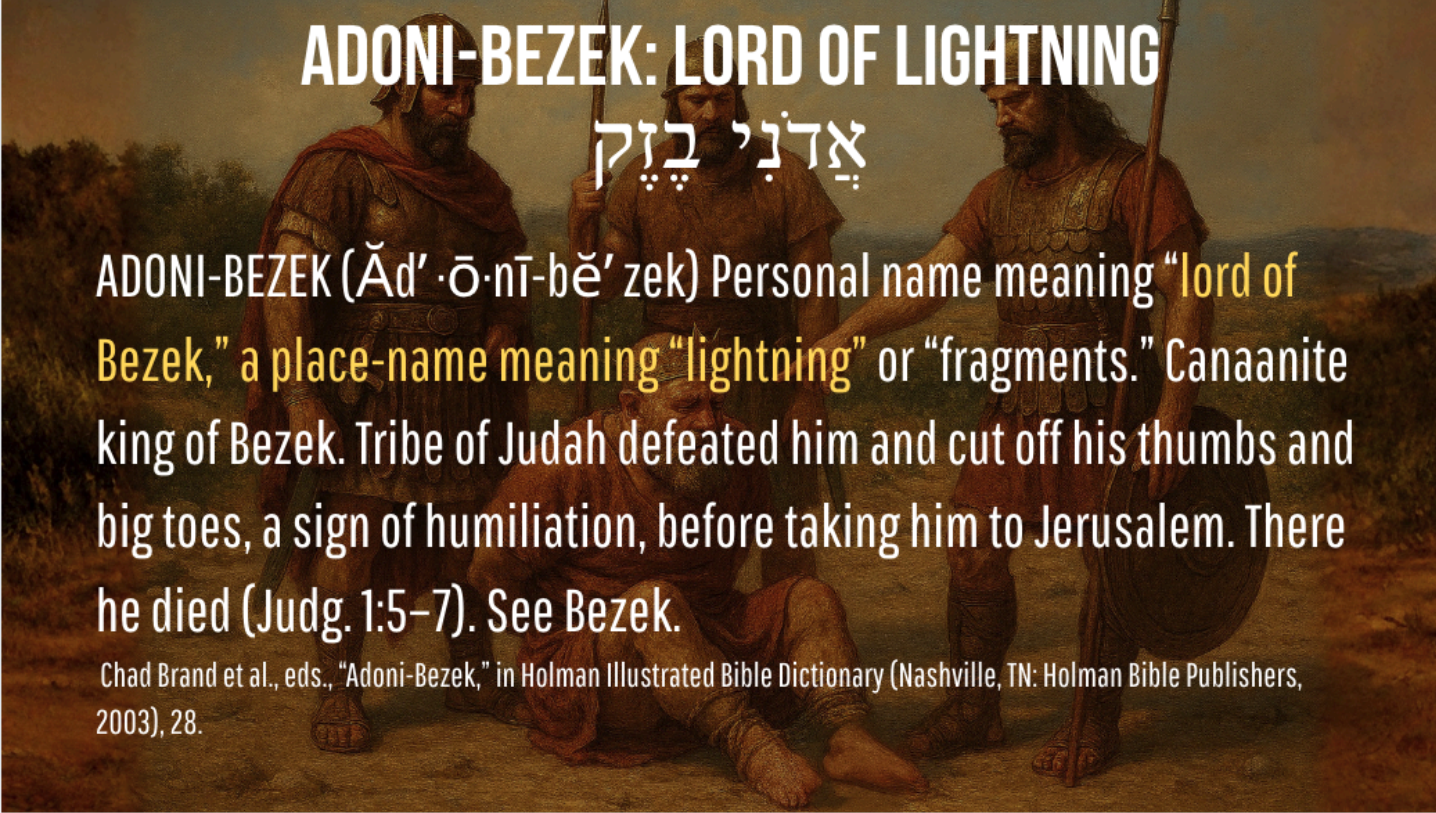
Notice from our passages in 2 Chronicles that these sacrifices of 70 bulls for the nations were brought by the willing. You will not win any nations for the Lord if you do not have a willing heart to sacrifice for them.

Let's move to one final instance of 70 that ties all of this back to Satan's fall...



This passage may seem obscure, but it provides an important prophetic pattern. Adonai-Bezek means: Lord of Lightning.

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ADONI-BEZEK: LORD OF LIGHTNING

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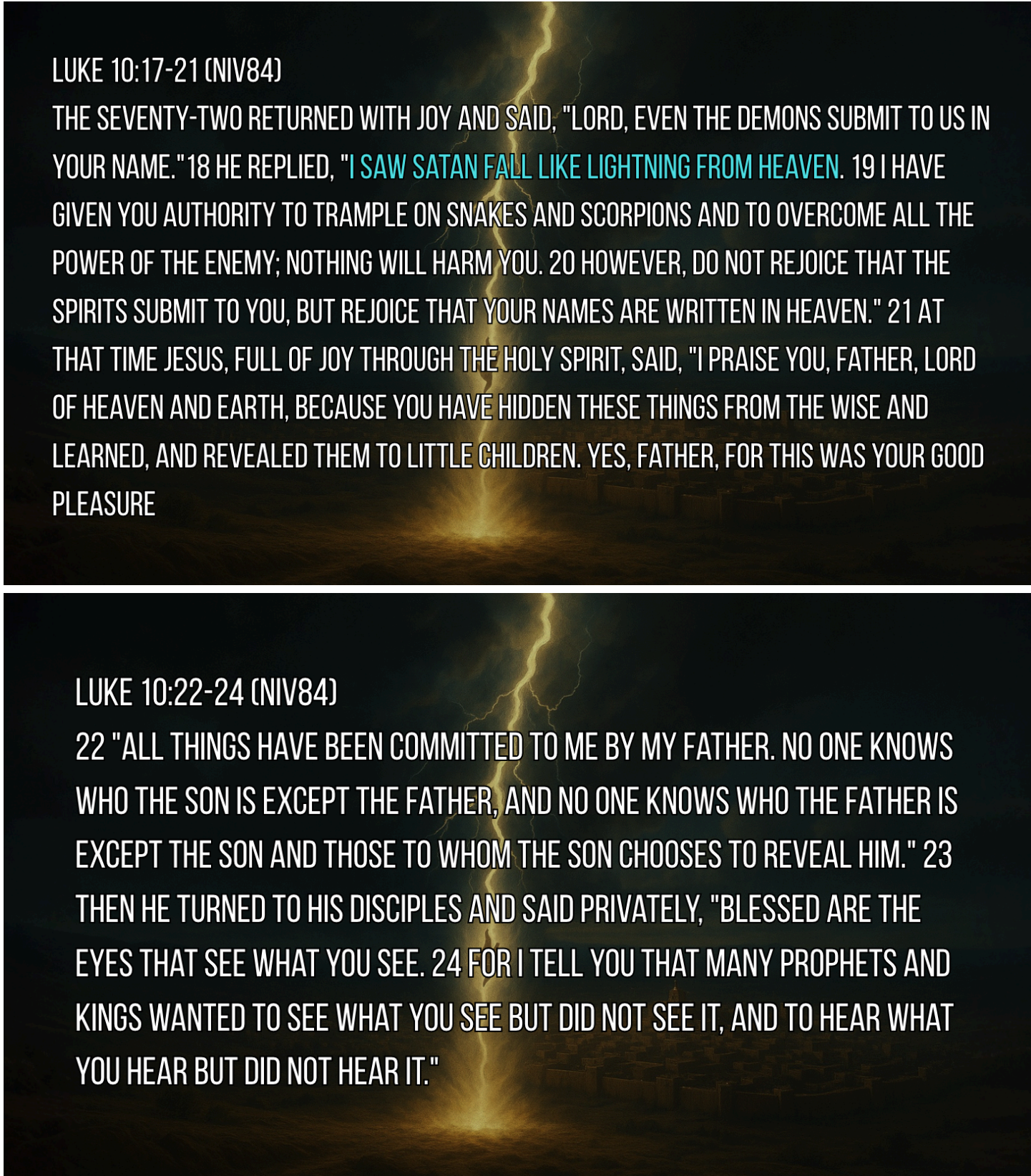
ADONI-BEZEK (Ād' ·ō-nī-bě' zek) Personal name meaning “**lord of Bezek,**” a place-name meaning “**lightning**” or “**fragments.**” Canaanite king of Bezek. Tribe of Judah defeated him and cut off his thumbs and big toes, a sign of humiliation, before taking him to Jerusalem. There he died (Judg. 1:5–7). See Bezek.

Chad Brand et al., eds., “Adoni-Bezek,” in *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), 28.

After the death of Yeshua (Joshua), he started to wreck havoc on the Kings of the region. He had captured 70 Kings, who were eating the scraps off his table because he had cut off their thumbs and big toes. Judah had had enough of this tyrant; they found him, fought against him and won. Adoni-Bezek fell at the hands of the Tribe of Judah and was disarmed by cutting off his thumbs and big toes, the very things he had done to the 70 Kings.

Then, he is allowed to live for a time until he is taken back to Jerusalem, where he dies.

We hope the way we purposely explained that verse is already sparking connections in your mind. If not, perhaps Luke 10 will help.



LUKE 10:17-21 (NIV84)

THE SEVENTY-TWO RETURNED WITH JOY AND SAID, "LORD, EVEN THE DEMONS SUBMIT TO US IN YOUR NAME." 18 HE REPLIED, "I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN. 19 I HAVE GIVEN YOU AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; NOTHING WILL HARM YOU. 20 HOWEVER, DO NOT REJOICE THAT THE SPIRITS SUBMIT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN." 21 AT THAT TIME JESUS, FULL OF JOY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, SAID, "I PRAISE YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND LEARNED, AND REVEALED THEM TO LITTLE CHILDREN. YES, FATHER, FOR THIS WAS YOUR GOOD PLEASURE

LUKE 10:22-24 (NIV84)

22 "ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO ME BY MY FATHER. NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE SON IS EXCEPT THE FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE FATHER IS EXCEPT THE SON AND THOSE TO WHOM THE SON CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIM." 23 THEN HE TURNED TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID PRIVATELY, "BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE. 24 FOR I TELL YOU THAT MANY PROPHETS AND KINGS WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE BUT DID NOT SEE IT, AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU HEAR BUT DID NOT HEAR IT."



Jesus says that he saw Satan - Fall like Lightning. The New Testament is written in Greek, but there is much discussion concerning the possibility of it originally being written in Hebrew. Let's imagine for a minute that it was - or at least that when these words were said they might be in Hebrew....

If either of those things is true, then Jesus' words would have literally been:

"I saw Satan—fall like Bezek".

Maybe Jesus just likes storms...OR we would like you to consider that he is drawing a prophetic pattern to this wording. Perhaps Satan fell and is going to fall at the hands of the Lion of Judah... in the same way Adoni-Bezek fell at the hands of Judah. Look at this anticipatorily parallel.

ADONI-BEZEK

- CAMPAIGN IS INITIATED BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF YESHUA (JUD 1:1)
- THE ARMIES OF BEZEK SUBMIT TO THE FOLLOWERS OF YESHUA (JUD 1:6)
- ENSLAVED 70 KINGS TO HIS DOMINION (JUD 1:7)
- DISARMED (TOES AND THUMBS) BY THE TRIBE OF JUDAH (JUD 1:6)
- IS ALLOWED TO LIVE FOR A TIME UNTIL HIS JUDGEMENT IN JERUSALEM (JUD 1:7)

SATAN

- CAMPAIGN IS INITIATED BECASUE OF DEATH OF YESHUA (MATT 28:18-20)
- DEMONS OF SATAN SUBMIT TO THE DISCIPLES OF YESHUA (LUKE 4:17)
- ENSLAVED 70 NATIONS TO HIS WILL (REV 20:3)
- DISARMED AT THE CROSS BY THE LION OF JUDAH (COL 2:15)
- IMPRISONED FOR A TIME UNTIL HIS FINAL JUDGMENT IN JERUSALEM (REV 20:7-10)

The cross becomes the public spectacle for Satan, like Judah's was for Adoni-Bezek. Both were disarmed of their power by the Tribe of Judah.

o **Colossians 2:15 (NIV)**

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a **public spectacle** of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

In one glorious moment, One Nation (Israel) gains dominion over the 70 by disarming its ruler. Judah did it with Bezek and Jesus did it with Satan.

And now, we as soldiers for Jesus Christ are enlisted in his heavenly entourage as spoils of war from the Nations tasked with giving our lives so that every Nation is submitted to the Lion of Judah, who died for their freedom from the Lord of Lightning.

Can you see how the one nation, Israel, is acting as God's agents on earth to increase His governmental dominion?

From one man, to 12 tribes, to reclaim the 70 nations, so that we will shine like the stars with Israel... celestial sons of God.

*landing had to tie together the idea of the 70 nations with Satan's fall...

THE CHARGE: LANDING

Church, when Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning," He was announcing more than a victory over demons (little Rephidim or disembodied spirits of Nephilim). When he said, "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." He was revealing that the seventy He sent out, filled with His Spirit, were now standing in the place once held by the fallen sons of God.

The 70 elders on the mount - the 70 sacrifices at the tabernacle - the 70 lamps - and now the 70 disciples are all forecasting Adonai's war to reclaim the 70 nations through His nation Israel.

That's why Jesus rejoiced, the word says, that he was "FULL OF JOY in the Holy Spirit" (The only time full of joy is used in the gospels, btw) because the Father's plan, spoken since Abraham, was unfolding before His eyes. Heaven was being filled, not through bene ha elohim, but sons born of the Spirit.

And after this...just hours before the cross, Jesus gathered His disciples and said this in **John 13:1 NIV**

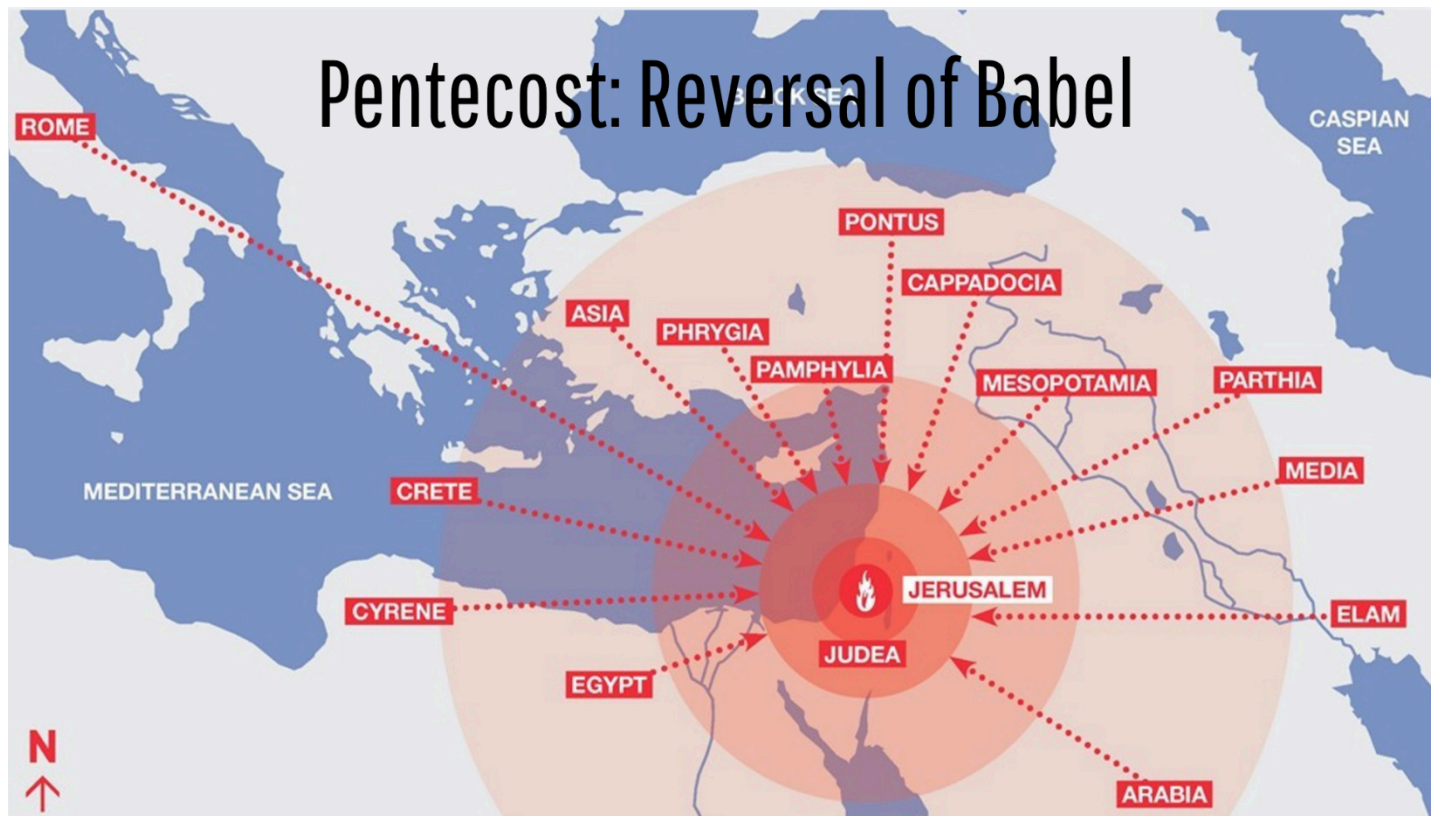
- o It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

He broke the bread, poured the cup, and showed them the full extent of his love. This was not just a Passover ceremony; it was a commissioning. In verse 15 of the same chapter, he said this:

- o **John 13:15 NIV**
I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

He was calling them to take up His mission and His mantle, to pour out their lives so that the nations could be redeemed.

At Pentecost, that promise and charge became a reality. Tongues of fire fell, a violent wind came and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...and from the temple the reversal of Babel began.



The 70 nations that were under the control of lesser Gods were being taken back and it was starting here at Pentecost.

What sin by divine sons of God divided, the Spirit of God united. What the gods of the nations had stolen, the new sons of God made of dust were taking back.

So that brings it us...The Arising Church...we are not spectators, but soldiers. We are not bystanders, but the 70 of our generation. The same Spirit that rested on Moses, that filled the elders, that fell on the apostles...rests on you.

Will you...will we...carry this fire to the nations?

Will you spill your blood, your comfort, your own kingdom to reclaim what belongs to Him?

He gave his blood to make you sons...now you have the chance...the privilege to give your lives to bring sons from all nations to Him.

Church, this is what communion is about...not just a cup to drink, but a covenant to fulfill and be a part of the divine plan from the beginning. This church is committed to being the 70 of this age...sent to shine like stars, to replace rebellion with righteousness and bring every nation under the reign of our king.

May or may not read:

Acts 2:1-5

When the **day of Pentecost** came, **they** were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a **violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in **other tongues** as the Spirit enabled them.

- o (Tabernacle (Ex 40); Ordination (Lev 9); Temple dedication (2 Chron 7))

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from **every nation** under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "**What does this mean?**"
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