

HOSEA CHAPTER 12

Forgetting
who you are

- Israel lost their memory when they walked away from the Torah
- James 1:22 – 25
- Vs. 1 is poorly translated in nearly all Bible versions
- *“And Israel is devoted with respect to El, and with respect to angels is loyal”*
- Hosea accuses Israel of venerating angels

Chasing the wind



- Jacob encountered angels but didn't worship them
- East wind = *ruach haqqadim* means foolish and destructive
- Vs. 2 Israel made a covenant with Ashur (not Assyria per se) Ashur is Assyria's national god
- It is folly in Judeo-Christianity to believe we can re-purpose Holy Scripture to create a new religious order
- Israel believed they had liberty to re-make their Torah-defined faith

WHO ARE YOU *TRULY* DEVOTED TO

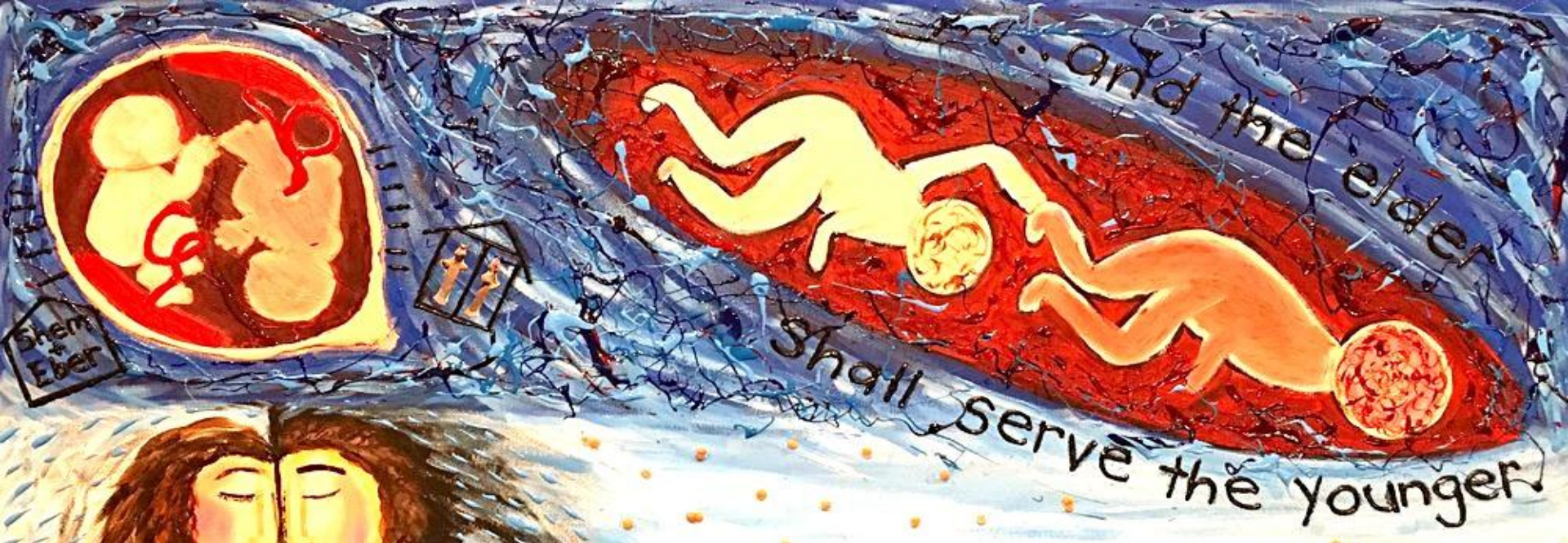


- Israel had the written Torah, but instead chose to embrace hybridized doctrines
- Luke 14:25 – 27
- Love and hate were political terms meaning devotion and allegiance or the lack of...
- Are we devoted to God and the Scriptures? Or to our pastors, rabbis, and denominational doctrines?
- Christ says devotion to Him comes at a cost

THE STORY OF
JACOB



- Sending oil to Egypt meant Israel was trying to woo Egypt
- Vs. 3 “Judah” is probably a gloss added later
- Jacob is used as the Patriarch’s personal name, but also as an alternate name of the nation he spawned (Israel)
- **Riv** = a legal proceeding... A trial
- Using Jacob, Hosea reaches back to before Moses to remind Ephraim of who they are, why they exist, and their purpose in this world



- Genesis 25:22 – 26
- A play on words Jacob = *Ya-acob* Heel = *aqeb*
- Likely Jacob's name was pre-Hebrew, and was ***Yahkub-il***, which means "God will protect"
- Genesis 27:36 Jacob "supplants" Esau
- Hosea does NOT call Jacob a cheater, he simply recalls the tradition of Jacob grabbing Esau's heel

JACOB WRESTLES WITH... *who?*

- Genesis 32:23 – 33
- Hebrew versions of Hosea 12:4 say Jacob wrestled with a “divine being”
- ***Elohim*** can mean God, but sometimes it can mean something else
- In Genesis 32 Jacob wrestles with an “***ish***”
- ***Ish*** = a male human being
- Later in Genesis this same being is called ***El*** and ***Elohim***
- Jacob was trying to make sense of who this being is



THE ANGEL OF BETHEL



- OT Prophets tend to allude to, or paraphrase, Scripture rather than to quote it
- Hosea 12:5 identifies this being as a *malach* (angel)
- Hosea says this angel “speaks with us”
- Apparently the same angel Jacob spoke with became relied on by Ephraim/Israel and this offended God

YEHOVEH IS HIS NAME!

- *Va (wa)* means “but” like in “however”
- *“But as for Yehoveh, the God of Hosts, Yehoveh is His name”*
- Exodus 6:3
- Application:
Church! Synagogue!
Stop worshipping Pastors and Rabbis. Seek truth not from doctrines but from the written Torah
- The implication is that Israel will live on and not die out

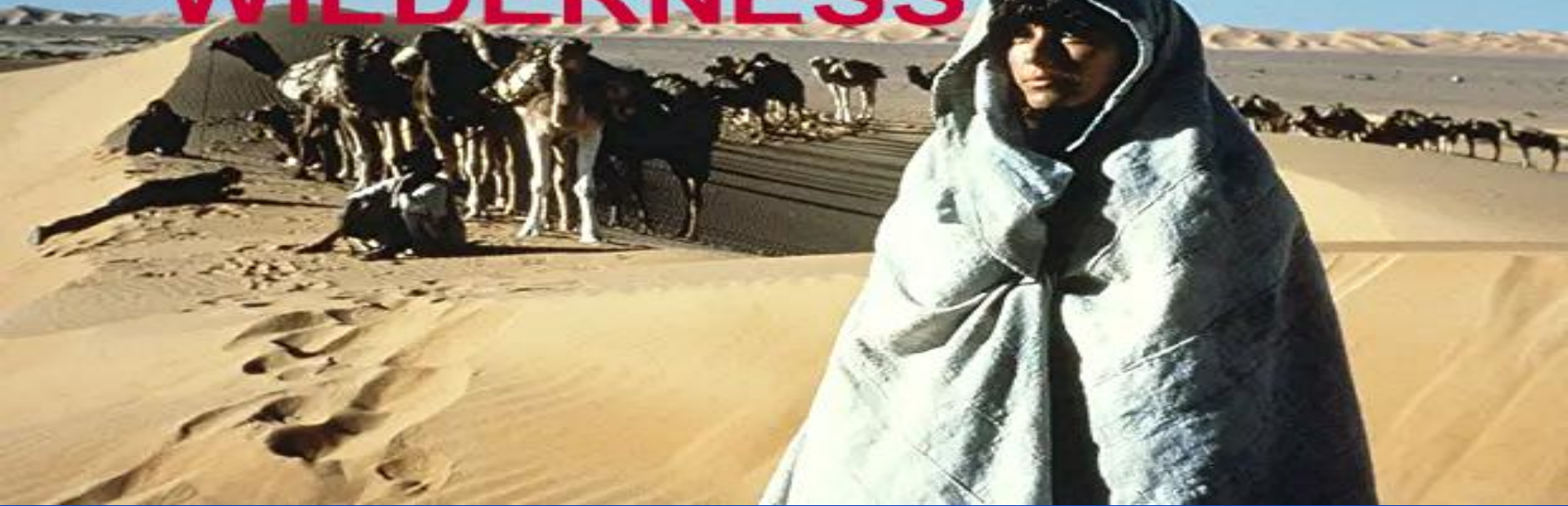


HOW NOT TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



- Hosea 12:8 – 9
- The word in Hebrew is “Canaanite”
- Deut. 25:13 – 16
- Ephraim rejoices in their thievery
- A hierarchy of the seriousness of crimes
- *Hete* (sin), *pesa* (transgression), *avon* (iniquity)
- Israel thought of their dishonesty as a misdemeanor; God thought it a felony

BACK TO THE WILDERNESS



- Vs. 10 God says He is the God who rescued them from Egypt
- Israel can offer no excuse for their behavior because He warned them through the agency of Prophets
- The words of the Prophets are more than history; they are also a preview of our future