

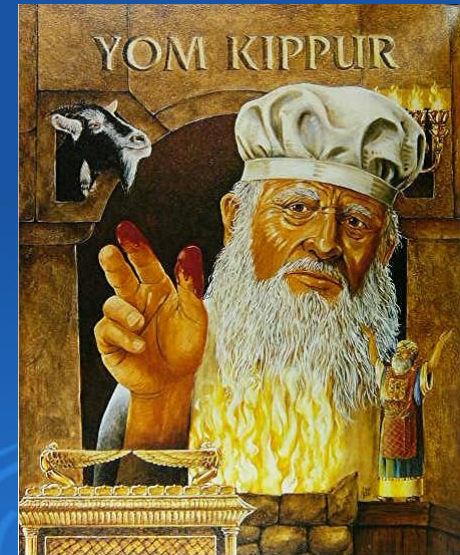
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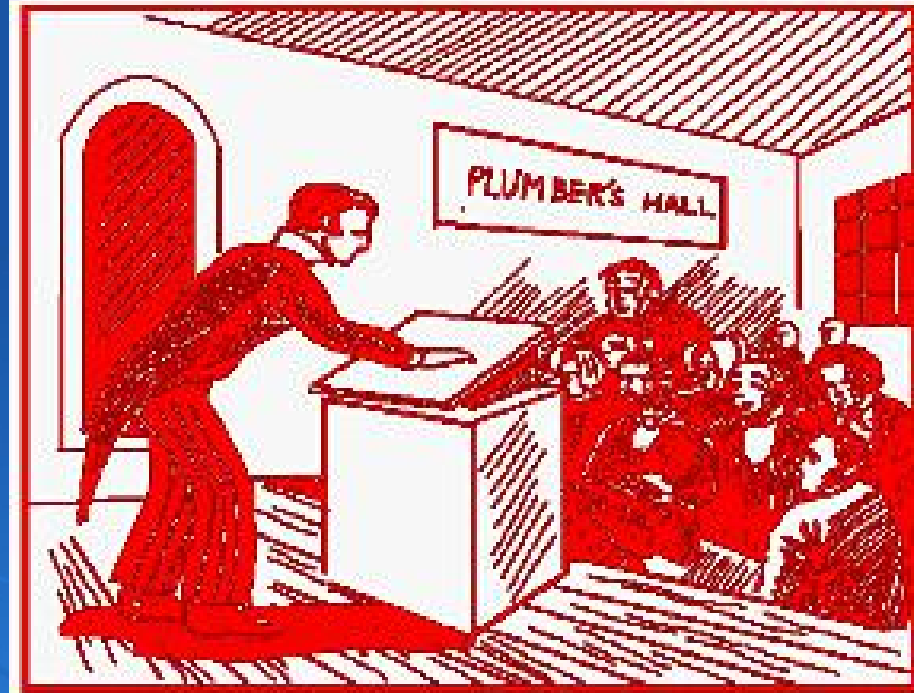
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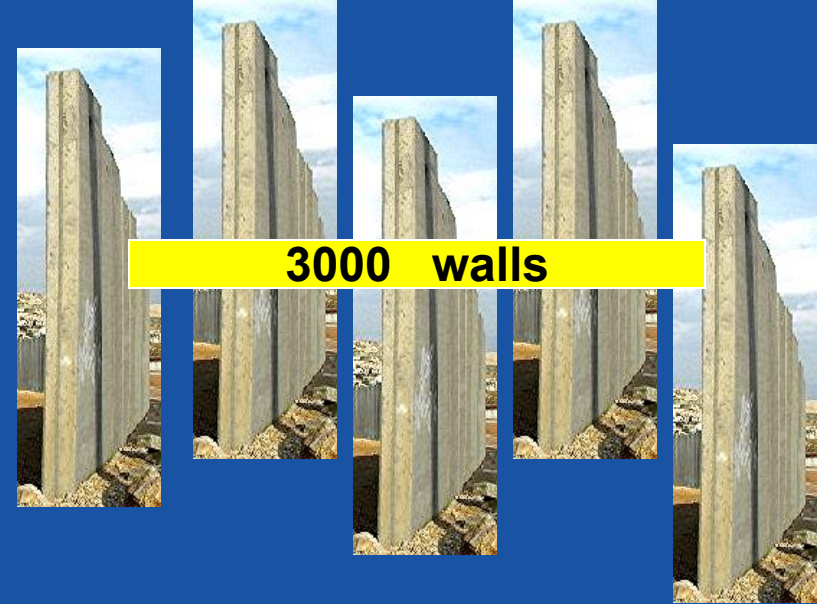
PHYSICAL REALITY

- C.F. Keil 1800's
- *“Governed by these axioms, which are NOT DERIVED from Scriptures.....the critics have found it impossible to explain the different accounts....”*
- Bible study ought to be about seeking God's plans and purposes
- New critical method assumes the bible is inherently faulty and goal is to uncover discrepancies

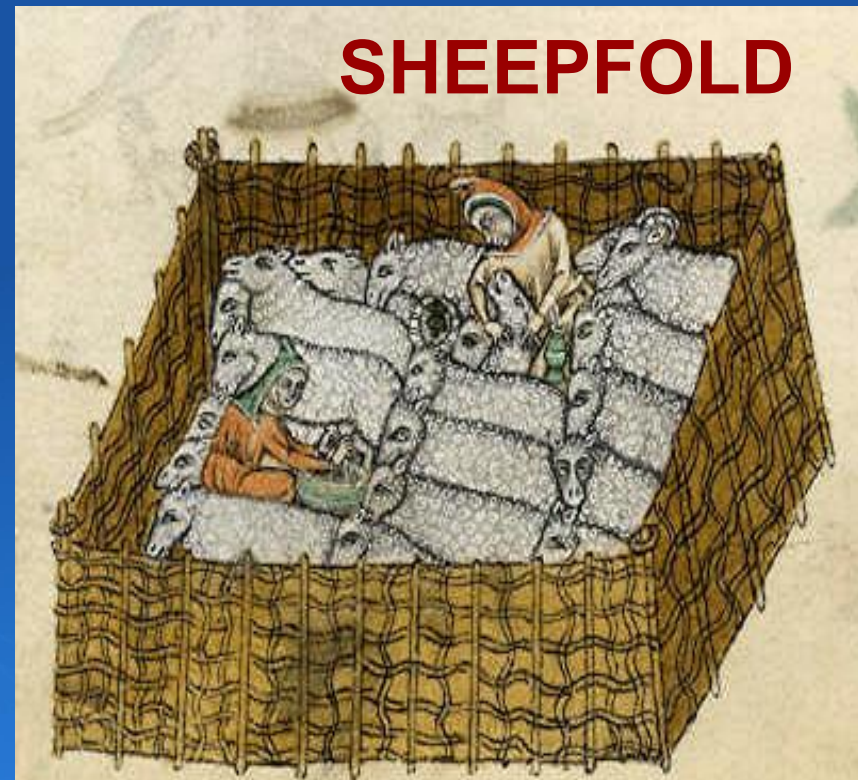
**the Fossilized Traditions of Men
Nullify
the Commandments of God**



SYSTEMATIC WALL VS. A SHEEPFOLD



- Ancient Hebrew scholars and 1st generation Church saw Scriptures as a Sheepfold
- Systematic Theology demands the one BEST answer
- Sheepfold creates an AREA inside which a sheep can freely operate in safety



1ST SAMUEL 8: ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING



- Samuel is now elderly
- Appointed 2 sons to be judges
- **Yo'el** = God is El
- **Aviyah** = My father is God
- 2 sons judged in Be'er-Sheva
- 1) Samuel's sons were Levites by birth
- 2) Being in Be'er-Sheva kept them out of the public eye
- 3) Israel comforted by a line of succession

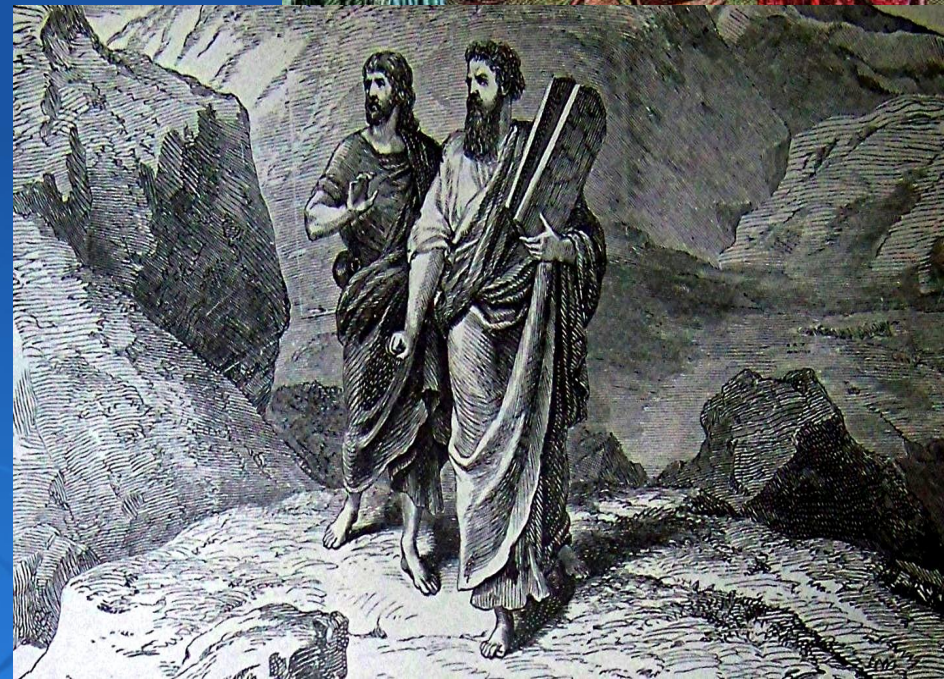
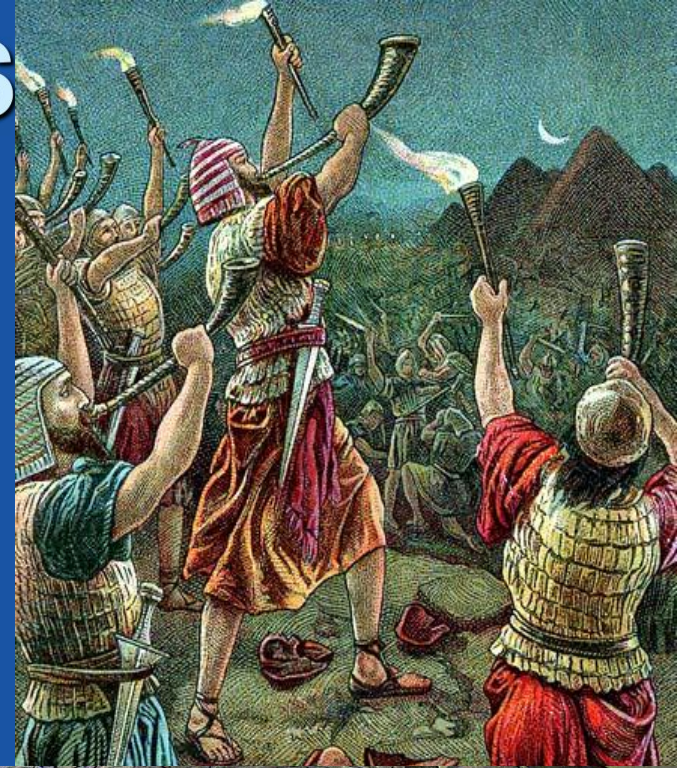
SAMUEL'S ABILITY TO LEAD ISRAEL WAS CHALLENGED



- Samuel's 2 sons were corrupt
- **Besa** = ill-gotten (gain)
- Even though no mention is bible, Samuel got married and had children!
- Vs. 5 ***“Make us a king to judge us like all the nations”***

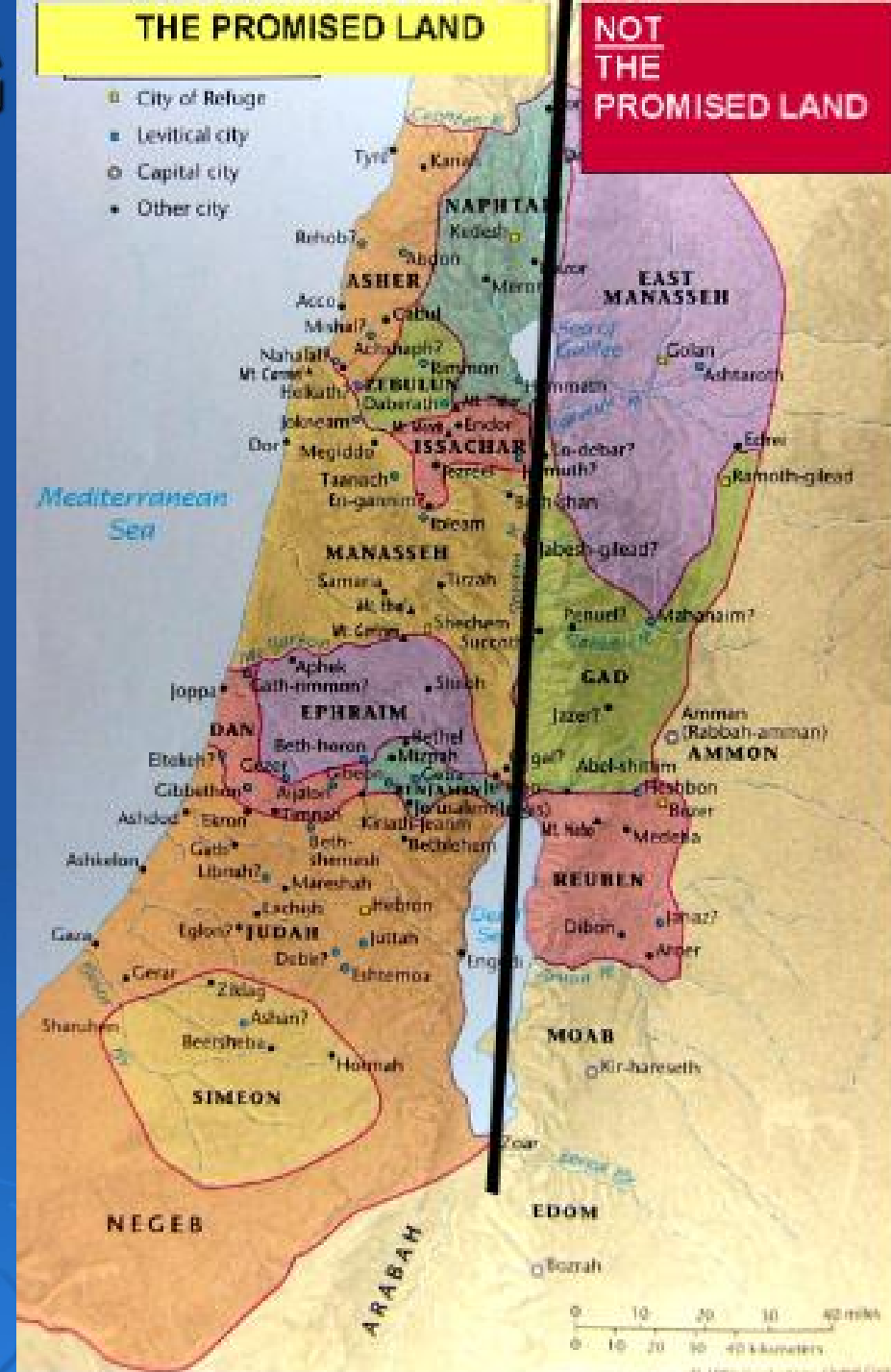
A RADICAL CHANGE IS COMING

- Some of Israel wanted a king, others did not
- Israel was not a “nation” at this time
- Each Judge dealt with one tribe (their own) not all 12
- Israel merely a huge conglomeration of families and clans with a common ancestor, Jacob
- In the Wilderness they were unified, under one leader (Moses), and then smoothly transitioned to Joshua



THE SPLINTERING OF ISRAEL

- First splintering came when Reuben, Gad, and ½ of Manassah did not enter the Promised Land
- After the Wilderness journey and then settling in Canaan, the unity of Israel died
- No thoughts of central authority or loyalty



PAKISTAN AS A GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF ISRAEL



- Tribalism very different from Western government
- In reality Pakistan has no central government
- Tribes want to control it, ignore it, or destroy it
- Pakistani army's loyalties split
- Also split according to Muslim sects
- Central gov't seen as an affront to Islam

SAMUEL GREATLY TROUBLED BY THE DEMAND FOR A KING

- Monarchies inherently diminish tribalism
- These men who came to Samuel had much influence
 - 1) Samuel felt rejected and not appreciated
 - 2) Samuel's sons were not acceptable so his family would lose influence
 - 3) Leaders wanted a new form of government modeled after their heathen neighbors



“Make us a king LIKE THE NATIONS.....”



- ***“like all the nations”*** is the KEY PHRASE
- The issue of Samuel and Kings is the KIND of king Israel would have
- Why a demand for a king to replace Samuel, and not merely a new Judge?
- The Israelite leaders wanted “nation status”

ACHIEVING NATION STATUS

- Worldly nation consisted of a king, servants, land, a capital city, and a national army
- Israel's leaders willing to give up calling as God's "kingdom of priests and a holy nation" in exchange for STATUS in the world's eyes
- Identifying with the world became more important than being identified as the chosen people of God



MESSIAH RULING WITH A ROD OF IRON

- God created humans to NEED a king
- That king was to be the Lord alone
- Men of every age seek to exceed the boundaries set down by God
- Even followers of God, in time, prefer our human aspirations to God's provision
- Moses said this would happen Deut. 17:14 - 20

