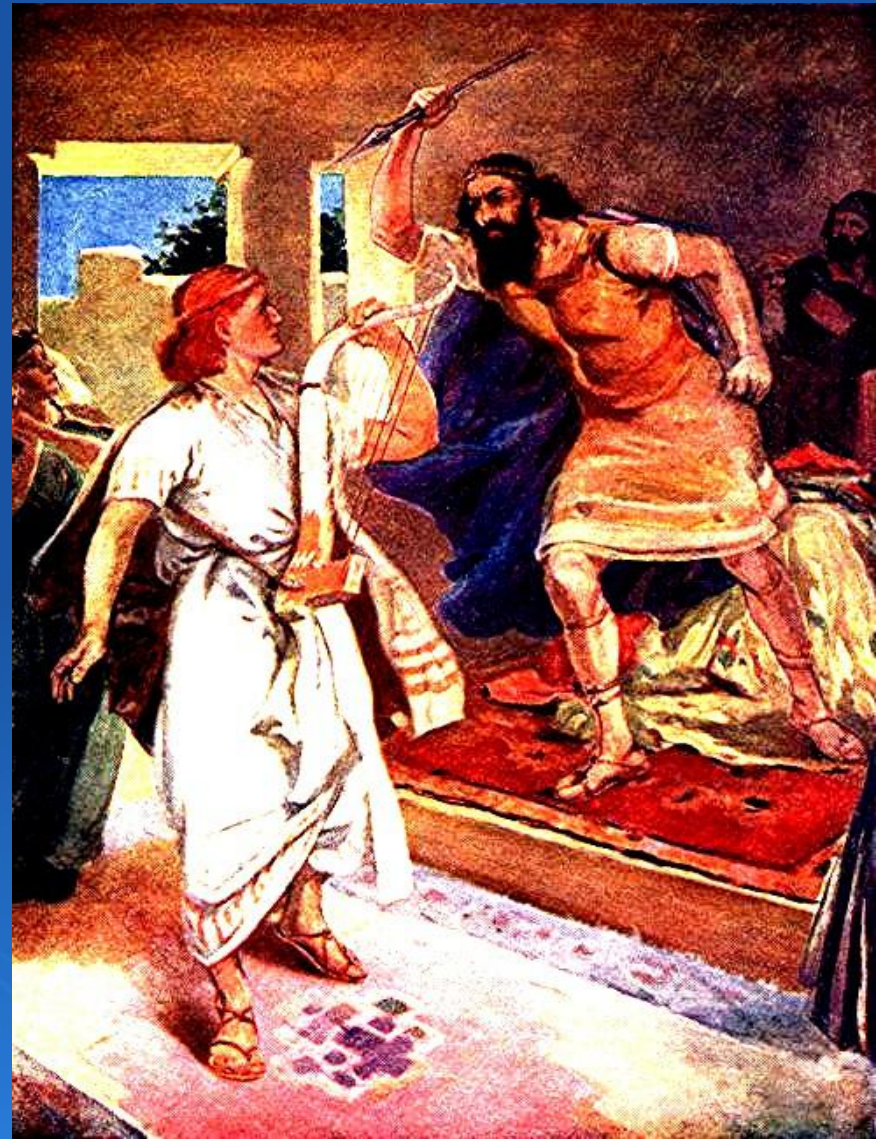


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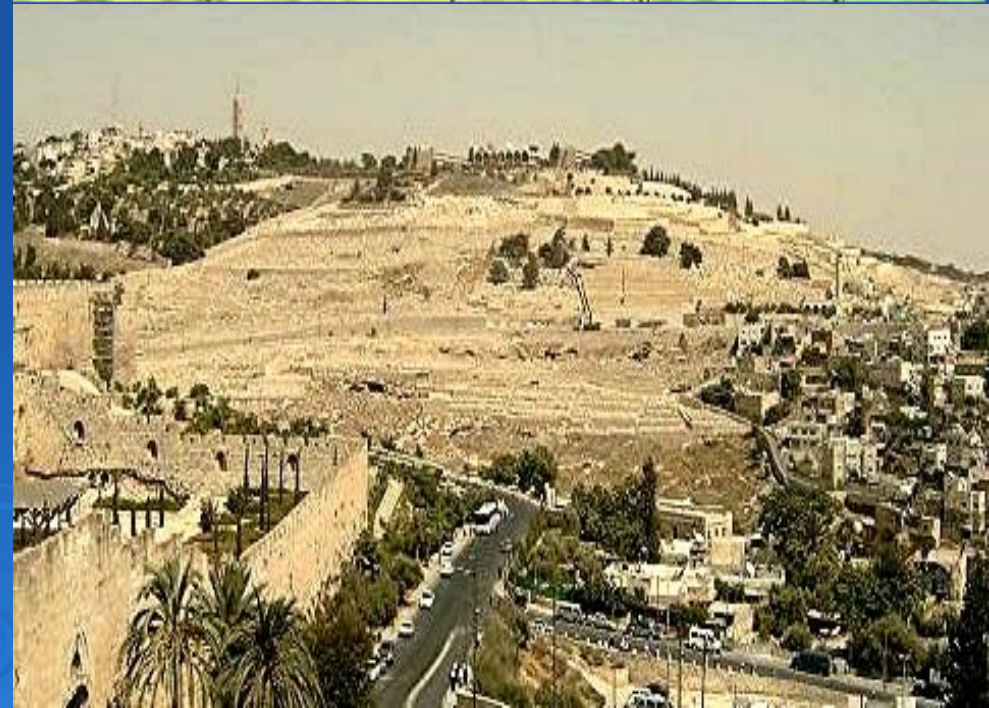
- King Sha'ul now paranoid and homicidal
- Major turning point in Redemption History
- Saul and David have become mortal enemies





# NOB = MT. SCOPUS

- David flees to Nob
- A sanctuary to YHWH is at Nob
- Tradition that David actually had followers with him
- Ahimelech High Priest
- Only purpose for David to go to Nob was for food and a weapon





# POLITICAL / RELIGIOUS CLIMATE OF ISRAEL

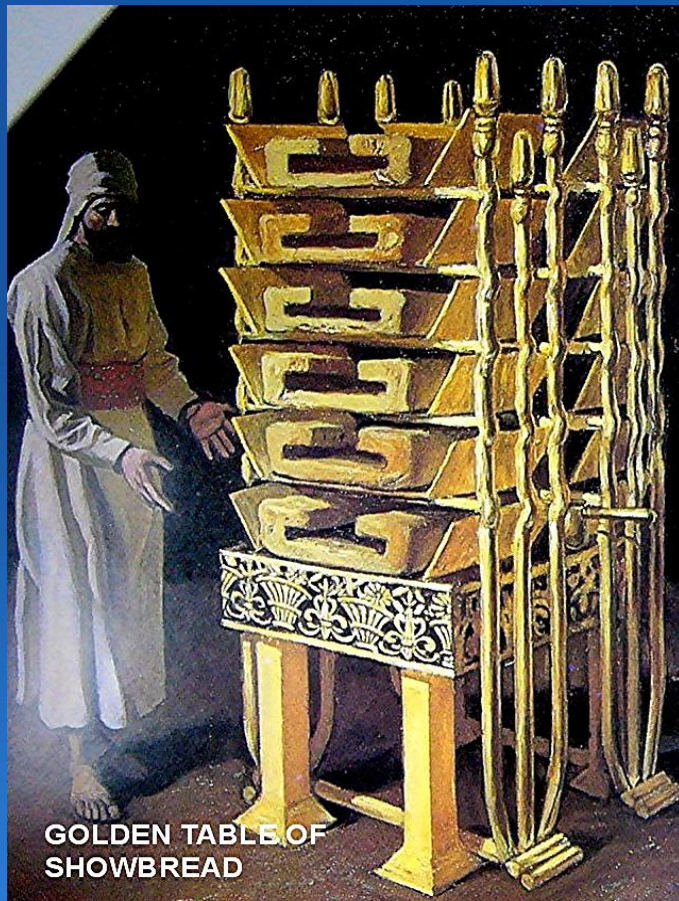
- 1) King Saul had not succeeded in making the twelve tribes into a unified sovereign nation
- 2) Philistines very active, Moab also an enemy
- 3) Levitical Priesthood fractured, at least 2 High Priests in existence. Ahimelech descended from Eli.
- 4) Priesthood of Nob had probably migrated from Shiloh when it was destroyed
- 5) The Lord God had abandoned King Saul





# DAVID RECEIVES SHEWBREAD

- Ahimelech gives David 5 of the 12 loaves of Shewbread
- The 12 loaves had just been removed from the Table of Shewbread and replaced with fresh ones
- Serious violation of Torah Law



GOLDEN TABLE OF  
SHOWBREAD



# YESHUA RECOUNTS THE STORY OF DAVID AT NOB



- Mark 2:23 – 27
- Yeshua uses David's story in context of plucking grain on the Sabbath
- Likely David taking the Shewbread occurred on Shabbat
- Matthew 24: 15 – 21
- What's the problem of escaping to the hills on Sabbath?
- It violates Torah Law to do no work and to not start a journey on Shabbat



# PARALLELS BETWEEN DAVID'S ACTIONS AND YESHUA'S

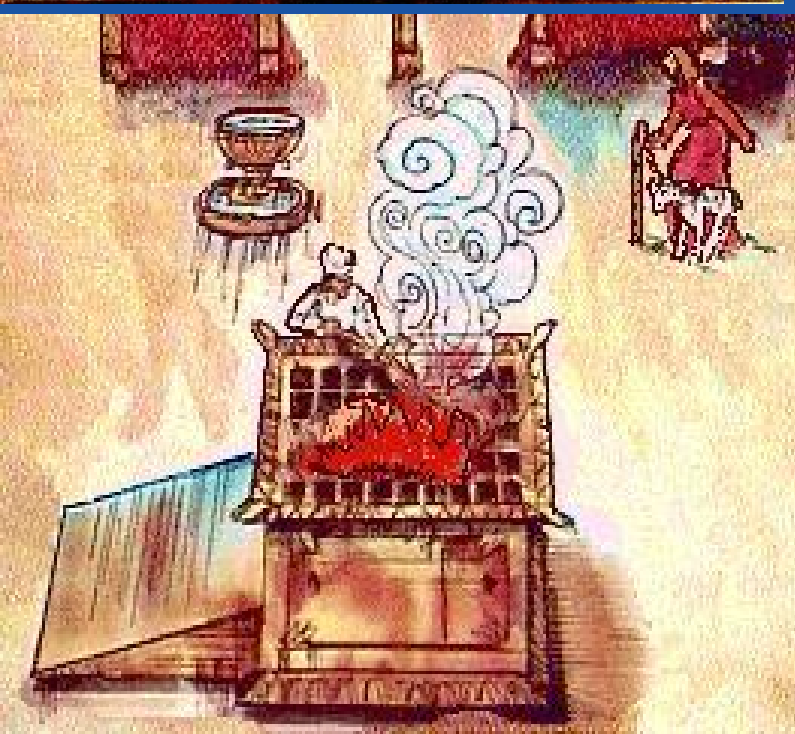
- Matthew 12: 1 – 6
- Vs. 5 “*..on Shabbat the priests profane the Shabbat...*”
- This is NOT about Jesus chastising the Pharisees about Traditions
- Fundamental Principle of Shabbat: REST from NORMAL WORKS!!





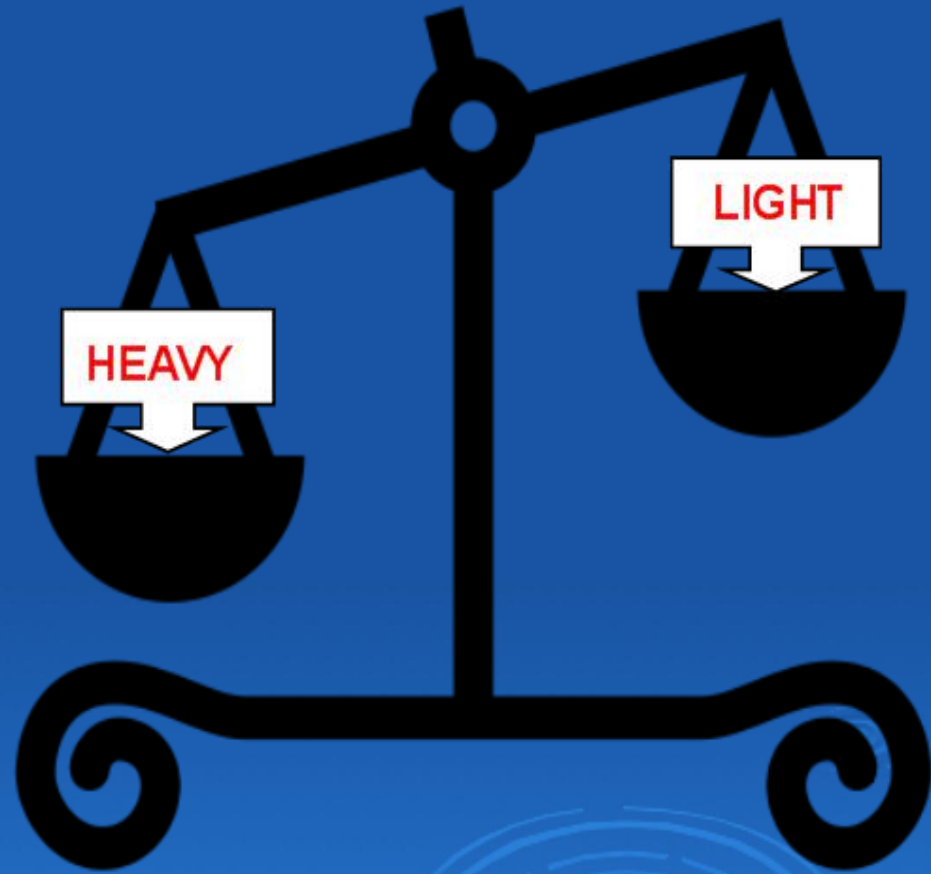
# VIOLATING THE LAW TO SHOW MERCY

- Christ acknowledges a seeming conflict within the Law
- Priests violating Torah to work on Shabbat, but do it for the sake of the people
- David need food. High Priest gave sanctified bread to David, on Shabbat
- Disciples needed food, Yeshua authorized plucking grain on Shabbat



# THE KAL V'HOMER ARGUMENT

- Some of God's laws carry more weight than others
- Inevitable that God's laws would collide and we'll have to choose
- Good Samaritan
- Pharisees were punctilious about following the letter of the Law, but they violated the SPIRIT of the Law
- Sinning, done in the name of mercy, is STILL SIN!
- This is the dilemma of a fallen world and a fallen mankind





# BEARING SIN FOR THE SAKE OF ANOTHER



- Our impossible dilemma is why we **MUST HAVE CHRIST!**
- The Priests had to be willing in one sense to sin and bear it, in order to show mercy to the people
- This problem will not always be so!
- Messiah will return and this awful choice will no longer confront us
- Later, a new heavens and earth will be re-created without the possibility of sin existing!



# DAVID RECEIVES GOLIATH'S SWORD



- Doeg, the Edomite, was King Sha'ul's henchman
- Why would David think there would be a weapon at Nob?
- 1Sam.17:54 *"David took the head of the Philistine to Jerusalem but put the armor into his tent...."*
- Not "his" tent but "THE" tent
- Tent was the sanctuary tent at Nob, which overlooked the gates of Jerusalem



# DAVID CONTINUES TO GATH

- ***Simlah*** = a simple commoners garment
- ***Ephod*** = ritual vest, under garment, middle garment
- Gath a Philistine city
- ***Achish***, King of Gath
- David hoped to be seen as a defector
- Feigned madness
- ***Meshuagga'im*** = crazy people

