

An exposition of **Revelation Chapter 13** from a **Messianic Jewish perspective** reveals that this chapter is not a detached piece of futuristic sci-fi, but rather the ultimate climax of **anti-Torah rebellion**. Writing in the style of David H. Stern's *Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)*, **Yochanan (John)** draws directly from the *Tanakh* (specifically the book of Daniel) to unmask a demonic counterfeit of the true **Mashiach (Messiah)** and the holy covenants of **Adonai**.

In Jewish thought, history moves toward a definitive clash between the Kingdom of Heaven (*Malchut HaShamayim*) and the empires of man. Revelation 13 exposes the dual-headed nature of the enemy's final kingdom through two distinct beasts.

1.1. 1. The First Beast: The Anti-Messiah Rising from the *Yam* (vv. 1–10)

"And I saw a beast come up out of the sea (Yam), with ten horns and seven heads..." (Rev 13:1)

- **The Semitic Meaning of the Sea (*Yam* / יָם):** In the *Tanakh*, the sea is a well-known metaphor for **the turbulent, chaotic Goyim (Gentile nations)**. As Isaiah writes, *"the wicked are like the troubled sea"* (Isaiah 57:20). Therefore, this first beast—the **Anti-Messiah** (*Anti-Mashiach*)—emerges from the geopolitical chaos of the Gentile world.
- **The Fusion of Daniel's Empires:** Yochanan sees a composite creature: like **a leopard, feet of a bear, mouth of a lion**. This directly mirrors **Daniel 7**, where these animals represent the **pagan world empires** (Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome) that historically oppressed Israel.

The final Beast consolidates all the anti-God, anti-Torah power of human history into one ultimate, totalitarian global system.

- **The Counterfeit Resurrection:** One of its heads receives a "fatal wound" but is healed, prompting the world to wonder. This is a dark, demonic parody of the resurrection of **Yeshua HaMashiach**. *HaSatan* (the Dragon) attempts to validate his false king by counterfeiting the ultimate sign of divine authority—victory over death.
- **The Target of His Wrath:** The Beast opens its mouth to blaspheme God's *Mishkan* (Tabernacle) and to "**make war with the holy ones**" (the *Kedoshim*, referring to both the righteous remnant of Israel and believers grafted into the commonwealth of Israel).

1.2. **2. The Second Beast: The False Prophet** (*Navi Sheker*) from the *Eretz* (vv. 11–15)

"Then I saw another beast springing up out of the earth (Eretz); and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon." (Rev 13:11)

- **The Semitic Meaning of the Earth/Land (*Eretz* / עֶרֶץ):** While the **first beast** comes from the **Gentile Yam**, the second comes from the *Eretz*. In a Jewish context, *HaEretz* specifically denotes **The Land of Israel**. This signifies that the **Second Beast**—the **False Prophet** (*Navi Sheker*)—will likely emerge from a religious, apostate establishment within the land or look intimately connected to the religious world.
- **The Deceptive Appearance:** He has horns "like a lamb". He presents himself with an aura of meekness, spirituality, and perhaps messianic credentials. He *looks* like the Lamb of God (*Seh HaElohim*), but

when he opens his mouth, the theology is that of the dragon (*HaSatan*).

- **The Counterfeit Elijah:** He performs signs, even making "fire come down from heaven". In Jewish tradition, drawing fire from heaven is the signature miracle of Eliyahu HaNavi (Elijah) (1 Kings 18). By mimicking Elijah, this False Prophet misleads people into believing he is the true herald of God, using supernatural deception to redirect worship to the First Beast.

1.3. 3. The Mark of the Beast: A Demonic Parody of the *Shema* (vv. 16–17)

"And he causes all... to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads..." (Rev 13:16)

To a Jewish mind, placing a spiritual and physical sign on the **forehead and the hand** points directly to the commandment of **Tefillin (phylacteries)**. In Deuteronomy 6:4–8,

immediately following the *Shema* ("Hear O Israel, Adonai our God, Adonai is One"), God commands:

"You shall bind them as a sign (Otz) on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."

The **Mark of the Beast** is a mockery of this mitzvah. Where *Tefillin* signify complete dedication of one's thoughts (forehead) and actions (hand) to the Torah and lordship of Adonai, the Beast's mark demands absolute allegiance, submission, and cognitive alignment with a pagan, man-centered system. Without this subverted "covenant sign," participation in daily economic life (*buying and selling*) becomes impossible.

1.4. 4. The Number 666: *Gematria* and Human Sovereignty (v. 18)

"This is where wisdom comes in; let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is a man's number, and its number is 666." (Rev 13:18)

- **The Practice of Gematria:** In Hebrew and Aramaic, letters double as numbers. Finding the numerical value of a name is called *gematria*.

- **The Historical Visual (Nero):** In the first century, the Hebrew spelling for the tyrannical Roman Emperor Nero Caesar was נרון קסר (Neron Qesar).

Nun (50) + Resh (200) + Vav (6) + Nun (50) + Qof (100) + Samekh (60) + Resh (200) = 666

Yochanan used this as an immediate, coded **archetype** for his readers. Nero, who brutally murdered believers and demanded self-deification, was the historical blueprint for the final Anti-Messiah.

- **The Spiritual Meaning of 6:** In Jewish thought, **7** is the number of perfection, completion, and the *Shabbat*. The number **6** represents man, who was created on the sixth day. It is a number that

constantly falls short of divine rest and perfection. A triple repetition—**666**—represents the ultimate apex of human arrogance: man trying to elevate himself to the status of God, completely excluding the Creator.

The Bottom Line for the *Kedoshim* (The Saints)

Revelation 13 shows a terrifying alignment of political, economic, and deceptive religious power. Yet, Yochanan inserts a sobering reminder in verse 10: *"This is when the holy ones must manifest perseverance and faithfulness."* No matter how deeply the world plunges into anti-Torah deception, the victory belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered, yet lives.

To understand these passages deeply, we must step entirely into the first-century

Jewish worldview of **Yochanan (John)**. He did not write in a vacuum; his visions are a continuation of the Hebrew prophets, specifically **Dani'el (Daniel)**.

1.1. 1. The Appearance & Meaning of the First Beast (Rev 13:1–2)

*"And I saw a beast come up out of the sea (Yam), with ten horns and seven heads. On its horns were ten royal crowns, and on its heads were blasphemous names. The beast I saw was like a **leopard**, but with feet like those of a **bear** and a mouth like the mouth of a **lion**..." (CJB)*

The Visual Interpretation

This beast is a bizarre, terrifying composite creature. To understand its anatomy, we must overlay **Daniel 7**. Dani'el saw four distinct beasts rising from the sea, representing four successive pagan empires that would conquer and oppress the Jewish people:

1. The Lion – Babylon

2. **The Bear** – Medo-Persia
3. **The Leopard** – Greece (the Seleucid/Ptolemaic empires)
4. **The Terrifying Fourth Beast with 10 Horns** – Rome

Yochanan is seeing **Dani'el's visions in reverse**. Dani'el looked forward into history; Yochanan looks backward, seeing the final global empire absorbing all the horrific traits of Israel's past oppressors:

- **Mouth of a Lion:** It possesses the fierce, devastating decree of Babylon. It speaks arrogance and demands worship, just as Nebuchadnezzar did.
- **Feet of a Bear:** It has the crushing weight and massive, slow-moving destructive power of the Medo-Persian empire.

- **Body of a Leopard:** It moves with the lightning-fast, deceptive, and predatory speed of Alexander the Great's Grecian empire, which forced Hellenism (assimilation) upon Judea.
- **Seven Heads and Ten Horns:** This is the ultimate consolidation of Rome and all anti-God world power. In Biblical imagery, **horns** represent *political and military power/kings*, and **heads** represent *empires or mountains of authority*. The crowns on the horns signify that this beast functions as a **confederation of rulers** operating under a centralized, global dictatorship.

1.2. 2. The Fatal Wound & The History Behind It (Rev 13:3)

"One of its heads seemed to have received a fatal wound, but its fatal wound was healed..." (CJB)

What Really Happened Before This?

In a Messianic Jewish perspective, this has a dual fulfillment—one **corporate/historical** and one **personal/future**.

5. **The Corporate/Historical Level:** The "heads" represent empires. Historically, the **Roman Empire (the 4th Beast) collapsed**. To the ancient world, it died a "fatal wound." However, the **spirit of Rome**—its legal system, pagan philosophy, and anti-Torah structure—never truly disappeared. The healing of the wound is the modern, miraculous **revival of this Roman system** into a global coalition at the end of the age.
6. **The Personal/Future Level (The Anti-Messiah):** The Beast also manifests as a singular individual—the human ruler of this empire. Before this verse, he

undergoes a massive geopolitical shift. **Zachariah 11:17** speaks of a "worthless shepherd" whose arm is withered and whose right eye is totally blinded. The Anti-Messiah will appear to be assassinated or struck down in a fatal coup, only to be "miraculously" resuscitated by demonic power. This stages a counterfeit *techiyat hametim* (resurrection of the dead) to mimic Yeshua's true resurrection.

1.3. 3. Who is the Dragon & Can He Talk Like a Human? (Rev 13:2, 4)

"...To it the dragon gave its own power, its throne and great authority." (CJB)

Who is the Dragon?

Yochanan leaves no room for guessing. In **Revelation 12:9**, he explicitly identifies the

Dragon: *"The great dragon was thrown down—that ancient serpent called the Devil (Satan) or Satan, who leads the whole world astray."* The Dragon is **HaSatan** (the Adversary), the original cosmic rebel from the Garden of Eden (*Gan Eden*).

Can He Talk Like a Human?

HaSatan is a spiritual being—a fallen cherub. While he can manifest or possess individuals, he primarily speaks through **human proxies**.

- Just as the invisible God (*Adonai*) spoke through human prophets and ultimately manifested physically through **Yeshua the Messiah**, *HaSatan* speaks through the **False Prophet** and manifests his will through the **Anti-Messiah**.
- When Rev 13:11 says the **second beast** *"spoke like a dragon,"* it means his *ideology, theology, and laws* are demonic. He speaks with human language, using

smooth, deceptive, and religious words, but the source of the message is purely satanic.

1.4. **Explaining Revelation 13:8 — The Book of Life**

"All the people living on earth will worship it, except those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered from the world's foundation." (CJB)

In Jewish liturgy, particularly during **Yom Kippur** (the Day of Atonement), the central prayer and focus is to be inscribed in the **Sefer HaChaim** (The Book of Life).

- Yochanan states that when the Beast takes global control, the pressure to comply will be so immense that **everyone** on the earth (*the earth-dwellers, those rooted only in this world*) will succumb to worshiping the system.

- The only exception is the *remnant*—the believers. Their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life ***mi-yisod ha-olam*** (from the foundation of the world).
- This tells us that God's plan of redemption through the sacrifice of **Yeshua** (*Seh HaElohim* / the Lamb of God) was not a backup plan. Before the universe was spoken into existence, Adonai knew the cost of creation, provided the sacrifice, and sealed His people. Your security in times of persecution is anchored in eternity past.

1.5. Hebrew Gematria Variations of 666

In Hebrew, there are no separate symbols for numbers; letters have numerical values.

There are a couple of profound ways 666

manifests through *Gematria*, providing both historical context and prophetic warning.

Hebrew Letter	Name	Value
נ	Nun	50
ר	Resh	200
ו	Vav	6
נ	Nun	50
ק	Qof	100
ס	Samekh	60
ר	Resh	200
Total	Neron Qesar	666

Variation 1: The Historical Prototype (Nero Caesar)

As established, first-century believers reading this would instantly recognise **Neron Qesar** (נסק וורנ) which totals **666**. Why is this important? Because Nero was a prototype. He blamed Christians for the fire of Rome, dipped them in pitch to light his gardens, and demanded to be worshiped as a god (*Divus*).

Variation 2: The Textual Alternate (616)

Interestingly, some ancient manuscripts of Revelation contain the number **616** instead of 666. Skeptics point to this as an error, but *Gematria* actually explains it perfectly!

- If you spell Nero Caesar in Latinized Hebrew instead of Greek-Hebrew, the final "Nun" (50) is dropped, making it **Nero Qesar (רסק ורנ)**.
- $666 - 50 = 616$.
Whether the copyist used the Greek or Latin spelling of Nero's name, the *Gematria* pointed back to the exact same man. This proves the code was intentionally tracking the spirit of Caesar worship.

Variation 3: The Spirit of *Anti-Torah* (King Solomon's Fall)

There is a shocking Old Testament mention of 666 that directly ties into the Beast's

economic control. In **1 Kings 10:14**, we read:

*"The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was **666 talents of gold**."*

- Solomon was the son of David, a type of Messiah. Yet, when he collected **666 talents of gold**, he broke three explicit Torah commandments for kings in Deuteronomy 17:16–17 (*do not multiply horses, do not multiply wives, do not multiply gold*).
- The number 666 is tied historically to a **Messianic figure falling into greed, apostasy, and economic corruption**. The final Beast system will use gold, trade, and luxury—the ultimate corruption of God's economic order—to enslave the nations.

An exposition of these deep prophetic mysteries requires aligning our understanding with the Tanakh (Old Testament) and the

precise language of the *Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)*.

• Who is the "Spirit of Rome" Today?

In Messianic Jewish eschatology, the **spirit of Rome** is not confined to an ancient empire or a single physical city. It is the ultimate global manifestation of **pagan totalitarianism, state-deification, and systemic anti-Torah rebellion**.

Today, this spirit operates through:

- **Globalist Secular Humanism:** The absolute insistence that human governance can achieve peace, safety, and morality apart from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (*Adonai*).
- **The Weaponization of Commerce:** A global structure where individual rights and religious alignment are secondary to

economic compliance, mirroring the Caesar-worship of the first century.

- **Replacement Theology & Lawlessness**

(Anomia): Systems that aggressively seek to dismantle the eternal covenants of God with Israel and eradicate the absolute moral boundaries of the Torah.

- **2. The Identity of the Second Beast:
Jewish Upbringing or *Goyim*?**

Yochanan specifies that the second beast comes out of the **earth/land (*Eretz*)**, whereas the first beast rises from the chaos of the **sea (*Yam* / the Gentile nations)**. Because *HaEretz* in Biblical prophecy explicitly points to the **Land of Israel**, many Messianic scholars deduce that the False Prophet (*Navi Sheker*) will possess a **Jewish identity or upbringing**.

If he is Jewish, what kind?

- **Not a True Messianic Jew:** By definition, a Messianic Jew confesses that **Yeshua is the Messiah** and Adonai is One. The second beast **completely rejects Yeshua** and directs worship to a pagan ruler.
- **Not an Orthodox Rabbinical Jew:**
Traditional Rabbinical Judaism clings fiercely to **monotheism** (*The Shema*). An Orthodox rabbi would never command the world to worship a Gentile political leader or bow to an physical idol set up in the Temple.
- **The Reality — An Apostate Counterfeit:**
He will be a master deceiver who exploits a Jewish identity to gain a foothold in Jerusalem. He will likely mirror the Hellenized, corrupt high priests of the Maccabean era (like Menelaus) who sold out the Temple to foreign dictators. He will masquerade with messianic authority,

using an outward form of spirituality to validate the ultimate anti-Torah agenda.

- **Was it a Mistake for Solomon to Collect 666 Talents of Gold?**

Yes, it was a profound, catastrophic violation of the Torah. In Deuteronomy 17:16–17, *Adonai* gave explicit commandments (*mitzvot*) regulating how a king of Israel must behave:

- He must not multiply horses (military reliance on Egypt).
- He must not multiply wives (turning his heart to idolatry).
- **He must not greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.**

When **1 Kings 10:14** notes that Solomon received **666 talents of gold** in a single year, the text shifts from praising his wisdom to

documenting his spiritual decline. Solomon used his God-given wisdom to build a predatory economic empire based on heavy taxation and forced labor. The number 666 is recorded in the *Tanakh* as a literal monument to **apostasy, greed, and the abuse of kingly power.**

- **4. The Two Horns of the Second Beast & False Religious Systems**

*"Then I saw another beast springing up out of the earth; and he had **two horns like a lamb**, but spoke like a dragon." (Rev 13:11, CJB)*

In Scripture, a **horn** represents power or authority. The fact that he has two horns *like a lamb* indicates a **dual system of counterfeit spiritual authority:**

- **The Political-Religious Synthesis:** The two horns represent the blending of **Apostate Judaism** and **Apostate Global Christianity/Religions**. By appearing "like a lamb," this figure mimics both the

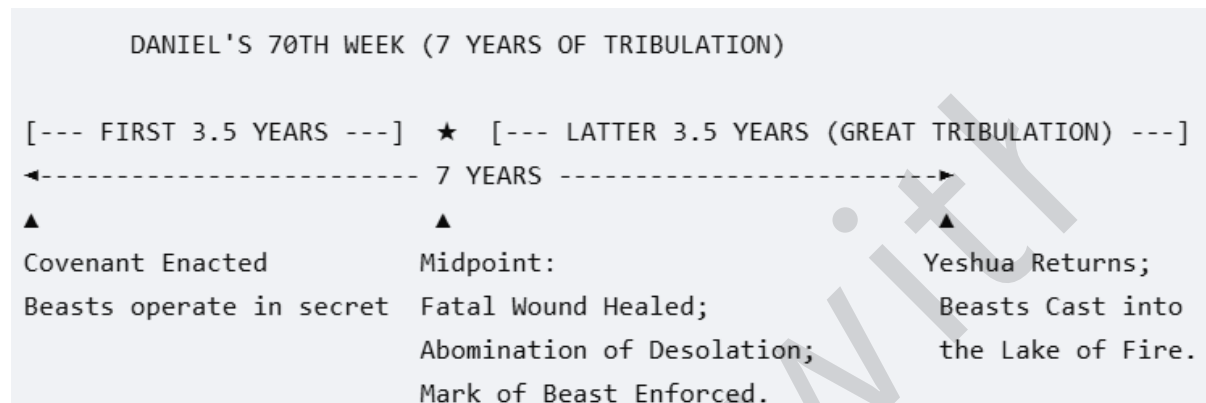
sacrificial imagery of Israel and the Lamb of God (*Seh HaElohim*).

- **The Deception:** He speaks with the smooth, comforting language of tolerance, global unity, and spirituality (horns of a lamb), but the core theology is purely **satanic**—demanding absolute allegiance to human tyrants under the threat of death. He unites the fractured religious systems of the world into one single ecumenical vehicle designed exclusively to serve the political Beast.

- **Prophetic Timeline: Daniel's 70th Week**

To see exactly *when* these beasts appear, we must drop them directly into the timeline of **Dani'el 9:24–27** (The Seventy Weeks Prophecy). The final "Week" refers to a

seven-year period preceding the return of Messiah.



The First 3.5 Years (The Beginning of Birth

Pangs): The multi-national Beast system consolidates power. The Anti-Messiah likely posing as a global peacemaker, orchestrates a covenant that permits the rebuilding of the Temple or sacrificial system in Jerusalem.

- **The Midpoint (The Shift):** This is the moment of **Revelation 13:3**. The Anti-Messiah suffers a fatal political or physical blow and is "resurrected". Simultaneously, he breaks the covenant, enters the Holy Place, and sets up the **Abomination of Desolation** (*Shikuts Meshoman*).

- **The Latter 3.5 Years (The Great Tribulation / Tzarah Gedolah):** For 42 months (Rev 13:5), the beasts are fully unveiled. The Second Beast forces the entire earth to take the **Mark of the Beast** on the hand or forehead, initiating the worst period of anti-Torah persecution in human history before **Yeshua** returns to destroy them with the breath of His mouth.

To trace these events accurately, we must open **Mattityahu (Matthew) 24** and line it up directly with the prophet **Dani'el (Daniel)** and the dramatic visions of **Yochanan (John)** in Revelation. Writing in the style of the *Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)*, the **prophetic timeline** reveals a flawless mosaic of divine warning and supernatural preservation.

The Direct Link: **Yeshua**, Dani'el, and Mattityahu 24

Yeshua absolutely mentions the **Abomination of Desolation** in Mattityahu 24.

Sitting on the **Mount of Olives** (*Har HaZeitim*), He gives His disciples the ultimate blueprint for the end of the age:

*"So when you see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by the prophet Dani'el, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), then those in Yehudah **must flee to the hills**."*
(Mattityahu 24:15–16, CJB style)

The Trigger Event in the Temple

This phrase references Dani'el 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11. In Hebrew, it is called the **Shikuts Meshoman** (שִׁקוּט מְשוּמָן)—the detestable thing that causes ruin and emptiness.

How does this event directly trigger the actions of the **Second Beast (The False Prophet)** in the Temple?

- **Breaking the Covenant:** At the midpoint of the final seven years, the Anti-Messiah violates his political peace treaty with Israel. He forcibly halts the **daily Levitical sacrifices** (*Tamid*) in the newly rebuilt Third Temple.
- **The Demonic Transgression:** The False Prophet steps forward to enforce worship. As exposed in **Revelation 13:14–15**, the **Second Beast** constructs an ***Tzelem*** (an image or idol) of the Anti-Messiah and places it right inside the Holy Place.
- **The Breath of Deception:** The Second Beast uses demonic sorcery to give breath to this image, making it speak and demanding that anyone who refuses to bow down be put to death.
- **The Claim to Deity:** The Anti-Messiah physically seats himself in the Temple of

God, proclaiming himself to be Elohim (2 Thessalonians 2:4). This ultimate act of blasphemy transforms the Temple into a desolate wasteland, instantly triggering the explosive outbreak of the **Great Tribulation** (*Tzarah Gedolah*).

- **The Flight to the Mountains: Did Yeshua Say "Petra"?**

Yeshua does not use the specific word "Petra" in the text of Mattityahu 24; instead, He commands those in Yehudah (Judea) to "**flee to the mountains**". However, geographic, textual, and prophetic clues from the *Tanakh* point directly to Petra—known in Hebrew as Sela (עֶלְסָה, meaning "The Rock") or Bozrah (בֹּזְרָה, meaning "Sheepfold/Fortress")—as the destination.

When the ***Shikuts Meshoman*** appears, **Yeshua** warns that the hunt for believers will be so instantaneous that there is zero time to gather belongings:

*"If someone is on the roof, he must not go down to gather possessions from his house... Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on **Shabbat!**" (Mattityahu 24:17, 20, CJB style)*

For a Torah-observant community, fleeing on *Shabbat* presents immense logistical and religious hurdles. **Yeshua** warns them to run instantly into the rugged, mountainous desert landscape east of the Jordan River.

How the Remnant of Israel Survives the Final 3.5 Years

Once the flight occurs, the narrative shifts to the supernatural preservation of the Jewish remnant during the final 42 months (1,260 days / "a time, times, and half a time").

THE REMNANT'S WILDERNESS REFUGE

[Jerusalem Temple]	=====>	[The Mountain Stronghold]
Abomination is set up		(Petra / Bozrah / Sela)
Remnant flees instantly		Escapes Anti-Messiah's grip
		Supernaturally fed for 3.5 years

The Wilderness Refuge (*HaMidbar*)

In **Revelation 12:6 and 14**, Yochanan utilizes rich Israelite imagery to describe this flight:

"The woman [Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that she can be taken care of for 1,260 days... out of the reach of the serpent." (CJB style)

The remnant finds refuge in the ancient territories of **Edom, Moab, and Ammon** (modern-day Jordan). **Dani'el 11:41** confirms this exact geographical sanctuary: *"He [the Anti-Messiah] will invade the Land of Glory... but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon."*

The Supernatural Preservation

The remnant survives through absolute, unadulterated divine intervention, mirroring the Exodus from Egypt:

- **Eagles' Wings:** Revelation 12:14 states they are given "**two wings** of a great eagle"—a direct idiom referencing the supernatural speed and protection God provided Israel when extracting them from Pharaoh (Exodus 19:4).
- **Modern Manna:** The text states they are "**nourished**" or "**fed**" there for the entire 3.5 years. **Cut off** entirely from the global economy because they refused the Mark of the Beast, the remnant will be fed directly by Adonai in the desert crags of Petra.
- **The Earth Assists:** When the Dragon spews a "river" (a military flood of troops) to wipe out the fleeing Jews, **the earth**

opens its mouth and swallows the river (Rev 12:15–16)—potentially a cataclysmic earthquake or geological event in the deep Jordan Rift Valley that destroys the pursuing armies.

The Gathering in the Sheepfold

The prophet **Micah** provides the ultimate Messianic picture of this hidden remnant trapped in Petra/Bozrah, waiting for the breakout of their King:

*"I will certainly assemble all of you, Ya'akov; I will surely gather the remnant of Isra'el. I will put them together **like sheep in Bozrah**, like a flock in the midst of its pasture..." (Micah 2:12, CJB style)*

Isolated, protected, and stripped of all human self-reliance, it is in this mountain stronghold that the remnant of Israel finally cries out in collective repentance, recognizing **Yeshua** as their true savior, setting the stage for His dramatic return.

1.1. Fact-Check: Do These Photos Show the "Mark of the Beast"?

The claim that these photos show an Arabic phrase meaning "In the name of Allah" (*Bismillah*) or crossed swords is false. This popular internet theory claims that Yochanan did not see Greek numbers, but instead blindly copied Arabic symbols that he saw in a vision.

From a precise textual and historical perspective, this theory collapses for several reasons:

- **They are Standard Greek Letters:** The images display the Greek characters $\chi\xi\varsigma$ (**Chi, Xi, Stigma**), which represent the numbers **600, 60, and 6**.
- **The Scribal Line (*Titlo*):** In the second photo, you can clearly see a horizontal line drawn over the top of the characters.

In ancient Greek manuscripts, this line is called a *titlo*. It explicitly tells the reader: *"Do not read these as letters or words; read them strictly as a number."*

- **Anachronism:** Revelation was written in the late first century. Classic Arabic script and Islamic iconography (like the crossed swords of Jihad) did not develop until centuries later. Yochanan, an educated Jewish disciple writing to a Greek-speaking world, knew exactly what numbers he was writing.

The idea that the text secretly spells out an Arabic word is an inaccurate paleographic misreading. The text represents a numeric value intended for *Gematria*.

1.2. Isaiah 63: The Blood-Stained Warrior from Bozrah and Petra

When the 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation come to a close, the hidden remnant of Israel trapped in the mountain fortresses of **Edom (modern-day Jordan)** faces total annihilation by the armies of the Anti-Messiah. It is at this exact moment that Yeshua returns—not directly to the Mount of Olives first, but to the desert hideout of His people.

Isaiah 63:1–3 (CJB style) depicts this breathtaking moment:

"Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah with garments stained crimson? Who is this robed in splendor, marching forward in the greatness of his strength? 'It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save.' Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress? 'I have trodden the winepress alone... I trod them down in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.'"

THE MARCH OF TRIUMPH

[Petra / Bozrah] =====>	[Jerusalem]
Yeshua arrives first;	Final battle won;
Garments stained with the	Mount of Olives cleaves;
blood of Israel's hunters.	Kingdom established.

The Messianic Jewish Interpretation

- **The Location:** Bozrah is the ancient capital of Edom, located in the immediate vicinity of Petra. The remnant has been cornered here by the global forces.
- **The Stained Garments:** In Revelation 19, when **Yeshua** descends from heaven, His robe is *already dipped in blood* before He even fights the Battle of Jerusalem. Isaiah 63 explains why. He goes to **Bozrah** first to break the siege against the Jewish survivors. He single-handedly slaughters the invading armies hunting the remnant, splattering His garments with their blood.
- **The Breaker:** This matches **Micah 2:13**, which states that "*the Breaker*" goes up before the flock, breaks them out of their sheepfold (Bozrah), and leads them in a victorious march back toward Jerusalem.

1.3. 3. The Fate of Believers Who Do *Not* Make It to the Wilderness

While the physical, national remnant of Israel is supernaturally preserved in the wilderness of Jordan, millions of believers—both Jewish and Gentile (*Goyim*) who are grafted into the faith—will be scattered across the globe, unable to flee to Petra.

From the Messianic perspective, their fate during these 42 months is incredibly solemn yet profoundly glorious:

- **Mass Martyrdom: Revelation 13:7**
explicitly states that the Beast is permitted to *"make war with the holy ones (Kedoshim) and to overcome them."* Those who refuse the **Mark of the Beast** will be systematically hunted, rounded up, and executed, primarily by decapitation (**Revelation 20:4**).

- **Global Underground Resistance:** Because they cannot participate in the global economic system (*buying or selling*), these scattered believers will survive entirely through underground networks of faith. This is the exact context of **Yeshua's** parable of the **Sheep and the Goats** (**Mattityahu 25**), where Gentiles are judged based on how they risked their lives to feed, clothe, and visit His "brothers" (the targeted Jewish people and fellow believers) during this hour of global terror.
- **The Promise of Ultimate Victory:** Though their physical bodies may die, Yochanan emphasizes their true spiritual standing: *"They defeated him because of the **blood of the Lamb** and because of the message of their witness; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."* (**Revelation 12:11**, CJB). They

will be resurrected at the first resurrection to rule and reign alongside Messiah for a thousand years.

An examination of end-times prophecy

through a Messianic Jewish lens reveals that the final cosmic conflict is deeply rooted in the physical geography of Israel and the ancient liturgical language of the *Levitical* sacrificial system.

1. The Sacrificial Terminology of the *Tanakh* Applied to Martyrdom

To a first-century Jew like Yochanan (John) or Sha'ul (Paul), the death of a believer for their faith was never viewed as a tragic waste or a defeat. Instead, it was framed entirely within the sacred terminology of the **Mishkan (Tabernacle)** and **Temple sacrifices**.

When Revelation describes the millions of *Kedoshim* (holy ones) executed by the Beast

for refusing his mark, it intentionally uses this sanctuary language:

- **The Soul Under the Altar (*Mizbe'ach*):** In **Revelation 6:9**, Yochanan sees the souls of the martyrs residing "***under the altar.***" In the Torah, when a priest made a sin offering, he was commanded to "***pour out all the rest of the blood at the base of the altar***" (Leviticus 4:7). Because the Torah teaches that "*the life (nephesh/soul) of the flesh is in the blood*" (Leviticus 17:11), the visual of martyrs under the altar means their lives were poured out as a holy, aromatic sacrifice directly to Adonai.
- **The Drink Offering (*Nesek*):** Sha'ul uses this exact terminology when anticipating his own execution, writing: "*For I am already being poured out like a drink offering*" (2 Timothy 4:6). The *Nesek* was a libation of fine wine poured out completely on top of the

burnt offering, symbolizing total consecration and a sweet aroma ascending to heaven.

- **The Binding of Isaac (*Akedah*):** The ultimate model of martyrdom in Jewish thought is the *Akedah* (Genesis 22), where Isaac willingly climbed onto the altar, fully submissive to the will of the Father. The end-times martyrs do not take up arms to violently fight the Beast's political machinery; rather, they conquer through absolute *Akedah*-like submission to God, choosing physical death over spiritual treason.

The Geographical Route of *Yeshua*'s Triumphal March

When ***Yeshua* HaMashiach** returns, His rescue mission is a highly strategic, physical military campaign. He does not simply drop

from the sky directly onto Jerusalem. He lands in the desert wilderness to rescue the besieged remnant before leading a triumphant, conquering procession upward.

Step 1: The Gathering at Bozrah / Petra (Edom)

The march begins at **Bozrah** (modern-day Buseirah, Jordan) and the nearby canyon fortress of **Petra** (ancient Sela), located in the rugged mountains of Edom. The remnant of Israel is trapped here in the "sheepfold" (**Micah 2:12**). **Yeshua** arrives, His presence shattering the forces of the Anti-Messiah, staining His royal garments in the blood of Israel's enemies (**Isaiah 63:1–3**).

Step 2: Crossing the Arabah / Jordan Rift Valley

With the remnant broken out of the fortress, Yeshua acts as the "**Breaker**" leading the line

(Micah 2:13). The massive procession marches northwest, descending into the deep, arid **Arabah Valley** (the Jordan Rift), crossing near the southern tip of the Dead Sea (*Yam HaMelach*).

Step 3: Ascending the Wilderness of Yehudah (Judea)

The path shifts directly upward, ascending the steep, unforgiving canyons of the **Judean Wilderness**. This is the historic highway of conquerors marching toward Zion from the east.

Step 4: The Valley of Yehoshafat (King's Valley / Kidron)

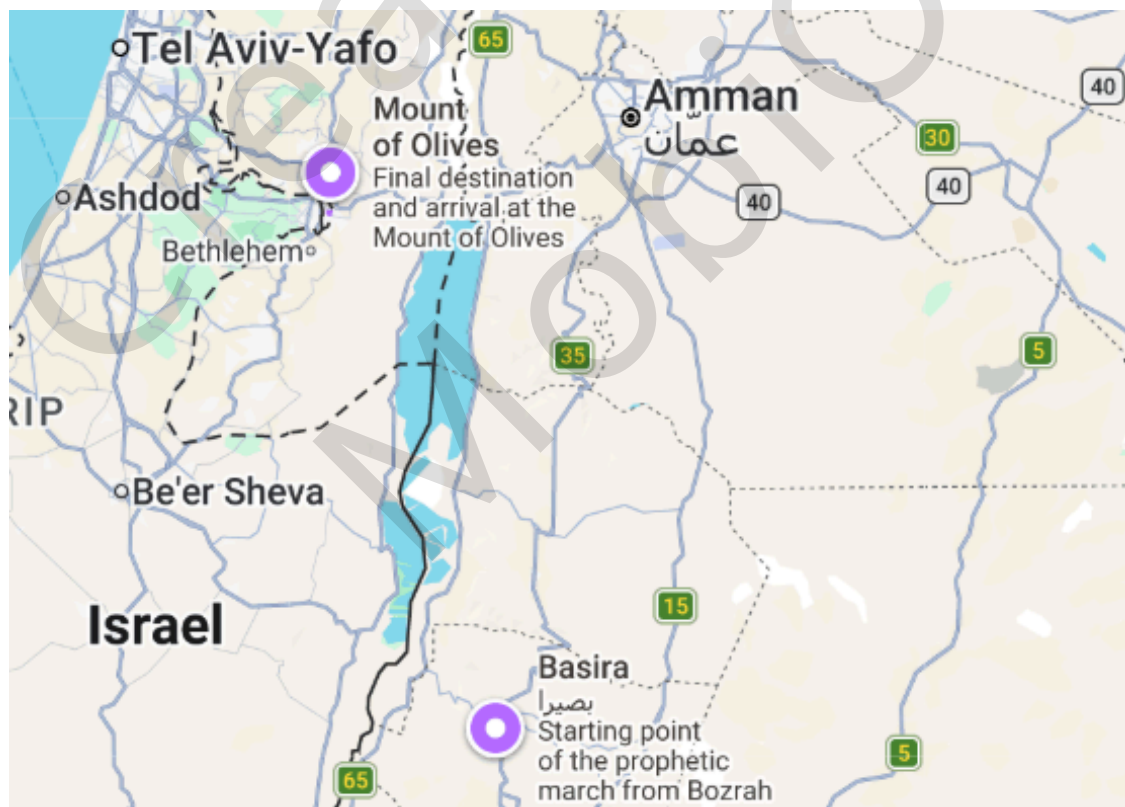
The campaign culminates directly outside the eastern walls of Jerusalem in the **Kidron Valley**, prophetically named the **Valley of Yehoshafat** (meaning "*Adonai Judges*"). Here, the remaining global armies surrounding

Jerusalem are utterly decimated by the word of His mouth (**Joel 3:12–14, Revelation 19**).

Step 5: Setting Foot on the Mount of Olives *(Har HaZeitim)*

The march concludes as **Yeshua** ascends the crest overlooking the Temple Mount.

Zechariah 14:4 describes the tectonic, cosmic climax: *"On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which lies before Yerushalayim on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west..."*



The Ultimate Redemptive Visual

This geographical route is a deliberate, exact mirror of the Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) ritual in reverse. On Yom Kippur, the **scapegoat** bearing the sins of Israel was led *out* of the Temple, ***eastward*** across the Kidron Valley, and abandoned to die in the Judean wilderness.

When **Yeshua** returns, He reverses the curse. He starts in the far eastern wilderness, gathering the outcasts, and marches ***westward*** back into Jerusalem to cleanse the land, reclaim His Father's house, and establish the **Malchut HaShamayim** (Kingdom of Heaven) forever.

The internet rumor that a prominent **east-west fault line** sits directly underneath the Mount of Olives waiting to split it is

technically false, but it contains a fascinating element of geographical truth.

A popular story claims that in 1964, engineers surveying the site for a hotel discovered an active fault line running directly from the mount to the East Gate. Official **geological maps of Jerusalem reveal there is no fault line cutting through the center of the Mount of Olives itself**. Instead, the regional fault lines run just to the south (under the Mount of Corruption).

However, Jerusalem sits only 25–30 kilometers from the **Dead Sea Transform (Jordan Rift Valley)**, one of the most volatile tectonic plate boundaries in the Middle East. Furthermore, geological studies show the Mount of Olives is composed of unstable, highly fragile *Senonian chalk*. While the limestone of the Old City resists seismic waves, a major earthquake along the Jordan

Rift system would cataclysmically rupture, fracture, and slide the weak chalk slopes of the Mount of Olives. *Adonai* does not need a pre-existing fault line to fulfill His word; the supernatural impact of the Messiah's return will instantly trigger the seismic splitting.

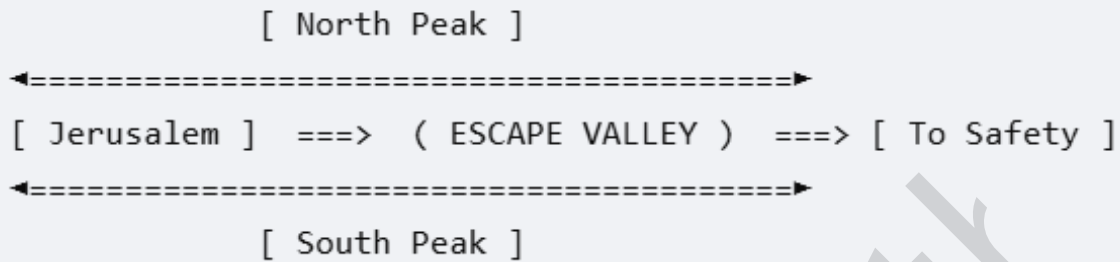
1.1. Zechariah 14: The Instant Escape Valley for the Survivors

In **Zekharyah (Zechariah) 14**, the prophet captures a desperate moment for the Jewish people. The forces of the anti-Torah nations have successfully breached Jerusalem: *"The city will be captured, the houses rifled, and the women raped; half of the city will go into exile..."* (Zekharyah 14:2, CJB).

With their backs against the wall, the ultimate divine intervention occurs:

*"On that day his feet will stand on the **Mount of Olives**, which lies before Yerushalayim on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be **split in half from east to west** by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. You will flee through the valley of my mountains..."* (Zekharyah 14:4–5, CJB)

THE SPLITTING OF THE MOUNT OF OLIVES



The Messianic Jewish Mechanics of the Escape

- **The Direction of the Rift:** By splitting from **east to west**, the mountain opens up a horizontal canyon heading directly away from the eastern walls of Jerusalem.
- **The Analogy of the Red Sea:** This event is a literal end-times replay of the **Parting of the Red Sea** (*Yam Suph*). Just as God tore open the chaotic waters to create a dry path of safety for Israel fleeing Pharaoh's army, the Messiah tears open a solid mountain of rock to create an immediate escape corridor for the besieged survivors cornered inside the city.

- **The Memory of Uzziah:** Zekharyah notes they will flee *"as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uziyahu, king of Yehudah"*. This historic earthquake (archaeologically verified around 750 BCE) was so terrifying it became a permanent cultural marker of panicked flight. The survivors will run through the newly opened valley, out of the range of the urban slaughter, directly into the protective arms of the Messiah's arriving forces.

1.2. 2. The Messianic Fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*)

Immediately following this total military victory, the text transitions into a beautiful administrative decree. The global war is over, the **Anti-Messiah is destroyed**, and **Yeshua** is ruling from Jerusalem. Shockingly, the very nations that just marched up to destroy the

Jewish people are now given an executive command:

*"Then every survivor from all the nations that came against Yerushalayim will go up year after year to **worship the King, Adonai-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.**" (Zekharyah 14:16, CJB)*

Why Sukkot (Tabernacles) of All Feasts?

In the calendar of *Adonai* (Leviticus 23), the Spring Feasts (*Pesach*, *Shavuot*) were fulfilled precisely to the day during **Yeshua**'s first coming. The **Fall Feasts chart** His second coming: **Rosh HaShanah** (the trumpet gathering), **Yom Kippur** (the corporate redemption of Israel), and finally, **Sukkot**.

- **God Tabernacled with Man: Sukkot**
celebrates the harvesting of the crop and commemorates God dwelling physically among the Israelites in the wilderness. Its ultimate fulfillment is the **Millennial Reign** (*Malchut HaShamayim*). The King has

returned, and He is literally "tabernacling" physically among His people in Jerusalem.

- **The Feast of the Nations (Goyim):** In ancient Temple times, the priests sacrificed **70 bulls** during Sukkot (Numbers 29). According to the Talmud (*Sukkah 55b*), these 70 bulls were offered on behalf of the **70 original nations of the earth** (Genesis 10). Sukkot was always designed to be an international festival where the Gentile world finds its place within the commonwealth of Israel.

- **The Rule of Iron (Rain Enforcement):** Zekharyah notes that any nation that refuses to send representatives up to Jerusalem for Sukkot will receive a swift penalty: **no rain** (Zekharyah 14:17). In an agrarian society, rain is life. This highlights that the Messiah's kingdom will be a literal, authoritative government. The

nations will learn the Torah, honor the biblical calendar, and stream to Zion to celebrate the ultimate harvest of souls under the lordship of **Yeshua**.

Feast (Hebrew Name)	Biblical Timing	Torah Context & Practice	Messianic Fulfillment in Yeshua
Passover (<i>Pesach</i>)	Nisan 14 (Spring)	Redemption by the blood of the lamb; exit from Egypt's bondage.	Fulfilled at First Coming: Yeshua's death as the spotless Lamb of God (1 Cor 5:7).
Unleavened Bread (<i>Hag HaMatzot</i>)	Nisan 15–21 (Spring)	Removal of leaven (sin); eating matzah for seven days.	Fulfilled at First Coming: Yeshua's sinless life and burial, removing the curse of sin.
Firstfruits (<i>Yom HaBikkurim</i>)	Nisan 16 (Spring)	Offering the first sheaf of the barley harvest to Adonai.	Fulfilled at First Coming: Yeshua's resurrection as the firstfruits of those who slept (1 Cor 15:20).
Weeks / Pentecost (<i>Shavuot</i>)	Sivan 6 (Late Spring)	Giving of the Torah at Sinai; offering the first wheat harvest.	Fulfilled at First Coming: Outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) writing Torah on hearts (Acts 2).
Trumpets (<i>Yom Teruah</i>)	Tishrei 1 (Autumn)	A day of blowing the shofar; awakening and calling to repentance.	Future Prophetic Event: The gathering of the elect and the resurrection at the last shofar blast.
Day of Atonement (<i>Yom Kippur</i>)	Tishrei 10 (Autumn)	National cleansing; high priest enters the Holy of Holies with blood.	Future Prophetic Event: National salvation of Israel's remnant upon seeing the pierced Messiah.
Tabernacles (<i>Sukkot</i>)	Tishrei 15–22 (Autumn)	Dwelling in booths; final harvest joy; God tabernacling with man.	Future Prophetic Event: The Millennial Reign (<i>Malchut HaShamayim</i>); Yeshua dwelling physically on Earth.

Here is your file:

This document contains a comprehensive visual overview of the **Appointed Times of Adonai (*Moedim*)** found in Leviticus 23. It separates them into the Spring Feasts (which **Yeshua** historically fulfilled to the exact day

during His first coming) and the Fall Feasts (which layout the timeline for His prophetic return and Millennial kingdom).

The Connection Between *Nisuch HaMayim* and Zechariah 14:8

To see the depth of **Zekharyah (Zechariah) 14:8**, we must step into the ancient Temple during the festive week of **Sukkot (Tabernacles)**. Every single day of the feast, a highly anticipated, dramatic liturgical event took place called the ***Nisuch HaMayim* (The Water Libation Ceremony)**.

To a Messianic Jew, this ritual is the precise prophetic bridge that connects the historic worship of Israel to the future cosmic reality of Messiah's throne.

NISUCH HAMAYIM PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT

[Ancient Temple Ritual] =====> [Zechariah 14:8 Reality]

High Priest draws water

The King (**Yeshua**) sits on Throne;

from Pool of Siloam;

Earthly mountain splits open;

Pours it over the Altar;

Living Waters split into two literal,

Nation cries out for the Holy Spirit.

life-giving rivers flowing out to seas •

1.1. The Dynamic Ritual of the Second Temple Era

During *Sukkot*, while the sacrifices were being prepared, the High Priest led a joyful, singing procession down from the Temple Mount to the southern edge of the City of David.

- There, he dipped a golden pitcher into the **Pool of Shiloach (Siloam)**, which was fed directly by the subterranean *Gihon Spring*—Jerusalem's only source of pure, naturally bubbling "**Living Water**" (*Mayim Chayim*).
- The priest carried the water back up to the Temple through the Water Gate,

greeted by three massive blasts of the silver trumpets (*shofarot*).

- He ascended the altar (*Mizbe'ach*) and simultaneously poured the water down a silver funnel, while another priest poured wine into a parallel funnel.
- As the water cascaded over the altar, the entire Levitical choir sang the *Hallel* (Psalms 113-118). When they reached **Psalms 118:25**, the entire city of Jerusalem would shake with thousands of voices waving palm branches and shouting: "***Ana Adonai, Hoshi'ah na!***" (*Please, Lord, save us now! / Hosanna!*). The Talmud states: "*He who has not seen the rejoicing at the Water-Drawing Place has never seen rejoicing in his life*" (Sukkah 5:1).

1.2. **The Internal Spiritual Cry: Yeshua's** Mid-Feast Declaration

The ***Nisuch HaMayim*** was a dual petition: it was a physical cry for **rain** to water the agricultural crops for the coming year, and a spiritual cry for the **outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit)** promised by the prophets (Joel 2, Isaiah 44:3).

This is why **Yeshua** chose the peak of this exact ceremony to make His most explosive public claim. On the final, greatest day of Sukkot (Hoshana Rabbah), right as the water was being poured onto the altar, Yeshua stood up in the Temple courts and shouted:

*"If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, **rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!**" (He said this concerning the Ruach...) — Yochanan (John) 7:37-39, CJB*

Yeshua was telling the crowds that the golden pitcher, the Pool of Siloam, and the altar ritual were all pointing directly to *Him*. He is the true source of the internal *Mayim Chayim*.

1.3. The Future Physical Reality: Zechariah 14:8

Once Yeshua returns, rescues His people from Bozrah, and splits the Mount of Olives, the internal spiritual reality of the *Nisuch HaMayim* transforms into a **physical, geographical reality**.

Zekharyah 14:8 (CJB style) declares:

*"On that day, **living waters (mayim chayim)** will flow out from Yerushalayim, half of them toward the eastern sea [The Dead Sea] and half of them toward the western sea [The Mediterranean]; it will happen in both summer and winter."*

When the Messiah sets His feet on the mountain and splits it, a massive geographical shift occurs. The tiny subterranean Gihon Spring beneath Jerusalem will erupt into a massive, supernatural artesian river system

bursting out from beneath the Temple Mount.

- **Healing the Dead Sea:** As detailed by Ezekiel 47, this river will surge down the newly opened eastern fault line into the Jordan Rift Valley, instantly turning the toxic, mineral-choked waters of the Dead Sea into fresh, life-filled water teeming with fish.
- **Perennial Supply:** Unlike the seasonal streams (*wadis*) of Israel that dry up into baking dust bowls during the dry season, this river will flow *perennially*—"in both summer and winter"—ensuring the land never suffers drought again.

The *Nisuch HaMayim* was Israel's rehearsal. Zechariah 14:8 is the grand opening. The King who once stood in the Temple courts offering spiritual water to individual hearts will now sit

on His physical throne, sending physical rivers of life out to heal the entire globe.

Visualizing the Living Water: From Gihon to Shiloach

To fully picture the *Nisuch HaMayim* (Water Libation Ceremony), you have to see the actual geography of the **City of David**. The water system of ancient Jerusalem is an engineering marvel that perfectly sets the stage for the prophetic declarations of **Yeshua**.

Here is how these three critical elements connect visually and historically:

1. The Subterranean Gihon Spring (*Ma'ayan Gichon*)

The entire existence of Jerusalem is anchored to the **Gihon Spring**. Its name comes from the Hebrew root *giah*, meaning "to gush forth," because it is an intermittent siphon spring that naturally erupts with surging water several times a day. In the ancient near east, this pure, subterranean, bubbling water was the literal definition of **Living Water** (*Mayim Chayim*).



2. King Hezekiah's Tunnel

Around 701 BCE, facing an imminent siege by Sennacherib's Assyrian army, King Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) pulled off an incredible tactical feat. He sealed the external, exposed mouth of the Gihon Spring and dug a **533-meter underground tunnel** straight through solid limestone bedrock. This subterranean

channel routed the water safely away from the enemy, down into the deepest, most protected corner of the city.

3. The Pool of Shiloach (Siloam)

The water flowing through the tunnel emptied directly into the **Pool of Shiloach** (meaning "Sent" or "Conducted"). This massive, monumental pool acted as the main reservoir for the city during the Second Temple period. Archaeologists recently uncovered its vast limestone steps where hundreds of thousands of Jewish pilgrims would gather to ritually immerse (*mikveh*) before walking up the paved Pilgrim's Road to the Temple Mount.



The Golden Pitcher Liturgy



During the ***Nisuch HaMayim***, the High Priest would walk down those exact stone steps. He dipped a heavy **golden pitcher** straight into this collection point of the pure Gihon water.

As he carried it back up the steep hill toward the Temple, the crowd would swell around him, anticipating the moment this living water would blend with wine and wash over the altar—the ultimate foreshadowing of the spirit and water that would later flow from the side of the Messiah