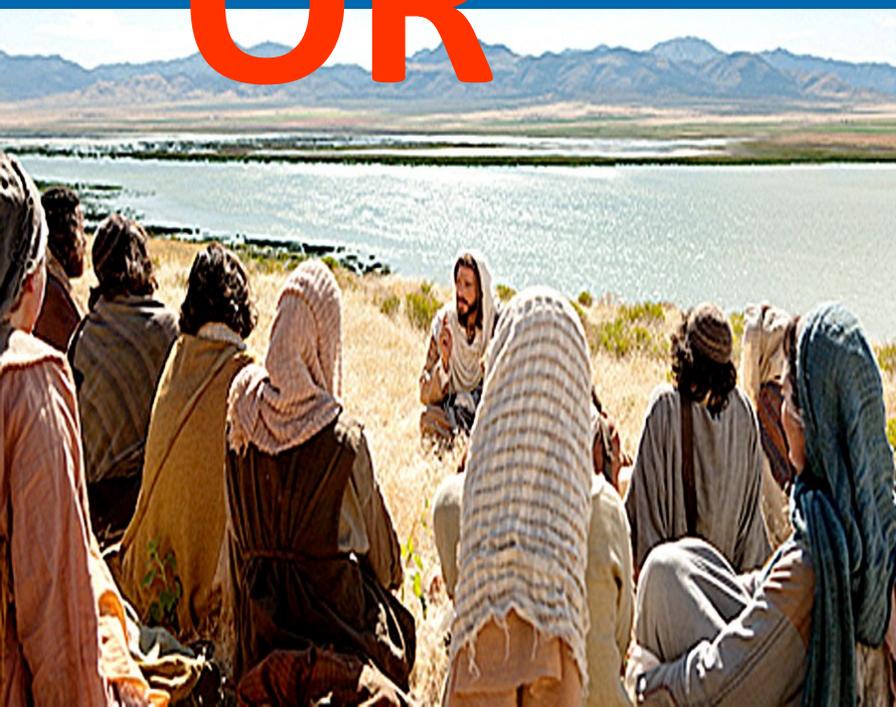


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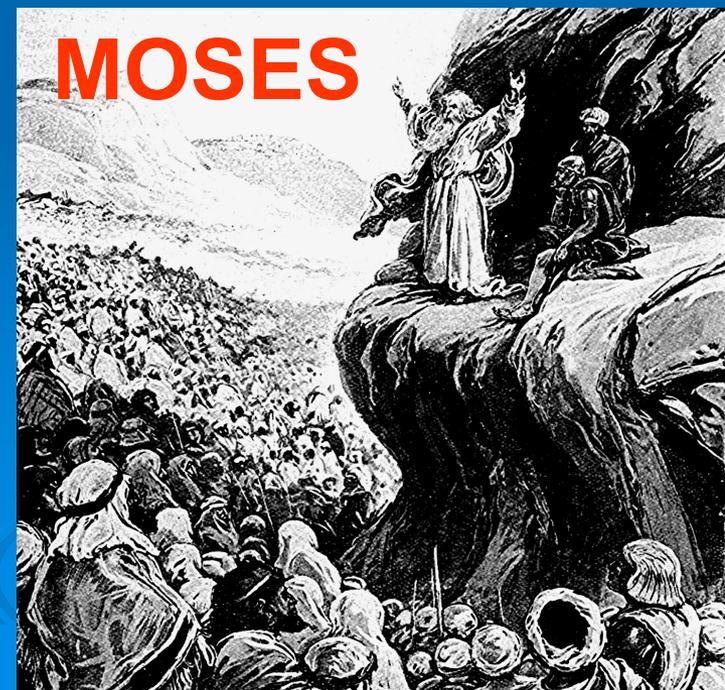
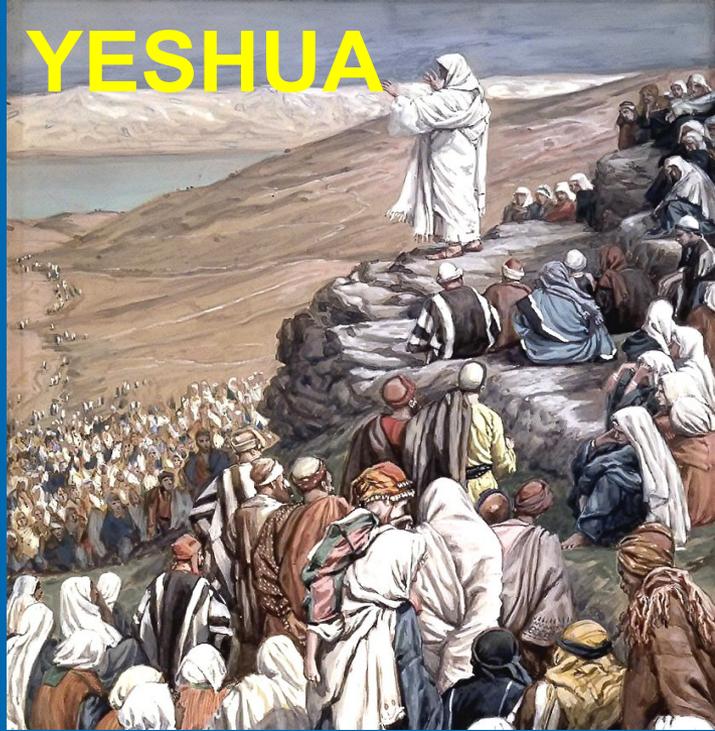


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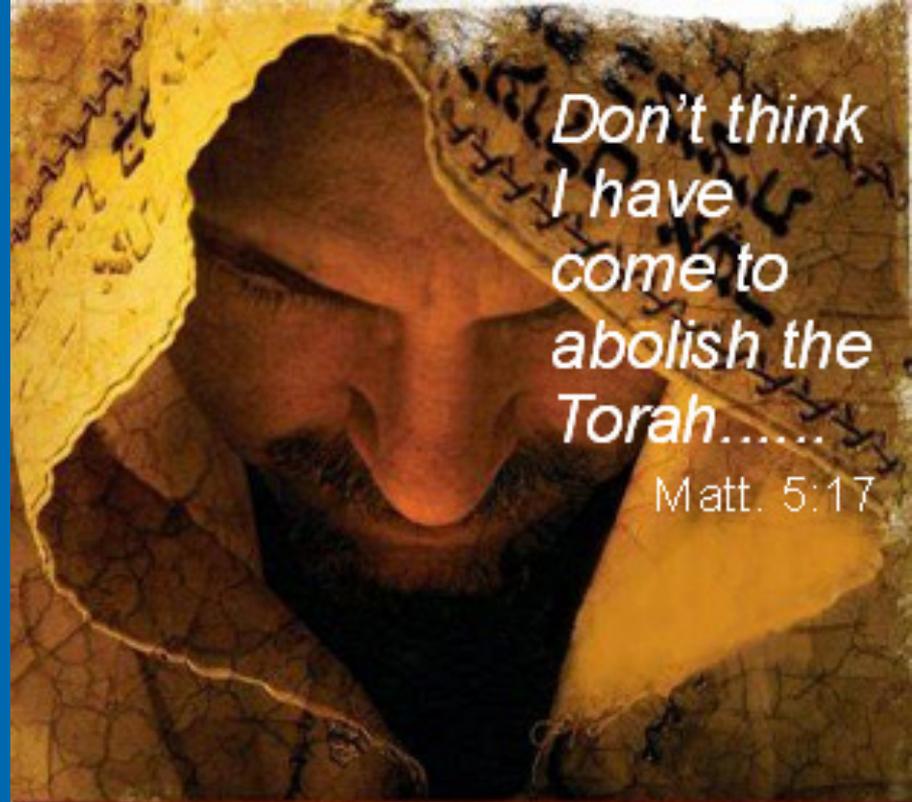
- The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 5, 6, & 7
- Luke 6 thought by many to be a different version
- Luke 6 called The Sermon on the Plain
- Luke 6 similar to Matt. 5, but Beatitudes aren't identical nor as many, and Yeshua's sayings are not all the same
- Sermon on the Mount and Sermon on the Plain are two different speeches/teachings

LOCATION MATTERS

- It is common in all ages for orators to communicate a similar message tailored to different audiences
- The setting of The Sermon is more important to the Jewish Matthew than the gentile Luke
- Yeshua is a kind of 2nd Moses to Matthew
- Moses went “up”, received the Torah, and taught it from a high place
- Jesus went “up”, and taught the Torah from a high place
- Yeshua did NOT replace the Torah of Moses with a Torah of Jesus



- A basic principle: Yeshua did NOT abolish the Torah and the Prophets
- He warned against disobedience to The Law
- Daniel J. Harrington *“The basic theme of the sermon is that Jesus did NOT come to abolish the Law.....”*
- W.D. Davies *“.... Jesus upholds the Law so that between Him and Moses there can be no conflict....”*
- Christ takes The Law to a higher level, and makes it more challenging to follow...certainly not easier!



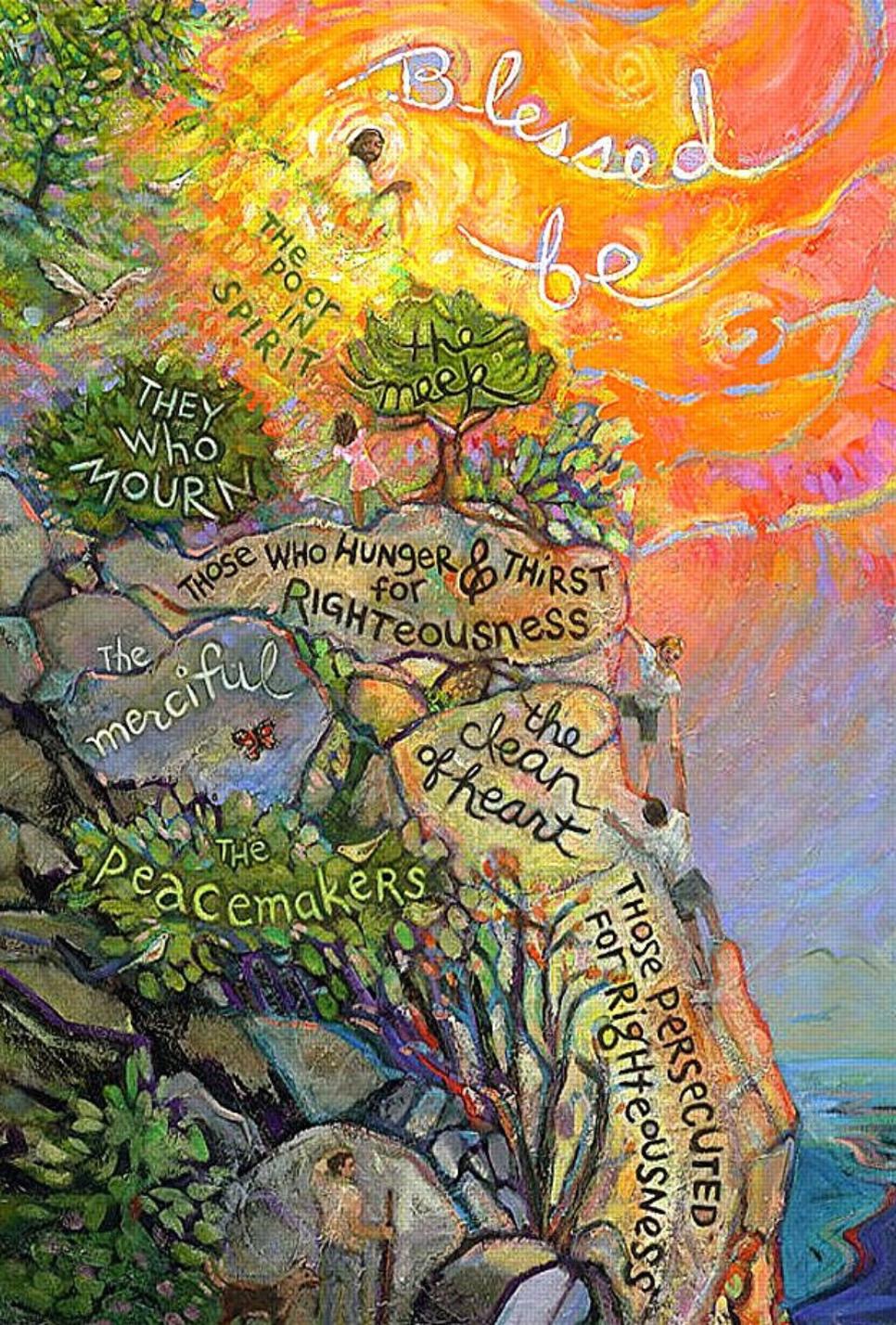
Don't think
I have
come to
abolish the
Torah.....

Matt. 5:17



Jesus
ישוע

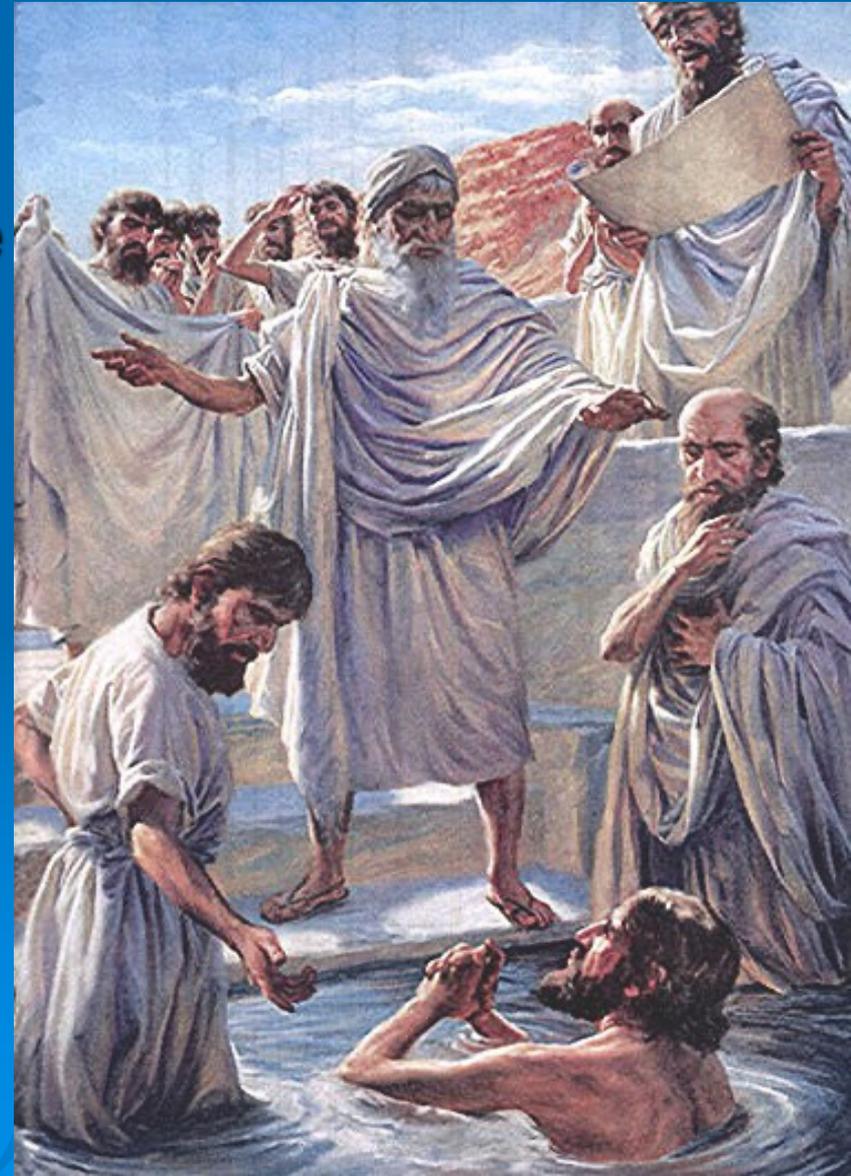
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THE BEATITUDES

- Matt. 4:23 – 5:2
- People came from the Galilee, Syria, Decapolis, Judah, and across the Jordon River
- They came to be healed by the *Tzadik*
- Yeshua had not yet proclaimed that He was the Messiah
- 8 Beatitudes, each are 36 words long

THE POOR, IN SPIRIT

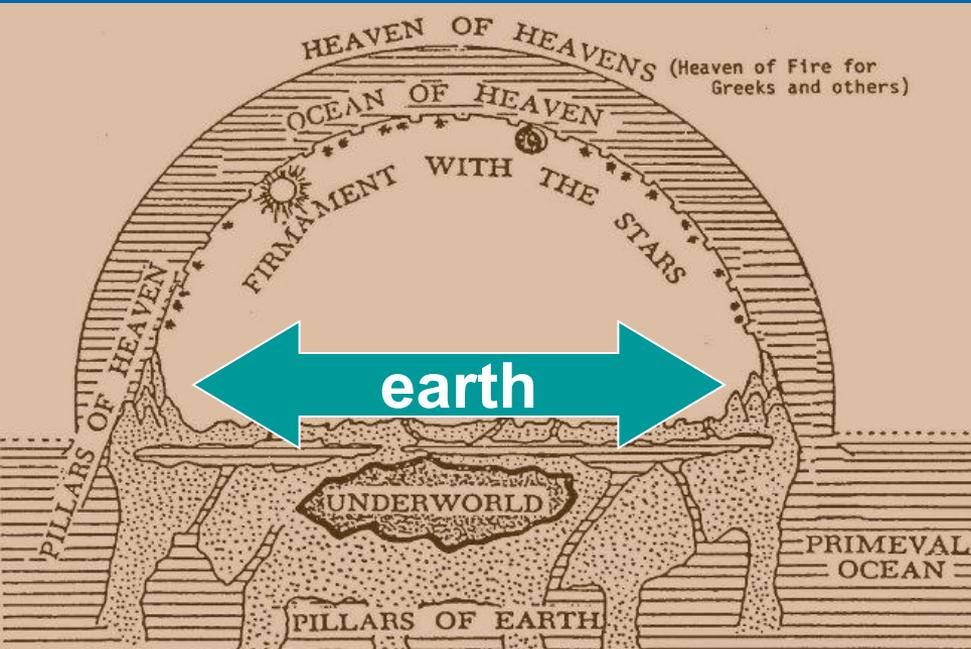


- What characterizes a person who is “poor in spirit”?
- ***Berakhah = makarios = favored, fortunate, happy***
- Dr. David Flusser thinks that the first 3 Beatitudes describe the crowd on the Mount
- ***“Dead Sea Scrolls...the poor in spirit...a title of honor among the Essenes...”***
- Judah and Syria had Essene populations
- ***“The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs”***
- Key: NOT just future, but also immediate



- Vs. 4 ***“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”***
- A reference to Isaiah 61, a Messianic prophecy
- Mourning over Israel’s unfaithfulness and sinning because of the oppression and ruin it has caused
- A change in Israel occurs, and now God calls them “Oaks of righteousness”

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE LAND



- Psalm 37:1 – 13
- Meek usually means gentle, mild, but in this case it means powerless
- **Eretz** = land, earth
- Earth is NOT the name of the planet; it means the expanse of dry land that lies under the sky



- 1st Beatitude, in *P'shat* it means those Essenes in the crowd
- In *Remez* it hints at a larger sense of all who receive the Holy Spirit
- 2nd Beatitude, in *P'shat* the mourning is over the ruin of the Holy Land, currently by Rome
- In *Remez* it hints of mourning over the ruin of the entire earth
- 3rd Beatitude, in *P'shat* it means the powerless against Rome who will receive the Land of Canaan
- In *Remez* it hints at the powerless followers of Messiah who will inherit co-rulership of the entire earth

- The 4th Beatitude: How blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.....
- Whose righteousness? What kind?
- Psalm 107
- *P'shat* sense this means the Israelites who God fed and led to the Promised Land
- *Remez* sense hints that the redeemed are all people who long for deliverance from sin and wickedness



the service of righteousness

will be peace

*and the effect of it will be
quietness and assurance*

FOREVER

ISAIAH 32:17



- Isaiah 32
- The matter of God's righteousness vs. human righteousness is made more clear