

## “Ahaz and Hoshea” 2 Kings 16-17 5/07/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Ahaz and Hoshea” in 2 Kings 16-17

To Online Word's sheep, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 16:11, “Then Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Urijah the priest made *it* before King Ahaz came back from Damascus,” explain Urijah’s mind or heart to King Ahaz, compared with Azariah’s to the previous king Uzziah. And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 17:6, “In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,” why was Israel conquered by Assyria in the sight of God? and what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 17:16, “So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image *and* two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal,” why were two calves made? And what can we learn from here?

**(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)**

In the last time in 2 Kings 15:38, “So Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place,” Ahaz the 11<sup>th</sup> king of Judah was an evil king unlike his father Jotham, but his son Hezekiah the good king would be coming.

### Time Table of Church History

931 BC	Kingdom Divided Between Judah & Israel
722 BC	Assyria conquered Israel
586 BC	Babylon <sup>1</sup> conquered Judah
536 BC	Persia conquered Babylon

Ahaz the 11<sup>th</sup> king of Judah (736-716 BC) in Chapter 16 and Hoshea the 19<sup>th</sup> or last king of Israel in Chapter 17 as both disobedient kings to God are stated. Israel lasted with disobedience to God for about 200 years, falling away by the 4 times invasion through Pul or Tiglath-Pileser III (744-727 BC) and Shalmaneser V (726-722BC) the kings of Assyria. Then Assyria resettled the inhabitants by moving Israelites out and moving foreigners in. Thereafter Judah lasted with little obedience to God for about 200 years more, falling away by the 3 times captivity through Babylon in 536 BC.

### Time Order (#) of the Kings and the Prophets<sup>2</sup>

#	Israel's Kings (Reference)	Reign Period	#	Judah's Kings (reference)	Reign Period	#	Prophets (Life <sup>3</sup> )	Reference (Bible; Kings)
1	Jeroboam (1 Ki 12:25-33)	931-910	1	Rehoboam (1 Ki 11:43)	931-913	1	Elijah (875-850)	1 Ki 15-24 Jehoshapat ; 1 Ki 16:28 Ahab
2	Nadab	910-	2	Abijam [Abijah] (1	913-911	2	Elisha (850-	1 Ki 22:50 Jehoram

<sup>1</sup> By Babylon, in 606 BC 1<sup>st</sup> captivity (Daniel); in 597 BC 2<sup>nd</sup> Captivity (Ezekiel); and in 586 BC 3<sup>rd</sup> Captivity – 70 years captivity.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph P. Free and Howard F. Vos, “Archaeology and Bible History,” (Michigan; ZondervanPublishingHouse, 1950).

<sup>3</sup> Henry H. Halley, (ibid.).

	(1 Ki 14:20; 15:25)	909		Ki 14:31)			800)	
3	Baasha (1 Ki 15:16, 28)	909-886	3	<b>Asa</b> <sup>4</sup> (1 Ki 15:8)	911-870	7	Isaiah (745-695)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham
4	Elah (1 Ki 16:6)	886-885	4	<b>Jehoshaphat</b> (1 Ki 15:24)	870-848	11	Jeremiah <sup>5</sup> (626-586)	2 Ki 23:34 Jehoiakim [Eliakim]
5	Zimri (1 Ki 16:11)	885	5	Jehoram <sup>6</sup> (1 Ki 22:50)	848-841			
	Tibni (1 Ki 16:21)	885-880	6	Ahaziah (2 Ki 8:24)	841			
6	Omri (1 Ki 16:16)	880-874		Athaliah <sup>7</sup> (2 Ki 11:1)	841-835	15	Ezekiel (592-570)	Babylon conquered Judah
7	Ahab <sup>8</sup> (1 Ki 16:28)	874-853	7	<b>Joash</b> (2 Ki 11:21)	835-796	14	Daniel (606-534)	
8	Ahaziah (1 Ki 22:40)	853-852	8	<b>Amaziah</b> (2 Ki 12:21)	796-767	6	Hosea (760-720)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham
9	Jehoram <sup>9</sup> (2 Ki 1:17)	852-841	9	<b>Azariah</b> [Uzziah] (2 Ki 14:21; 2 Ch 26)	767-740	3	Joel (840-830)	2 Ki 11:21 Joash
10	Jehu (2 Ki 9:13)	841-814	10	<b>Jotham</b> (2 Ki 15:7; 2 Ch 27)	740-736	5	Amos (780-740)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham
11	Jehoahaz (2 Ki 10:35; 13:1)	814-798	11	Ahaz (2 Ki 15:38; 2 Ch 28)	736-716	13	Obadiah (586 - ?)	2 Ki 24:17 Zedekiah
12	Jehoash (2 Ki 13:9)	798-782	12	<b>Hezekiah</b> (2 Ki 16:20; 2 Ch 29)	716-687	4	Jonah (790-770)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah]
13	Jeroboam II (2 Ki 14:16)	782-753	13	Manasseh (2 Ki 20:21; 2 Ch 33)	687-642	8	Micah (740-700)	2 Ki 15:38 Ahaz
14	Zechariah (2 Ki 14:29; 15:8)	753-752	14	Amon (2 Ki 21:18)	642-640	10	Nahum (630-610)	2 Ki 23:30 Jehoahaz
15	Shallum (2 Ki 15:10)	752	15	<b>Josiah</b> (2 Ki 21:24)	640-609	12	Habakuk (606-586)	2 Ki 24:6 Jehoiachin
16	Menahem (2 Ki 15:14)	752-742	16	Jehoahaz [Shallum] <sup>10</sup> (2 Ki 23:30)	609	9	Zephaniah (639-608)	2 Ki 21:24 Josiah
17	Pekiah (2 Ki 15:22)	742-740	17	Jehoiakim [Eliakim] (2 Ki 23:34)	609-597	16	Haggai (520-516)	Persia conquered Babylon: (1) return from the captivity: Joshua & Zerubbabel (536-516) (2) Temple rebuilt: Ezra (457-430) & Nehemiah (444-432)
18	Pekah (2 Ki 15:25)	740-732	18	Jeohoiachin [Jeconiah] (2 Ki 24:6; Jer 24:1)	597	16	Zechariah (520-516)	
19	Hoshea (2 Ki 15:30)	732-722	19	Zedekiah (2 Ki 24:17)	597-586	18	Malachi (450-400)	

Source: Wayne Kim, "Solus Spiritus Sanctus For the perfect reformation," (California: CCAH Press®, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> Boldfaced lettered Kings are the good kings who generally obeyed the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> He also wrote the book of "Lamentations."

<sup>6</sup> Ahab's son-in-law

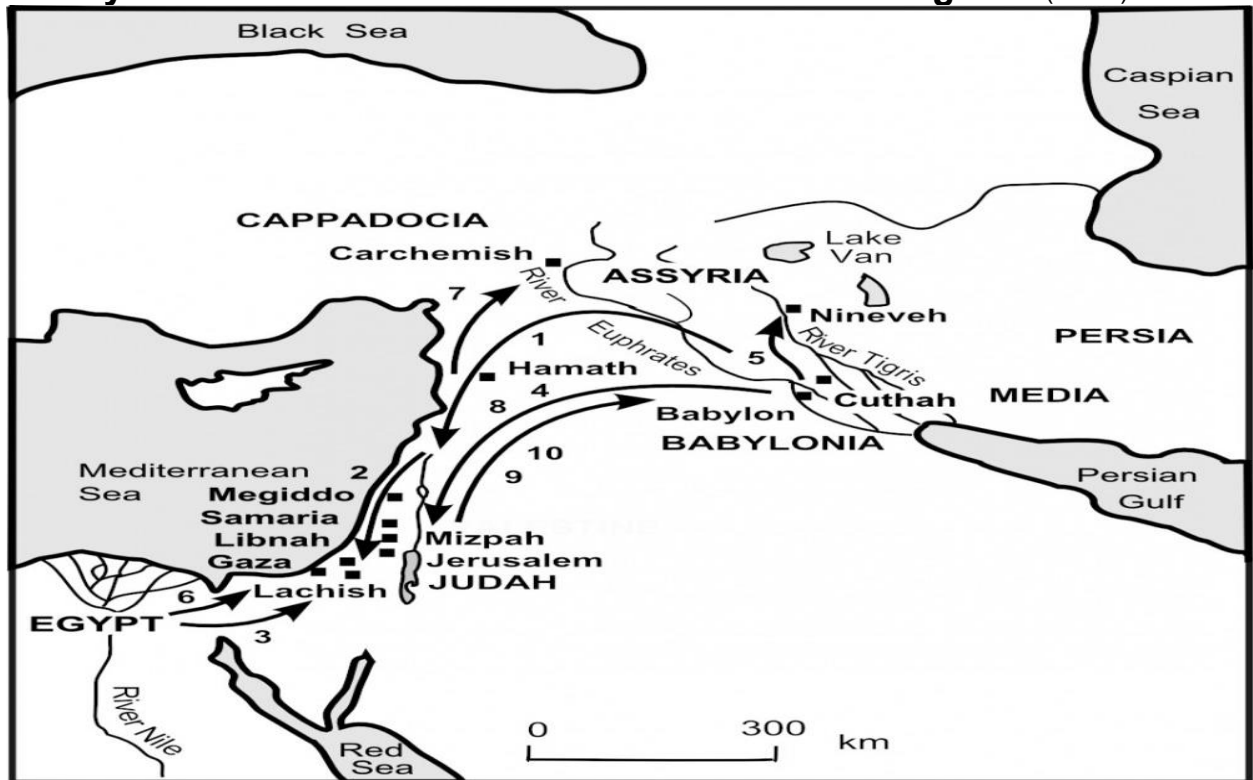
<sup>7</sup> Athaziah's mother, Ahab's daughter (2 Ki 8:18, 26)

<sup>8</sup> Jezebel, his wife, and Athaliah, his daughter, who married Jehoram, the 5<sup>th</sup> Judah's King, whose father was Jehoshaphat, the 4<sup>th</sup> Judah's King who was good.

<sup>9</sup> Jehoram, the 9<sup>th</sup> Israel's king, was killed with Ahaziah, the 6<sup>th</sup> Judah's King, by Jehu (2 Ki 9:21-27).

<sup>10</sup> Josiah's decedents – Jehoiachin the king, his grandson, and the other three (3) kings, his sons.

## Assyria's resettlement between Israelites and foreigners (17:24)



Source: <https://wehist.blogspot.com>

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><b>16</b></p> <p><u>1</u>In the seventeenth year of <u>Pekah</u> the son of Remaliah, <u>Ahaz</u> the son of Jotham, <u>king of Judah</u>, <u>began to reign</u>.</p> <p><u>2</u> Ahaz was <u>twenty years old</u> when he became king, and he <u>reigned sixteen years</u> in Jerusalem; and he did not do <u>what was right in the sight of the LORD</u> his God, as his father David <i>had done</i>. <u>3</u> But he <u>walked in the way of the kings of Israel</u>; indeed he <u>made his son pass through the fire</u>, according to <u>the abominations of the nations</u> whom <u>the LORD</u> had <u>cast out</u> from before the children of Israel.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>1=...Pekah....Ahaz....king of Judah, began to reign (At the time of Pekah the 18<sup>th</sup> king of Israel, Ahaz the 11<sup>th</sup> king of Judah began to reign, supra. Then, Isaiah was prophesying mainly to Judah <i>Isaiah 1:1<sup>11</sup></i>)</p> <p>2=...20 years old....reigned 16 years in Jerusalem....not do what was right in the sight of the Lord (God sees Ahaz's heart, mind, soul, spirit, or spiritual mind; Ahaz was a bad king)</p> <p>3= ..walked in the way of the kings of Israel....made his son pass through the fire....the abominations of the nations ....the Lord .... cast out (All kings of Israel were polytheists, or disobedient to God, in verses in 17: 38-39, despite God's requiring exclusive worshipping God. So they did not believe God or His word. Ahaz did infant sacrifice to idols such as Molech, Asherah, or Baal of the pagan nations had been cast out from the</p>
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<sup>11</sup> *Isaiah 1:1* The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<p><u>4</u> And he sacrificed and <u>burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.</u></p> <p><u>5</u> Then <u>Rezin king of Syria</u> and <u>Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel,</u> came up to <u>Jerusalem to make war;</u> and they <u>besieged Ahaz but could not overcome him.</u> <u>6</u> At that time <u>Rezin king of Syria captured Elath for Syria,</u> and drove <u>the men of Judah</u> from Elath. Then <u>the Edomites</u> went to Elath, and <u>dwelt there to this day.</u> <u>7</u> So Ahaz sent messengers to <u>Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria,</u> saying, “<u>I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Syria and from the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.</u>”</p> <p><u>8</u> And Ahaz took <u>the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD,</u> and in the treasuries of <u>the king’s house,</u> and sent <u>it as a present to the king of Assyria.</u> <u>9</u> So the king of Assyria heeded him; for <u>the king of Assyria went up against Damascus</u> and took it, carried <u>its people captive to Kir,</u> and <u>killed Rezin.</u></p> <p><u>10</u> Now King Ahaz went <u>to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria,</u> and saw <u>an altar that was at Damascus;</u> and King Ahaz sent <u>to Urijah the priest the design of the altar and its pattern,</u> according to all its workmanship.</p> <p><u>11</u> Then <u>Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Urijah the priest made it before King Ahaz came back from Damascus.</u></p>	<p>promised land by God <i>Isaiah 7:9<sup>12)</sup></i></p> <p>4=...burned incense on the high places, on the hills....under every green tree (Ahaz practiced idolatries like the kings of Israel)</p> <p>5-7= (Syria had alliance with Israel, conquering Elath city of Judah. Then Edomites resided in Elath. So, Ahaz tried to make a treaty with Tiglath-Pileser III king of Assyria to destroy that alliance)</p> <p>8= ...the silver and gold....in the house of the Lord...the king’s house...a present to the king of Assyria (Without asking God’s direction, Ahaz, for the treaty, gave the precious presents from the temple of God and the palace to the king of Assyria. He did not help directly Ahaz king of Judah to be against Israel but conquered Damascus the capital city of Syria and killed Rezin king of Syria 2 <i>Chro 28:20-21<sup>13)</sup></i>)</p> <p>10= ..to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria ....an altar....to Urijah the priest the design of the altar and its pattern....(Although Isaiah delivered God’s word to Ahaz king of Judah to ask a miracle or sign for himself, he rejected it. Ahaz king of Judah visited on the king of Assyria at Damascus, saw the altar and its pattern of pagan gods, and ordered Urijah the priest to make it according to its design, <i>Isaiah 7:11-12<sup>14)</sup></i>)</p> <p>11=Q1 Then Urijah ....built an altar according to all that King Ahaz.... Urijah the priest made it before King Ahaz came back... (Unlike Azariah the priest at the time of Uzziah the previous 9<sup>th</sup> king of Judah, Urijah the priest obeyed King Ahaz’s order fully before Ahaz came back. We should obey governing authorities which are appointed by God</p>
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<sup>12</sup> *Isaiah 7:9* The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established.

<sup>13</sup> 2 *Chro 28:20-21* Also Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him. <sup>21</sup> For Ahaz took part of *the treasures* from the house of the LORD, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.

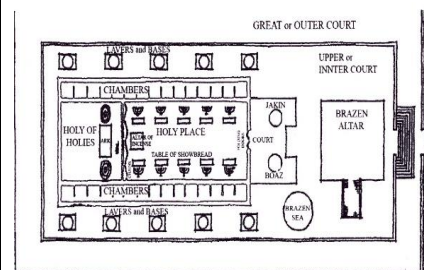
<sup>14</sup> *Isaiah 7:11-12* “Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!”

<sup>12</sup> And when the king came back from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king approached the altar and made offerings on it. <sup>13</sup> So he burned his burnt offering and his grain offering; and he poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar. <sup>14</sup> He also brought the bronze altar which was before the LORD, from the front of the temple—from between the *new* altar and the house of the LORD—and put it on the north side of the new altar. <sup>15</sup> Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, “On the great new altar burn the morning burnt offering, the evening grain offering, the king’s burnt sacrifice, and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, their grain offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. And the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by.” <sup>16</sup> Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that King Ahaz commanded. <sup>17</sup> And King Ahaz cut off the panels of the carts, and removed the lavers from them; and he took down the Sea from the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stones. <sup>18</sup> Also he removed the Sabbath pavilion which they had built in the temple, and he removed the king’s outer entrance from the house of the LORD, on account of the king of Assyria.

unless they are against God. Here, Ahaz king’s order to make pagan idols’ altar was against God in the sight of God. So, Urijah should not have obeyed Ahaz king but rebuked Ahaz at risk of his life. If so, he would have received great reward in heaven. Devils in Ahaz would have killed his body but never killed his soul. <sup>2</sup> *Chro 26:17-19; Rom 13:1-2; Acts 5:29; Mat 5:11-12; Mat 10:28<sup>15</sup>*

12-19 = (When Ahaz king came back in Jerusalem from Damascus, he made various offerings on the pagan altar. He moved out, through Urijah, the bronze altar into the north and put the new pagan altar there. He did various offerings there, made people do so. The bronze altar were to be used only upon Ahaz’s king’s inquiry. And he remodeled the temple of God with the panels of the carts, the lavers, Sea, pavilion for Sabbath, and the king’s outer entrance in order to accommodate the king of Assyria; see video of Solomon’s Temple <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiF-wObznds>



Source: <https://bible-history.com/biblemaps>

Sea: 10 cubits/16 feet/5 meters diameter circle water tank; Laver: 4 x 4 cubits/ 7 x 7 feet/ 2 x 2 meters square water tank (1 Kings 7:23, 27)

<sup>15</sup> *2 Chro 26:17-19* So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. <sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “*It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God.*”<sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious; and he *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar; *Rom 13:1-2* Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves; *Acts 5:29* But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men; *Mat 5:11-12* Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you; *Mat 10:28* And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>19</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>20</sup> So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

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<sup>1</sup> In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. <sup>2</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him. <sup>3</sup> Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute money. <sup>4</sup> And the king of Assyria uncovered a conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and brought no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. <sup>5</sup> Now the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years.

<sup>6</sup> In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

<sup>7</sup> For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods, <sup>8</sup> and had walked in the statutes of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had

19-20= (Other things were written in Chronicles. He was dead, followed by Hezekiah the 12<sup>th</sup> obedient king)

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2-5= (Hoshea became the 19<sup>th</sup> or last king of Israel. He was less evil king than previous kings of Israel. The king of Assyria invaded Israel in the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, after in the 1<sup>st</sup> time at the time of Menahem the 16<sup>th</sup> king and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> time at the time of Pekah the 18<sup>th</sup> king. Hoshea became his servant and paid tribute to him, but had conspiracy with the king of Egypt against Assyria for years. So, the king of Assyria in the 3<sup>rd</sup> time invaded, bound Hoshea in prison, went up all land and besieged Samaria for 3 years. 2 Kings 15:19; 2 Kings 15:29<sup>16</sup>)

6=Q2 In the 9<sup>th</sup> year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria.....Halah... Habor...Gozan... Medes.. (Finally or in the 4<sup>th</sup> time, Assyria conquered Israel in 722 BC and carried people into Assyria, i.e., resettling to prevent revolt against Assyria and to struggle to survive in the foreign land; Our God is merciful, patient, and good. Through invasions, God had given Israel opportunities to confess their sins and return to Him, but they had not confessed their sins and sought His forgiveness. Finally, God gave them up. Psalm 136:1; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9<sup>17</sup>)

7-23 = (The reasons why God allowed Israel to be destroyed are stated; there were a lot of practices for pagan idols, not only public sin but also secret sin. But there is no secret sin in the sight of God because God knows all things 1 John 3:20,21<sup>18</sup>)

<sup>16</sup> 2 Kings 15:19 Pul king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his control; 2 Kings 15:29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria;

<sup>17</sup> Psalm 136:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever; 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent; 1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

<sup>18</sup> 1 John 3:20,21 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our

made. <sup>9</sup> Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that were not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower to fortified city.

<sup>10</sup> They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. <sup>11</sup> There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger, <sup>12</sup> for they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing." <sup>13</sup> Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets."

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. <sup>15</sup> And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them.

<sup>16</sup> So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

10= ...sacred pillars and wooden images on the very high hill (Wooden images of Asherah the goddess of sex, called as the Ashtoreth of the Babylonians, the Aphrodite of the Greeks, or the Venus of the Romans; All perverted sex outside of the valid marriage between a man and a woman missed the mark set up by God; it's a sin; a little missing would grow seriously up to death. Live in Christ who gives abundant life. *James 1:15; John 10:10<sup>19</sup>*)

14= Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks...(Although God told through prophets or seers to turn from your evil ways and keep His word to both Israel and Judah, but all Israel and most Judah were not obedient to God in apostasy. Here Israel was suddenly destroyed without remedy *Prov 29:1<sup>20</sup>*)

16=Q3 ...left all the commandments of the Lord....for themselves a molded image and 2 calves, made a wooden image and worshipped all the host of heaven....served Baal (Jeroboam the 1<sup>st</sup> king of Israel built Shechem the worship place of God and two golden calves the likeness of God for Exodus at Dan and Bethel to prevent Israelites' 3 times worship services per year at the temple of God in Jerusalem, followed by worshipping various idols of wooden image Asherah, stars, and Baal the idol of knowledge. The cost to go to Jerusalem for 3 times per year worship was wiped out by Jeroboam. God measures the offering/donation/gift in a different standard than man. We often see the amount but God sees the cost such as a poor widow's 2 mites offering;

heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

<sup>19</sup> *James 1:15* Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death; *John 10:10* The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

<sup>20</sup> *Prov 29:1* He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

17 And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. 18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.

The gospel is free to any receiver, but it cost God His only begotten Son. Not a cheap Christianity. Note in NT time, true worshippers must worship God in spirit and truth wherever and whenever; the substance is of Christ in a matter of heart, mind, soul, or spirit *1 Kings 12:25-29; Ex 32:4; Ex 23:14-17; 2 Sam 7:12-13; 2 Sam 24:24; Mark 12:41-44; John 4:20-24; Mark 13:1-2<sup>21</sup>*)

17=...cause their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying... sold themselves to do evil....to provoke Him to anger (God already told through Moses not to follow all the abominations of the conquered nations in the promised land, and later judgment through Isaiah. So, God was provoked to anger against Israel, removing Israel *Deu 18:9-14; Isaiah 8:19-22<sup>22</sup>*)

<sup>21</sup> *1 Kings 12:25-29* Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel. <sup>26</sup> And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: <sup>27</sup> If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah." <sup>28</sup> Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" <sup>29</sup> And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan; *Ex 32:4* And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"; *Ex 23:14-17* "Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year: <sup>15</sup> You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty); <sup>16</sup> and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in *the fruit of your labors from the field*" <sup>17</sup> "Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD; *2 Sam 7:12-13* "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever; *2 Sam 24:24* Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver; *Mark 12:41-44* Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. <sup>42</sup> Then one poor widow came and threw in two <sup>3</sup>mites, which make a quadrans. <sup>43</sup> So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."; *John 4:20-24* Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."; *Mark 13:1-2* Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*" <sup>2</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

<sup>22</sup> *Deu 18:9-14* When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or a soothsayer*, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup> or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. <sup>12</sup> For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. <sup>13</sup> You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. <sup>14</sup> For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you; *Isaiah 8:19-22* And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek* the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them. <sup>21</sup> They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. <sup>22</sup> Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and *they will* be driven into darkness.



19 Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight. 21 For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them commit a great sin. 22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them,

23 until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day. 24 Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities. 25 And it was so, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the rituals of the God of the land; therefore He has sent lions among them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land." 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there; let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the God of the land." 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. 29 However every nation continued to make gods of its own, and put them in the shrines on the high

19= Also Judah ....not keep the commandments of the Lord walked in the statutes of Israel which they made (Judah except a few kings, supra, did not keep the word of God but followed the written law made by Israel. Habakkuk asked God to reconsider His plan to judge Judah with Babylon the evil instrument. But God said the vision was yet for an appointed time. The just shall live by his faith *Hab 1:6, 12-13; Hab 2:3-4<sup>23</sup>*)

23=until the Lord removed Israel out of His sight....said by all His servants the prophets....carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day (Due to Assyria's resettlement between the Israelites and the foreigners, the mixture of people resettled in Israel was known as Samaritans, segregating from Jews even through Jesus' ministry on the earth *John 4:9<sup>24</sup>*)

24= ...people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim...placed them in the cities of Samaria....possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities (The king of Assyria resettled the inhabitants between Israelites and foreigners against potential revolt, like Stalin dictator of the Soviet Union's resettling inhabitants; See above the map)

<sup>23</sup> *Hab 1:6, 12-13*For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places *that are* not theirs.-<sup>12</sup> Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction. <sup>13</sup> *You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A *person* more righteous than he?; *Hab 2:3-4*For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. <sup>4</sup> "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

<sup>24</sup> *John 4:9* Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities where they dwelt. <sup>30</sup> The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima, <sup>31</sup> and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. <sup>32</sup> So they feared the LORD, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. <sup>33</sup> They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away. <sup>34</sup> To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel, <sup>35</sup> with whom the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying: “You shall not fear other gods, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them; <sup>36</sup> but the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall offer sacrifice. <sup>37</sup> And the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment which He wrote for you, you shall be careful to observe forever; you shall not fear other gods. <sup>38</sup> And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods. <sup>39</sup> But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.” <sup>40</sup> However they did not obey, but they followed their former rituals. <sup>41</sup> So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children’s children have continued

33 = They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods..... (The foreigners in Samaria worshipped God as well as their traditional gods, like priests of many religions joined at the coronation of Charles 3 in UK; such polytheists really don't love God more than any others. And so they did not follow God's word Ex 20:3-4; Mark 12:30-31<sup>25</sup>)

37=...the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment....you shall be careful to observe forever...not fear other gods (God wants us to observe carefully/to search forever all things that Jesus commanded us; missing His word is at the risk of missing His target or of a sin. So, observing all things is mostly safe without the risk, and we can live by every word as Jesus says Mat 28:20; John 5:39; Luke 4:4<sup>26</sup>)

41=...feared the Lord, yet served their carved images....continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day (To serve both God and other images appears objective in the sight of men, but it is against God, His word, or Scripture in the sight of God Luke 16:13; Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19<sup>27</sup>)

<sup>25</sup> Ex 20:3-4 “You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Mark 12:30-31 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. <sup>31</sup> And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

<sup>26</sup> Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen; John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me; Luke 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”

<sup>27</sup> Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon; Deut 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you; Rev 22:18-19 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from

doing as their fathers did, even to this day.	
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).*

**Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Scripture)?**

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the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

## **Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and you will be saved.**

### **1. God's Love**

- a. **Love** (John 10:10b)  
*"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*  
Jesus loves you. He wants that you may live life more abundantly, experiencing love, happiness, peace, and the fulfillment of your life purpose.
- b. **Image** (Genesis 1:27a)  
*"God created man in His own image."*  
God created you in His own image to be His friend, being communion with God.

### **2. Man's problem**

- a. **Sin** (Romans 3:23)  
*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*  
You are sinful (contrary to God's will) and imperfect but God is holy and perfect, becoming the separation between you and God.
- b. **Death** (Romans 6:23a)  
*"The wages of sin is death."*  
The separation of sin is spiritual death.
- c. **Judgment** (Hebrews 9:27)  
*"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."*  
After you die, you will face the judgment of eternal spiritual death penalty.

### **3. God's remedy**

- a. **Love & Death** (Romans 5:8)  
*"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*  
God loves you and lets His sole son, Christ, die for you on cross with shed blood.
- b. **Bridge** (1 Peter 3:18a)  
*"Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."*  
Upon Christ's death, He paid the eternal spiritual death penalty for your sins. And so Jesus Christ made the bridge between you (Man) and God.

### **4. Man's response**

#### **Belief & Eternal Life**

(John 3:16) *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

(John 5:24) *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."*

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) *"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"*

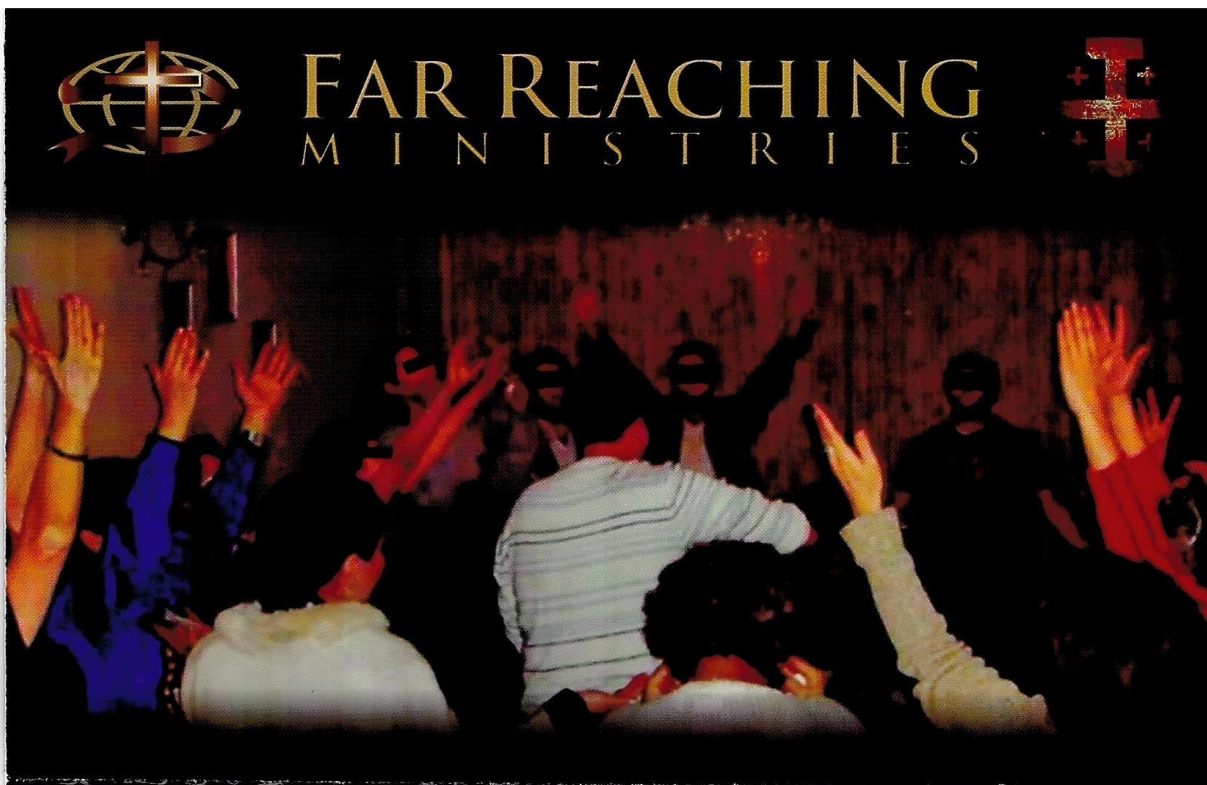
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Pray for brothers, sisters, and children in Christ of the unground church in Iran to be knit together in love and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God.



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## ONE THOUSAND CHILDREN

I recently sent Dave, Shawn, and Edward to a moderate Islamic country where they would meet with many Iranian believers working in the underground church in Iran. I have purposely not included their last names for security reasons. While this country is more moderate, they still had to operate in secrecy. Had they been discovered, they all would have been put in jail, then given long prison terms. Edward runs our Ghost Operations, which, in large, is to oversee and coordinate operations in very dangerous places.

Alma, an Iranian woman, and her husband met our team in an undisclosed location in this moderate Islamic country. Her physical and emotional trauma could be felt by all as she wept deeply and told her story. She said, "They burst into our home in the middle of the night when we were sleeping. They pointed guns and video cameras at us, yelling at us to get out of bed." All she said that she could think about in those moments was her young son screaming from his bedroom, and she could not do anything to protect him. Heavily armed men kept them separated, screaming constant threats

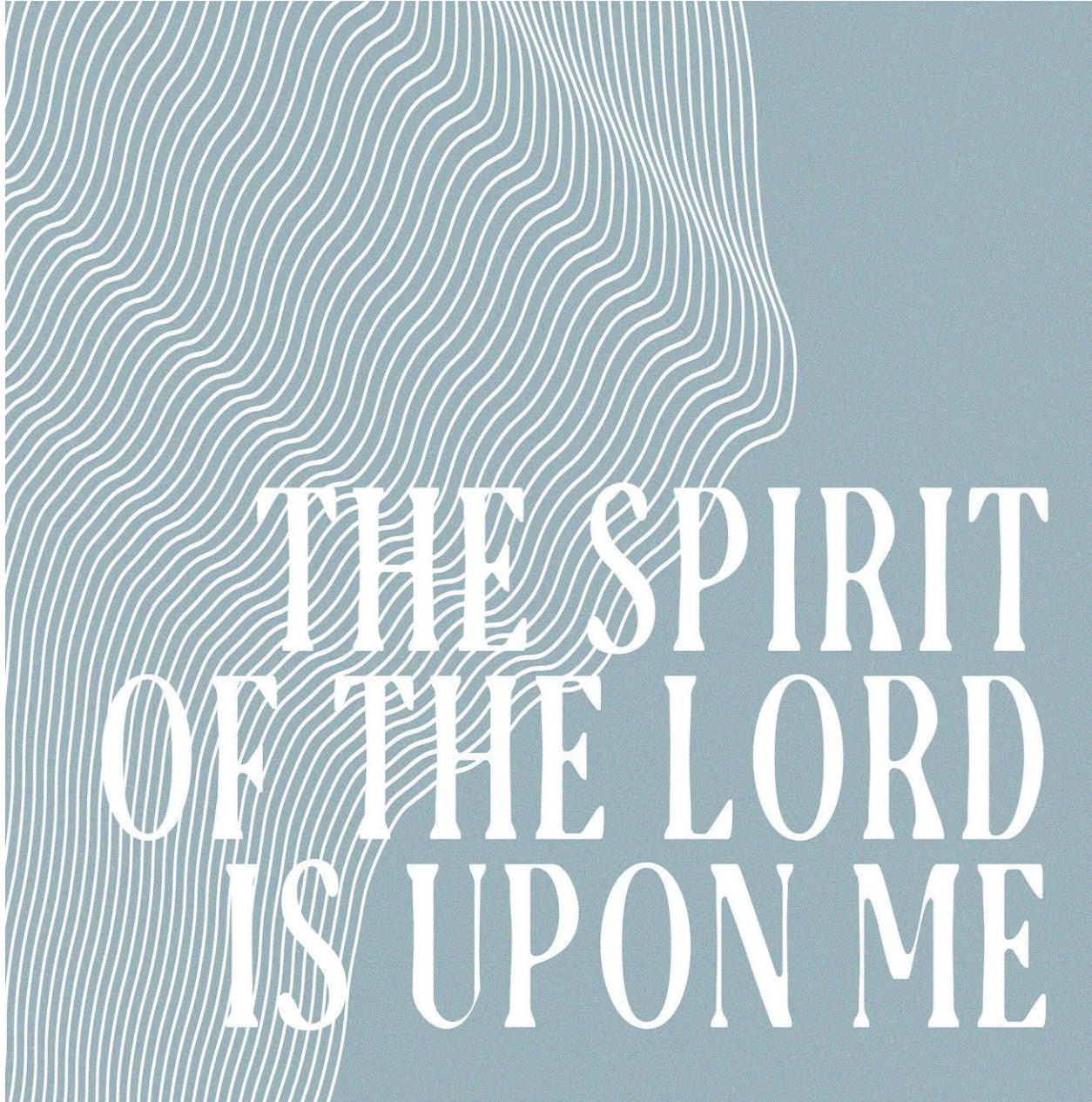
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at them for the crime of being a Christian. They were handcuffed, blindfolded, removed from their home, then taken to an interrogation center where they were placed in individual cells. Alma was interrogated daily about her faith and other underground church members for two weeks. Her male interrogators threatened her constantly with rape and physical beatings. Why they did not rape her, could only be the protective hand of the Lord.

Alma knows several Christian women who were arrested and raped multiple times to humiliate and degrade them, causing them to break down and give up the names of the believers they were connected with.

While Alma was detained, she was deprived of sleep, kept hungry, thirsty, and not allowed to use the toilet or clean herself. The abductors told her that she, her husband, and her son would be executed for being Christians. She said they told her several times that all her problems would stop if she simply renounced Jesus and returned to Islam. All she had to do in that briefest of moments was to deny her faith in Jesus, and

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