



JESUS
INVADES
OUR MESS



**The Earth was
a formless
empty dark
place and
Jesus came to
create a
paradise.**

Humankind messed it up like they always do



A covering

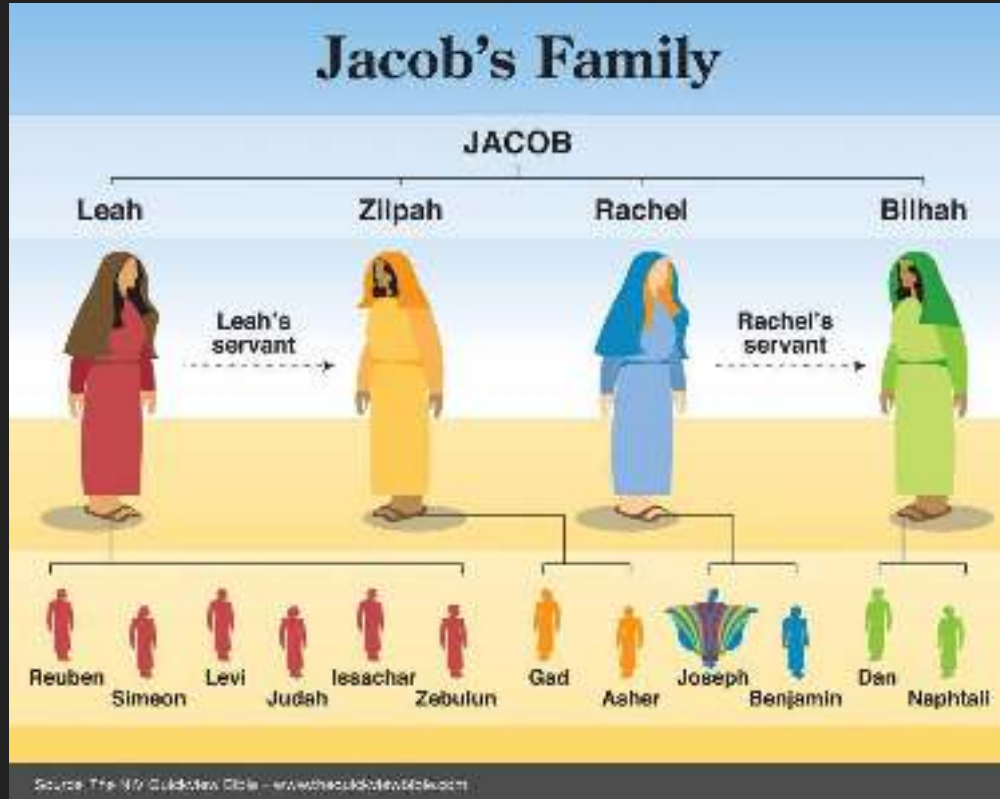


A promise



A covenant

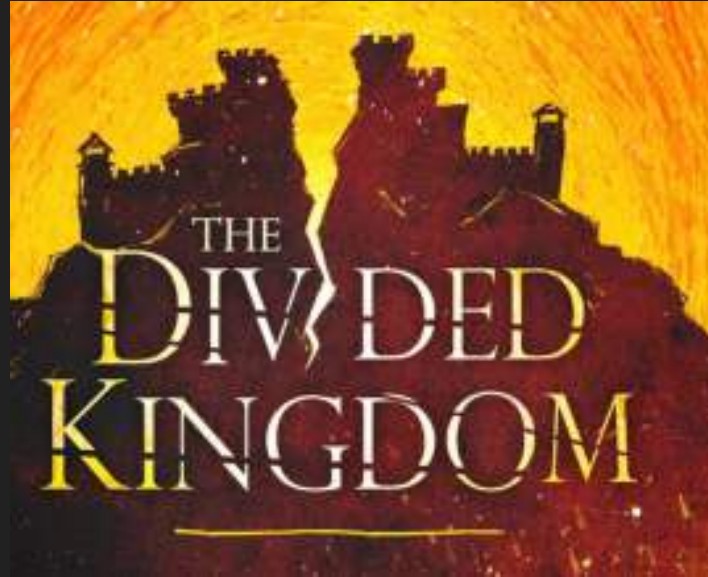
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Proud Kings



Division



Exile

**In the dark silence of exile and subjugation a
babies cry.**

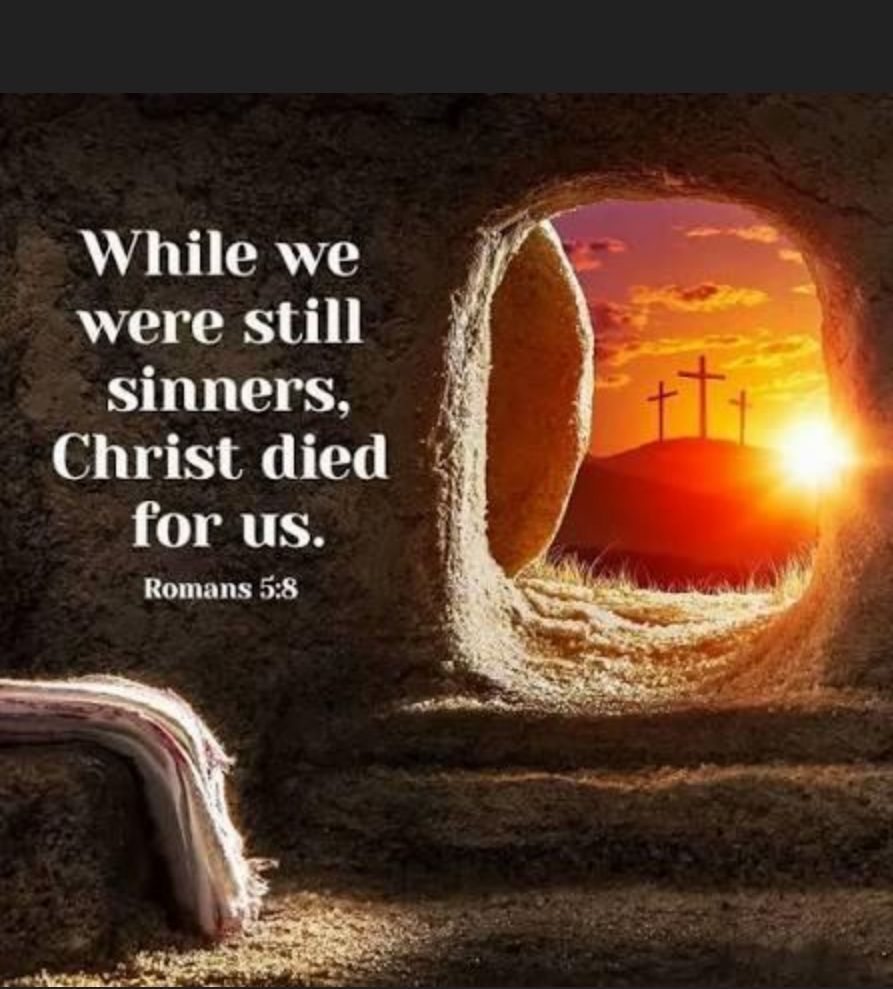


You say stay still -I'll run to you

You were the there wrapped in a manger from ruler to a stranger- to make everything good

You were there from King to a baby, came from heaven down to save me- now it all works for my good.

When humankind messes up like they always do you say stay still I'll run to you.

An artistic rendering of an open tomb. The tomb is a dark, hollowed-out space in a stone wall. A large, smooth, light-colored stone has been rolled away from the entrance. Through the opening, a bright, golden light emanates from a low sun on the horizon. In the distance, three crosses stand on a hill against a sky of orange and yellow clouds. The foreground inside the tomb is dark and textured.

**While we
were still
sinners,
Christ died
for us.**

Romans 5:8

FOR WHILE WE WERE STILL WEAK AT THE RIGHT TIME

CHRIST DIED

FOR THE UNGODLY

ROMANS 5:6

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You say stay still -I'll run to you



Implications

- 1. God isn't afraid of your messes**
- 2. Your mess doesn't disqualify from a relationship with the Father.**
- 3. God is the cleaner you your messes**
- 4. Stop expecting people to not be messy**
- 5. Invite Jesus to your mess**

Mess #1 Jesus and the Demoniac



Mark 5:1-20

5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.[a] 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" 8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis[b] how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

The Mess

**He lived in the tombs
No one could help him
His life was out of control
He was hurting himself
He had many Demons**

The Mess

Jesus heals him in a messy way

**People care about the mess more than the man.
Jesus care more about the man than the opinion
of others.**

The man that was a mess becomes a messenger.

Mess #2 the woman caught in Adultery



John 8:1-11

8 1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

The mess

Women caught in adultery

The trap

The forgiveness

The revelation- Everyone is a mess

The true meaning of Christmas
Jesus comes to our mess
Cleans us up to be his messenger!!