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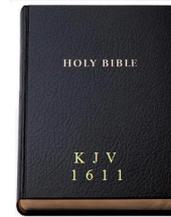


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- AMBASSADOR= “a MESSENGER; a MINISTER of the highest rank employed by one prince or state, at the court of another, to manage the public concerns of his own prince or state, and representing the power and dignity of his sovereign; an official and authorized representative of his own country and government sent to a foreign country and government”
- The words AMBASSADOR(S) and AMBASSAGE appear 13x (Jos 9:4; 2 Chr 32:31; 35:21; Pro 13:17; Isa 18:2; 30:4; 33:7; Jer 49:14; Eze 17:15; Oba 1; Luke 14:32; 2 Cor 5:20; Eph 6:20); here is a summary of potential prophetic applications from these appearances:

Jos 9:3-6

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

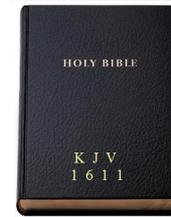
4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

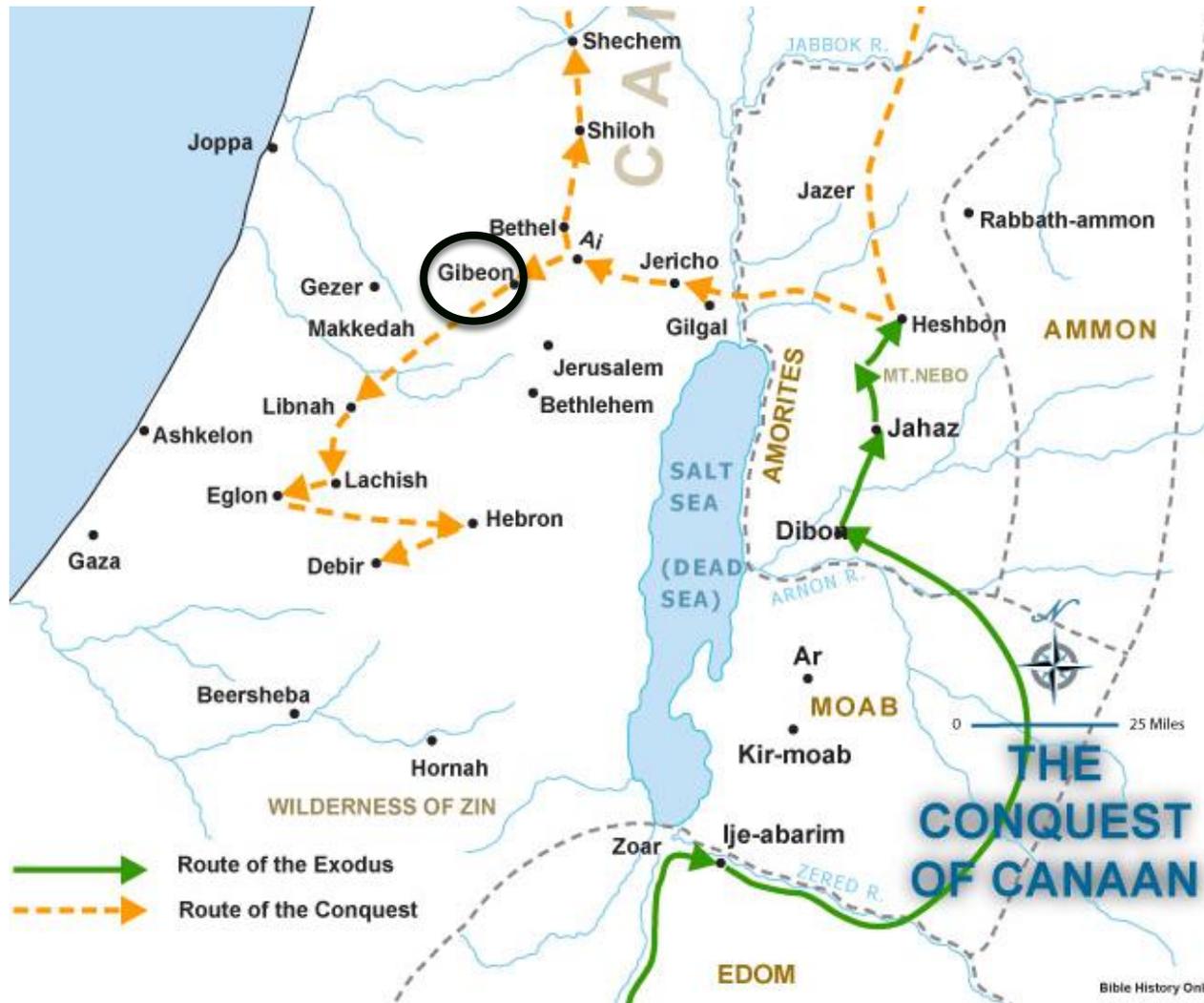
6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

- The first appearance of AMBASSADOR(S) refers to the Gibeonites; Gibeon was a city approximately 6-7 miles SW of Ai

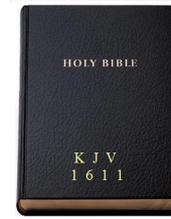
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- The Gibeonites worked WILLY (Jos 9:4) cf. (Num 25:8; Eph 6:11) and transformed their appearance cf. (2 Cor 11:14) before revealing themselves to Joshua and Israel
- They took 5 things (# of DEATH) to make themselves appear as if they were ambassadors from a FAR COUNTRY (Jos 9:6) when in fact they DWELT AMONG THEM (Jos 9:7)
- They told 5 lies (# of DEATH) mingled with a truth (Jos 9:9-10,12-13)
- They deceived Israel into making a LEAGUE with them
- LEAGUE= Heb. beriyth= the same word translated COVENANT

Isa 28:15,18

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

Dan 9:27

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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- The word LEAGUE appears 5x in Joshua 9 (Jos 9:6-7,11,15-16) because it may picture Israel's future COVENANT with DEATH and hell
- Israel was deceived because they did not ask counsel at the mouth of the Lord (Jos 9:14) (i.e.- they did not consult the word of God to judge their experience/circumstances)- this could picture why they enter into the covenant with the Antichrist

2 Chr 32:31

Howbeit in *the business* of the **ambassadors** of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

- AMBASSADOR= Heb. luwts= the same word is translated INTERPRETER (Gen 42:23; Job 33:23)

Job 33:23

If there be a messenger with him, an **interpreter**, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

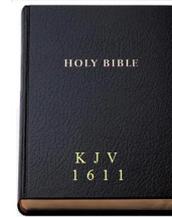
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- The INTERPRETER (i.e.- same word as ambassador) in Job 33:23 is equated with the MESSENGER
- The interpreter's message is that a ransom has been found that will deliver man from going down to the pit (Job 33:24)
- This ransom also produces a cleansing transformation (Job 33:21,25) and imparts the righteousness of God (Job 33:26)
- The message also states that IF ANY pray unto God in faith, admitting he is a sinner, the Lord will deliver (save) his soul from going into the pit (hell) and he shall see the face of God with joy (Job 33:26-28)
- This message (the "gospel according to Job") pictures the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ, the MESSAGE of salvation
- The interpreter pictures the CHRISTIAN, who is the MESSENGER of this message- an AMBASSADOR for Christ (2 Cor 5:20)
- We have been committed with the WORD that has the power to impart the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD to all who believe (2 Cor 5:18-21)
- It is clear that words like AMBASSADOR, INTERPRETER, or MESSENGER as they appear in a particular reference, may have a PROPHETIC application
- Job 33:23-28 clearly pictures the Christian preaching the gospel of Christ over 1500 years before it happened

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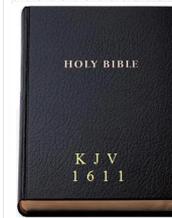
2 Chr 35:20-22

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent **ambassadors** to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not.

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in **the valley of Megiddo**.

- AMBASSADORS= Heb. malak= the same word is translated MESSENGER 98x and ANGEL 111x
- It is important to note at this point that ANGELS fit the definition of AMBASSADOR since they are MESSENGERS (2 Cor 12:7) cf. (Dan 9:20-23; Luke 1:19,26-27) and MINISTERS (Heb 1:7,14) cf. (Matt 4:11; Luke 22:43)
- The ambassadors here are men, but they are mentioned in connection with a battle in the VALLEY OF MEGIDDO, which may typify the battle of Armageddon cf. (Rev 16:16)



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