

The Gospel of John

An open scroll with Hebrew text is shown against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled, revealing text on both sides. A wooden handle is visible on the left side of the scroll. Overlaid on the scroll is the title 'The Gospel of John' in large, bold, yellow letters. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, with some words like 'המגלה' (The Revealer) and 'רפאל בן רחמיאל' (Raphael son of Rahmiel) visible.

John Chapter 7

- Jesus attends the Feast of Tabernacles
 - Trying to keep a low profile!
- Jesus (inevitably) ends up teaching
 - Anyone filled with God's Spirit can't keep quiet!
 - Note: not our doctrine, but God's!
- Who is Jesus? Where is He from?
 - A question for each of us to settle
- Jesus makes an outrageous claim
 - The debate (and division) intensifies

John Chapter 8

- Jesus is asked to preside over a kangaroo court
 - He declines and dismisses the jury!
 - Those presumed guilty are set free
 - Those presumed innocent are condemned
- Jesus' mission restated
 - Again, the 'who gave you permission' question
- Jesus' authority restated
 - A question of parentage!
- Ch 7/8 demonstration of His complete control
 - Jesus Has an appointment to keep!

Our Comfort

²⁰ and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matt 28:20

⁵ Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5



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Chapter 7

I After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

John 7:1

After these things...

- Jesus had been teaching at Capernaum...
- And stated His terms & conditions:
- *“Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you”*
- *Except you repent and are born again...*
- Passover was nigh – John 6:4
- Jesus had obviously gone to the Feast, and no doubt caused a stir, hence the Jews in Judea sought to plot His death
- Therefore Jesus returned to Galilee

² Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

John 7:2

Feast of Tabernacles

- Jesus had returned to Galilee after the Passover (3rd Passover of His ministry)
- So we now jump forward 7 months
 - Sept / Oct A.D. 32
 - The last Tabernacles Jesus will attend
 - Next spring will be the final Passover for Jesus
 - ‘Passion Week’
 - John devotes almost half his Gospel to 1 week

- 3 His **brethren** therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that **thy disciples** also may see the works that thou doest.
- 4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, **shew thyself to the world.**
- 5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

John 7:3-5

- ‘The world’s way is push and shove’
- If God is orchestrating, we can wait!

God's Way

- 5 Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7

God's Way

- ⁶ For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.*
- ⁷ But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

Psalm 75:6-7

6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come:
but your time is alway ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because
I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this
feast; for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still
in Galilee.

John 7:6-9

I0 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

I1 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

I2 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

I3 Howbeit no man spake openly of him **for fear of the**
Jews.

John 7:10-13

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

John 7:14-17

- 18** He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.
- 19** Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?
- 20** The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?
- 21** Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

John 7:18-21

- 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.
- 23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?
- 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

John 7:22-24

- 25** Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?
- 26** But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
- 27** Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

John 7:25-27

- 28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.
- 29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.
- 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

John 7:28-30

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said,
When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than
these which this man hath done?

32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such
things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the
chief priests sent officers to take him.

John 7:31-32

- Again, the people make the miracles their basis for believing
- The real issue is the Word of God

- 33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.
- 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.
- 35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?
- 36 What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?

John 7:33-36

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37-38

8th Day of Assembly

- Last day: 'Great day of the Feast'
- Feast of Tabernacles = 7 days + 8th day
- Feast was to specifically remember their wilderness wanderings
- During the Feast, they would pour water out in memory of the water from the rock at Horeb

Water from the Rock

- The people cried out for water

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:5-6

Water from the Rock

- This is God's object lesson on Rest
- The specific Rock is identified by God
- God tells Moses, "I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb"
- Moses is told, "you shall strike the rock"
- What do we know about THIS rock?

Water from the Rock

- The Split Rock

*He split the rock in the wilderness,
And gave them drink in abundance like the depths.
He also brought streams out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.*

Psalm 78:15-16

Water from the Rock

- The Rock has a Name

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Object Lesson on Rest

- God says, “I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb”
 - Rock in Horeb (desert) = Jesus Christ
 - God stands on the Rock = Jesus is the only foundation for Rest
- “Go on before the people”
 - This will be done before all of the people

Object Lesson on Rest

- “take with you some of the elders of Israel”
 - Elders of Israel will be key witnesses
- “take in your hand your rod”
 - Moses is a symbol of the Law
 - His rod is a symbol of the Authority of the Law
- “you shall strike the rock”
 - The Authority of the Law strikes the Rock

The Tradition



Pi-hahiroth?



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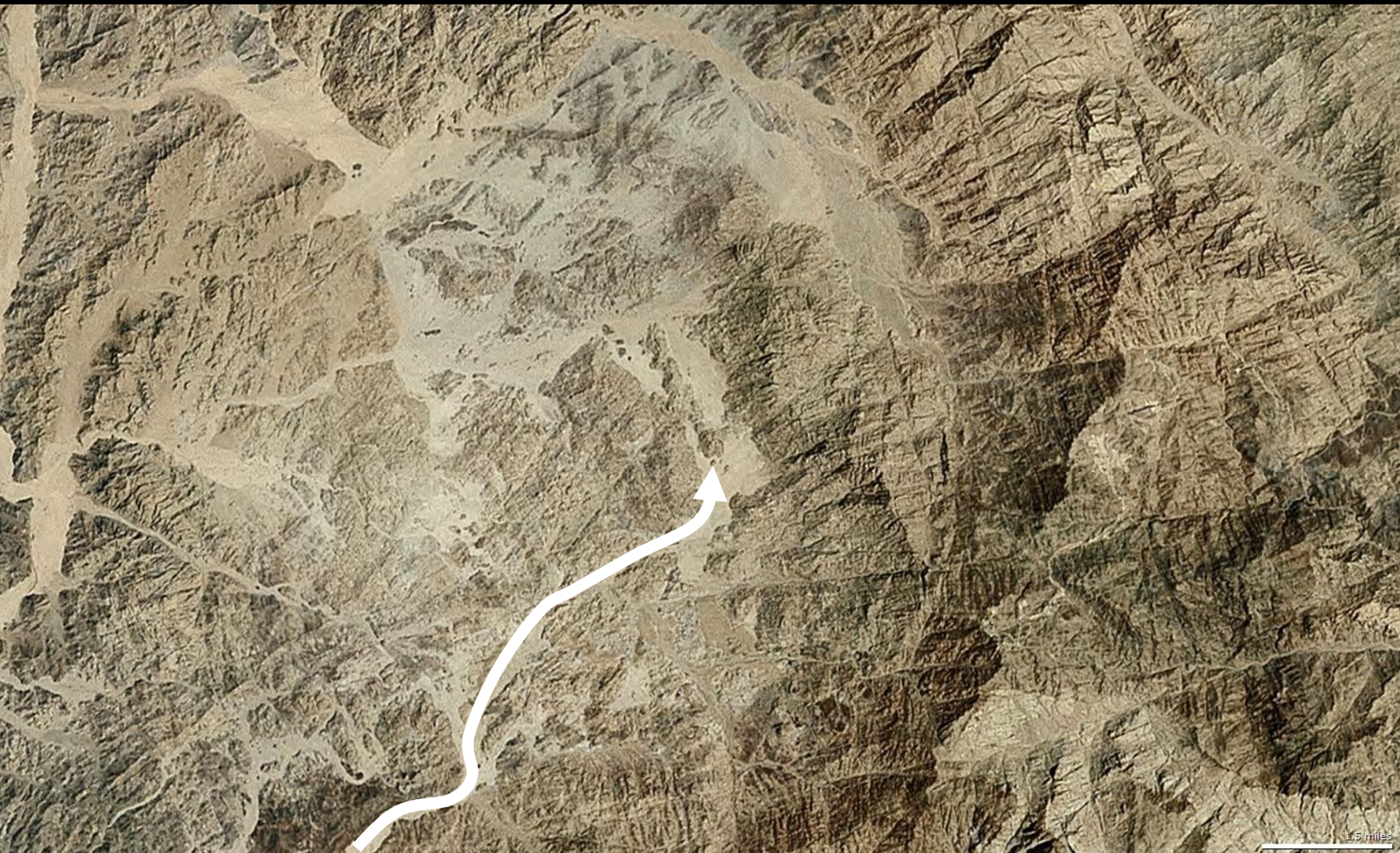
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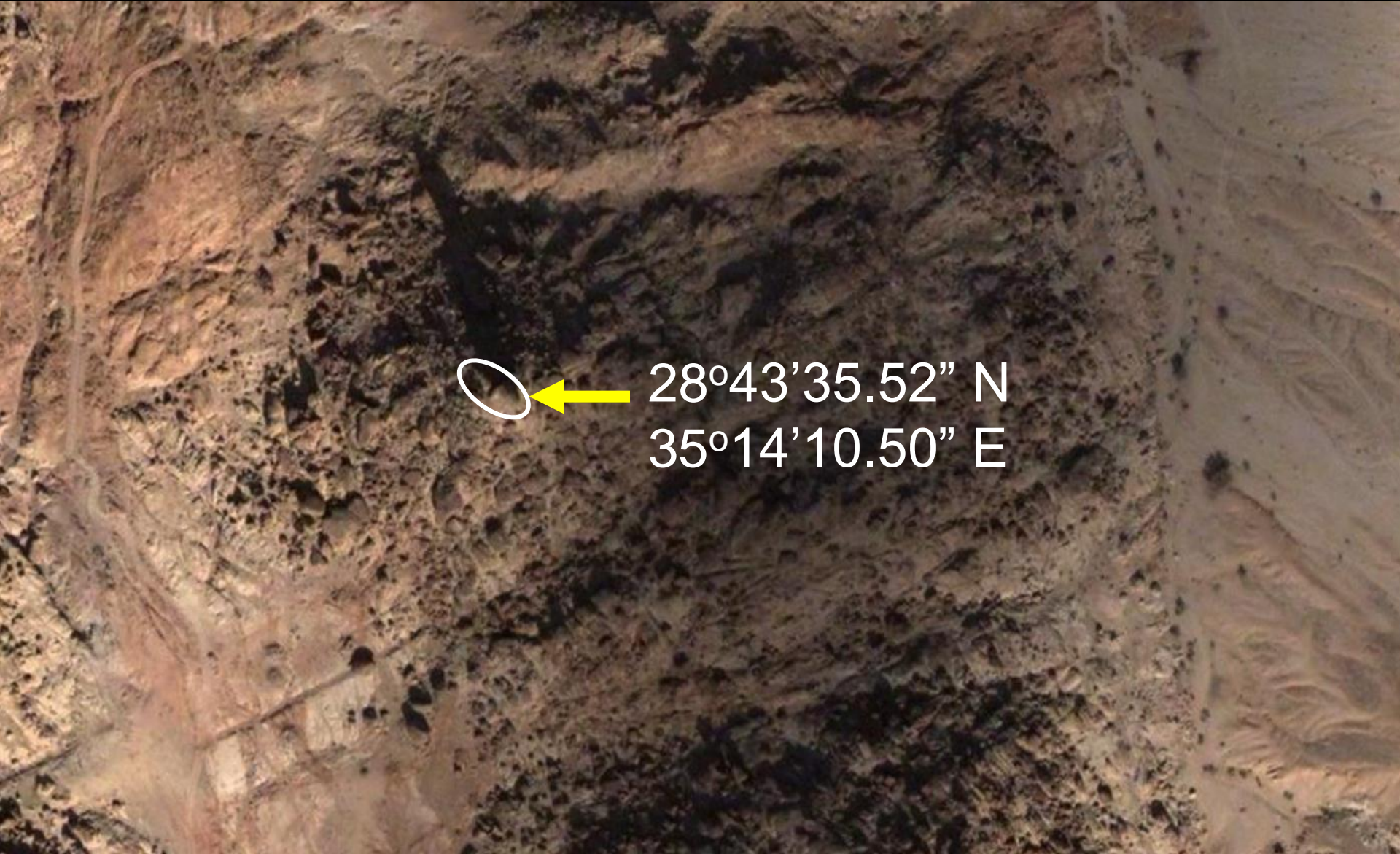
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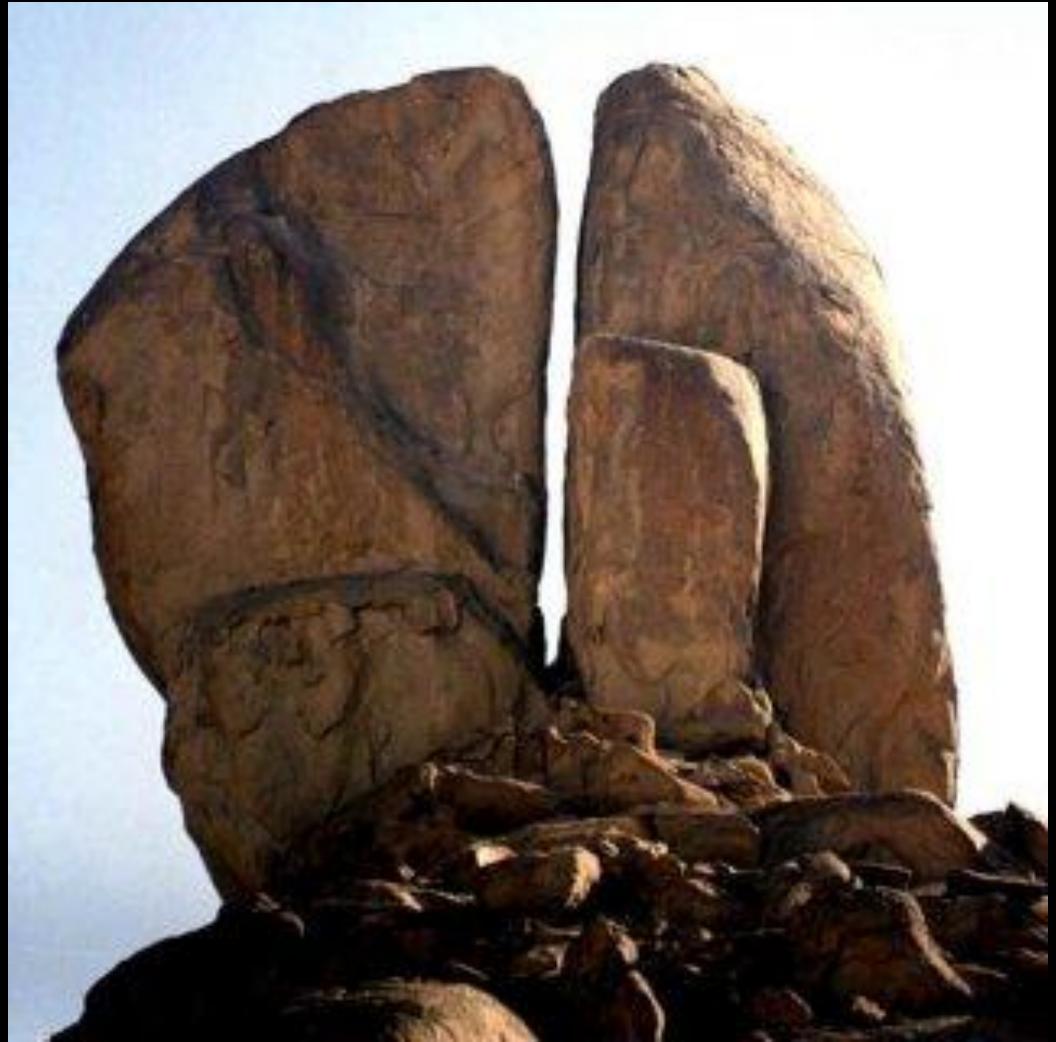
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Future Failure of Moses

- Numbers 20
- While camped at Kadesh
- Moses will be told to “speak to the rock” (20:8)
- In anger he strikes the rock (20:11)
- Moses is told he will not enter the Promised Land (20:24)

The Last Day of The Feast

- Water drawn from the pool of Siloam throughout the Feast – poured out on the altar
- The last day water not drawn to indicate their thirst was not yet satisfied, i.e Messiah was not yet come
- The would read from Isaiah 12

Living Water

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 12:3-6

- 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
- 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
- 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39

- 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.
- 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?
- 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
- 43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

John 7:40-43

44 And some of them would have taken him;
but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

John 7:44-46

47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

John 7:47-49

- So are those who do know the Law!

The Curse of The Law

IO For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Galatians 3:10

- 50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)
- 51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?
- 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.
- 53 And every man went unto his own house.

John 7:50-53

- ...except Jonah & Nahum!
 - so much for religious experts!



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Chapter 8

- 1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.
- 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.
- 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
- 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

John 8:1-4

Kangaroo Court

10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer **and** the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 20:10

- 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
- 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

John 8:5-6

- What did Jesus write?

- 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
- 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
- 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

John 8:7-9

- Psalm 19:7

“The Law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”

IO When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

II She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

John 8:10-11

- Was the woman guilty?
- So how could she be forgiven?
- Through faith & trust in Jesus

I2 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

I3 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

I4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

John 8:12-14

- I5** Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.
- I6** And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.
- I7** It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.
- I8** I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

John 8:15-18

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; **for his hour was not yet come.**

John 8:19-20

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

John 8:21-23

- 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- 25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.
- 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

John 8:24-26

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 8:27-29

Our Transformation

²⁹ 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 8:29

- Are we yet doing only the things that please the Father?

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,
If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples
indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall
make you free.

John 8:30-32

- It all hinges on our attitude to His Word
 - See again Matt 13:19-23

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

John 8:33

Never in Bondage?

- 400 years in bondage in Egypt
- 111 years during the time of the Judges
- 722 B.C. Assyrian Captivity
- 606 B.C. 70 yr Babylonian Captivity
- 400 year power struggle between the Ptolomic and Selucid dynasties
- At the time of Christ they were in bondage to Rome
- This was merely the symptom of the real bondage they'd never been able to escape from – that of sin...

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but
the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be
free indeed.

John 8:34-36

- Various deliverers had come & gone, but never setting them completely free
- Jesus present's Himself as the only one who can truly deliver them

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

John 8:37-40

Abraham

- Abraham believed on the basis of faith
 - Hebrews 11:17-19
- He was looking forward to the Lamb whom God would provide
 - Genesis 22:8,14
- ‘In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen’

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

John 8:41-43

- 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
- 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
- 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
- 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

John 8:44-47

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

John 8:48-51

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

John 8:52-54

- 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
- 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.
- 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
- 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Before Abraham was, I am.

John 8:55-58

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 8:59

- Picking up stones to stone Jesus for blasphemy – they understood His claim
- Yet again, they cannot touch Him
- ‘His hour had not yet come’!



Next Session

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Chapter 9-10