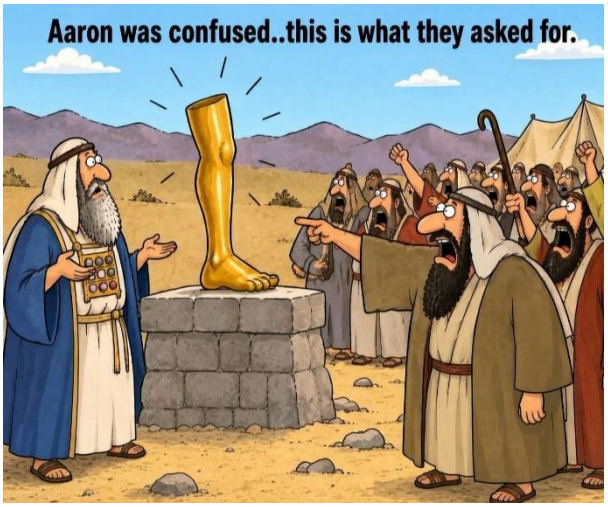
**October 10, 2026**
**Messiah's Birthday**
**Philippians 2.7**
**Keno-o Tsimtsum**

**The importance of unambiguous, clear communication …**




**Golden calf … Yes?**

**from Grady Merritt**

**Next one is very politically incorrect**




**from Tabitha Dotson**

**We had a blessed Sukkot campout in spite of more rain than ever in 32 years of Sukkot celebration! Nevertheless, sweet fellowship … So good that some stayed camping till Wednesday after Sukkot!**





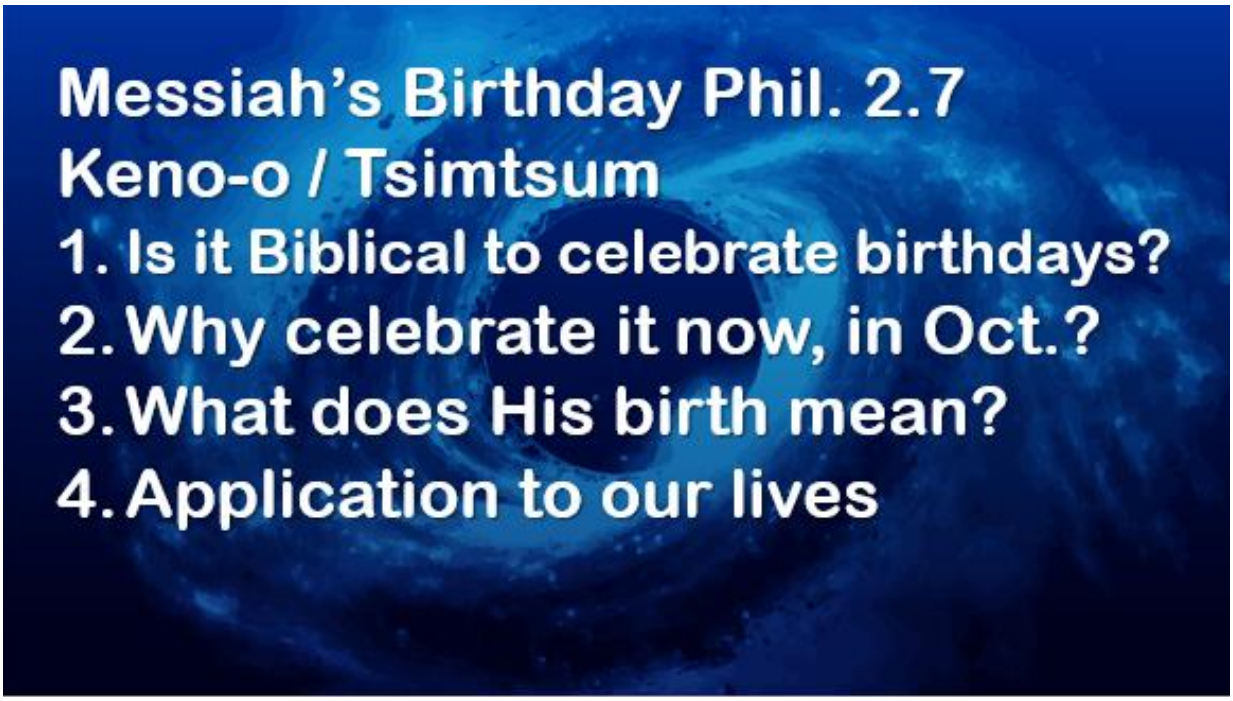
**Simps is a great fire meister.**

**Today we are celebrating the birth of Yeshua as the Messiah and King of Israel and all the world. In October?**

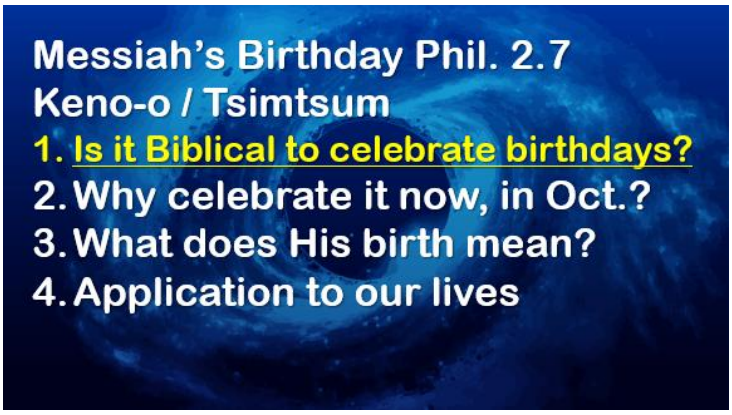
יוֹם הֻלֶּדֶת מְשִׁיחִי שָׂמֵחַ

**Yom Huledet M'shikhee Sa-me-akh**
**Happy Messiah's Birthday!**




**Some Greek and Hebrew terms.**




**Is it legitimate to celebrate birthdays?**
**Ber./Gen 40.20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he gave a party for all his officials, and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his officials.**
***[Implied recognition that this was normal and celebratory.]***

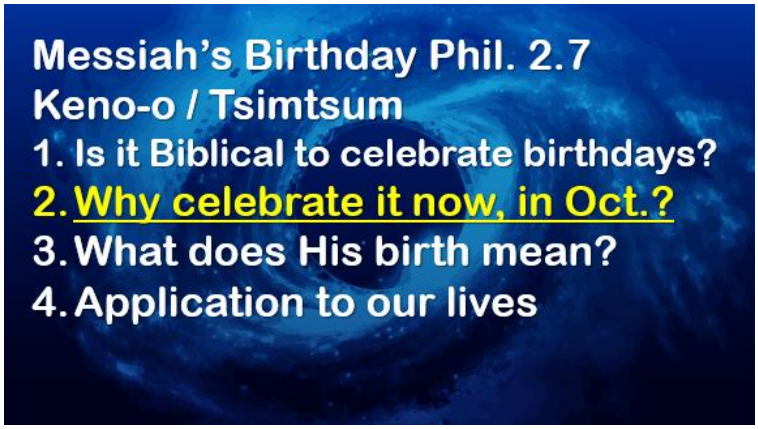
**Iyov/Job 1.4 It was the custom of his sons to give banquets, each on his set day in his own house; and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.**

**Mt.14.6 However, at Herod's birthday celebration, Herodias' daughter danced before the company.**

**Jewish authorities: The Lubavitch Hasidim [my ancestry] encourage celebration, plus Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.**

**Church father: Origen of Alexandria [c 185 – 253], major originator of replacement theology, was opposed with disgust to birthdays.**
***[So, if Origen was opposed, it's probably a good thing.]***




**Celebrating birthdays is scriptural and legitimate**
**and an affirmation of people whom we love!**

**The Cohen [priestly] Rotation History**
**Zekhariah of the course of Aviyah Lk 1.5 In the days of Herod, King of Y'hudah, there was a cohen named <u>Z'kharyah who belonged to the Aviyah division</u>. His wife was a descendant of Aharon, and her name was Elisheva**
***[partially from http://www.kolsimcha.org/messages/2008/101808M.pdf]***

**1Chr 24:3-4 There were sixteen divisions of the descendants of El'azar, headed by clan leaders, and eight divisions of the descendants of Itamar, according to their clans."**

**1 Chr 24:7-10 The first lot drawn was for Y'hoyariv, the second for Y'da'yah, the third for Harim, the fourth for S'orim, the fifth for Malkiyah, the sixth for Miyamin, the seventh for Hakotz, <u>the eighth for Aviyah</u>"**

- **There were 24 divisions in the Temple and each was to serve two weeks at a time throughout the year. Eighth division = 16 weeks after start of cycle.**

- If rotation cycle started at Pesakh, then 16 weeks later, Zekhariah served. So June

Luke 1.24-27 Elisheva his wife conceived, and she remained five months in seclusion, saying, "Adoni has done this for me; he has shown me favor at this time, so as to remove my public disgrace."
In the sixth month, the angel Gavri'el was sent by God to a city in the Galil called Natzeret, to a virgin engaged to a man named Yosef, of the house of David; the virgin's name was Miryam.

- Announcement of Yokhanan's conception. 6 months plus 9 month's Miriam's pregnancy. Therefore Fall time of birth.
- Yeshua born 15 months after announcement to Zekharyah: 6 months of Elisheva [Elizabeth's] pregnancy, announcement to Miriam 6 + 9 = 15 months from Passover to Sukkot
- Some uncertainty in start of count. Count could start count at end of Sukkot, and two separate one week times of Temple service. Same conclusion. [Two possible start dates, and two ways to count service times.]

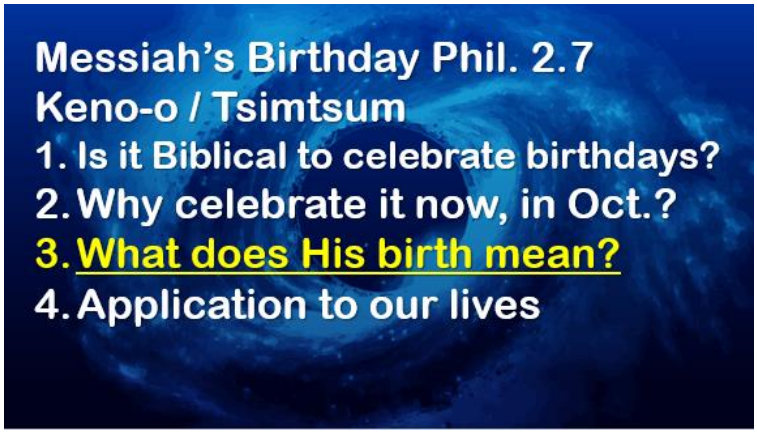
Shepherds in the Field
Luke 2:8 "Now there were shepherds in the same region, living out in the fields and guarding their flock at night." (TLV)

Shepherd facts
- Shepherds were watching their flocks by night -only when lambs are being born in the spring or autumn.
- The flocks would not be in the fields in the spring because they would trample the new crops.
- Flocks were only allowed in the fields in the autumn to graze the stubble and for the fall lambing season.

Two other reasons for ~Sukkot Birthday
- The conjunction of the planets.
- The history of Roman taxation.

*[BlaineRobinson.com]*




Phil 2.5-8 Let your attitude toward one another be governed by your being in union with the Messiah Yeshua: Though he was **in the form of God**,

**Let's explore that concept:**
***[In eternity past, He was in the form of G-d]***

Dan 7.2,9-10 **"I had a vision at night…"As I watched, thrones were set in place; and the Ancient One took his seat. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head was like pure wool.**
***[Vision of G-d]***

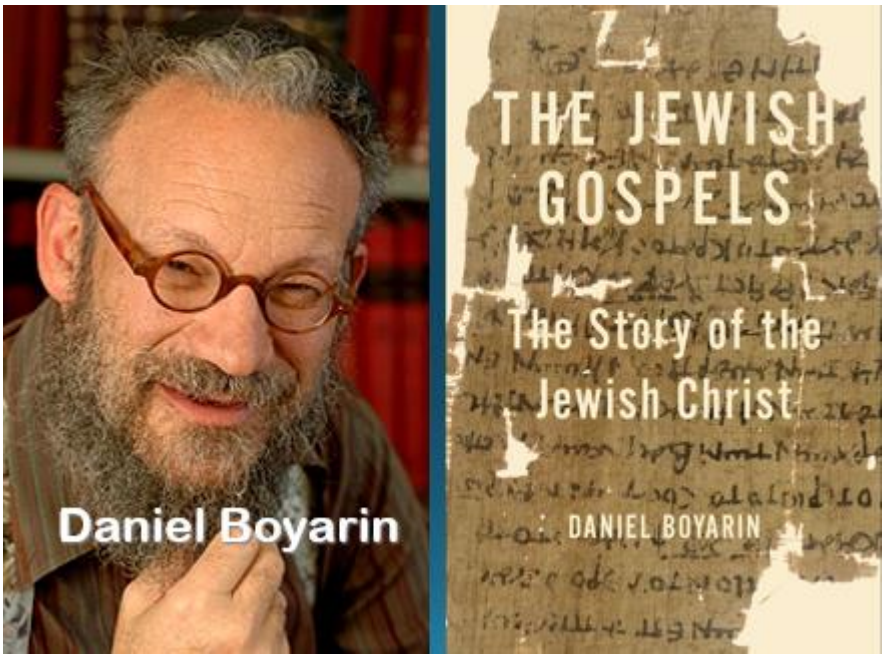
Dan 7.2,9-10 **His throne was fiery flames, with wheels of burning fire. A stream of fire flowed from his presence; thousands and thousands ministered to him, millions and millions stood before him. Then the court was convened, and the books were opened.**

Dan 7.13-14**"I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.**
***[Clouds of heaven is terminology of G-d: Psalm 18.11, Dt 32.10]***

Dan 7.13-14**"To him was given rulership, glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

**Two divine beings here.**
**Yeshua was and is the**
**Son of man.**
**Divine title.**

**A surprising reinforcement:**




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***[UC Berkeley, a bastion of G-dly thinking. Yes??]***

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INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM FROM A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

**Daniel Boyarin, professor of Talmudic Culture at the University of California Berkeley, may be the most influential scholar of ancient Judaism today.**
***[Daniel Boyarin The Jewish Gospels p31-32, 132]***

**Messiah = Son of G-d in Jewish concepts, but not what you think.**

1 Shmu 10.1 Then Sh'mu'el took a flask of oil he had prepared and poured it on Sha'ul's head. He kissed him and said, "ADONI has **anointed** you to be prince over his inheritance."
מְשִׁיחֶךָ **M'shakhe*kha***

T'hillim 2.6-7 "I myself have installed **my king on Tziyon**, my holy mountain." "I will proclaim the decree: ADONI said to me, **'You are my son**; today I became your father.
*[Later got to have secondary meanings, but at first, simply son of G-d as royal king with divinely appointed authority.]*

All the kings, priests anointed for service. No hint of deity ~ Pharoah.
1 Chron 7. 11-14 When your days come to an end and you go to be with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own sons; and I will set up his rulership. He will build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. **I will be a father** for him, and he will be a **son for me**; I will not take my grace away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. Rather, I will maintain him in my house and in my kingdom forever; and his throne will be set up forever.'"

**The king is special to G-d, a son in authority, but very human.**

After the exile, prayer was for a restoration of the Davidic kingdom.
Lk 1.31-32 Look! You will become pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua.
*[Reversal: Son of G-d = divinely appointed king.]*

He will be great, he will be **called Son of Ha`Elyon**. ADONI, God, will give him **the throne of his forefather David**

Focus here primarily Davidic throne
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*[Coming with clouds Ps 18, picture of G-d*

*In my distress I called to ADONAI; I cried out to my God. Out of his temple he heard my voice; my cry reached his ears. "Then the earth quaked and shook, the foundations of the mountains trembled. They were shaken because he was angry. Smoke arose in his nostrils; out of his mouth came devouring fire; sparks blazed forth from him. He lowered heaven and came down with thick darkness under his feet. He rode on a keruv; he flew, swooping down on the wings of the wind.]*

Boyarin, *Jewish Gospels*, p 33
Daniel's vision of Messiah, **son of man**

- He is divine
- He is in human form
- He may very well be portrayed as a younger-appearing divinity
- He will be enthroned on high
- He is given power on earth

*[Exonerate Paul]*

Two concepts of
- anointed king, Son of God,
- divine deliverer, Son of Man

**began** to merge
*[Total reversal of traditional Christian teaching]*

Mark 2. 5-11 Seeing their trust, Yeshua said to the paralyzed man, "Son, **your sins are forgiven**." Some Torah-teachers sitting there thought to themselves, "How can this fellow say such a thing? He is blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins except God?"** But immediately Yeshua, perceiving in his spirit what they were thinking, said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier to say to the paralyzed man? `Your sins are forgiven'? or `Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk'? But look! I will prove to you that the **Son of Man has authority on earth** to forgive sins." He then said to the paralytic, "I say to you: get up, pick up your stretcher and go home!"
Dan 7 … "To him was given rulership" שלטן
*[Yeshua cites two sources of authority: fact of healing, and Daniel title, quoting Dan 7]*

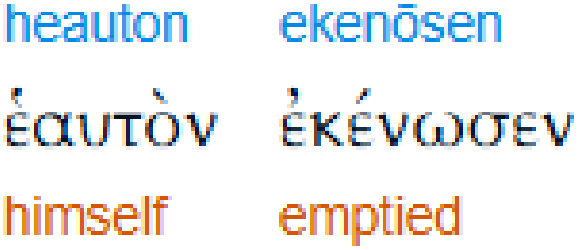
Mk 2.23-28 One Shabbat Yeshua was passing through some wheat fields; and as they went along, his talmidim began picking heads of grain. The P'rushim said to him, "Look! Why are they violating Shabbat?" He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he and those with him were hungry and needed food?
*[Was Rabbinic context to interpret Shabbat laws Boyarin 63]*

Mk 2.23-28 He entered the House of God when Evyatar was cohen gadol and ate the Bread of the Presence," -- which is forbidden for anyone to eat but the cohanim -- "and even gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "Shabbat was made for mankind, not mankind for Shabbat; **So the Son of Man is Lord even of Shabbat."**

1 Yn 1.1- 2 The Word, which gives life! He existed from the beginning. We have heard him, **we have seen him with our eyes, we have contemplated him, we have touched him with our hands!** The life appeared, and we have seen it. We are testifying to it and announcing it to you - eternal life! He was with the Father, and he appeared to us.
*[Here is the point, G-d came to be seen. Ivov/Jobs prayer in distress.]*

Yeshua, was the eternal divine Son of Man, Bar Enosh

Phil 2.5-8 he did not regard equality with God something to be possessed by force. On the contrary, **he emptied himself**, in that he took the form of a slave by becoming like human beings are. And when he appeared as a human being, he humbled himself still more by becoming obedient even to death — death on a stake as a criminal!
*[This is what Messiah's Birthday celebrates.]*



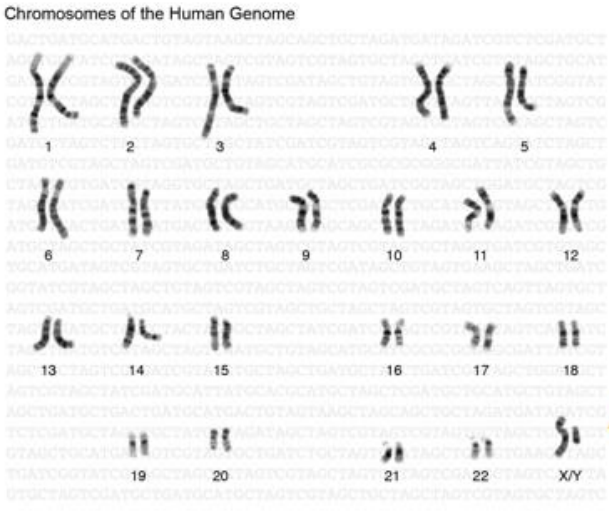

Here κενόω anchors the classic "Kenosis Hymn." The eternal Son does not relinquish deity but voluntarily **sets aside** the prerogatives of divine glory to assume true humanity.
*[This is what Messiah's Birthday celebrates. Divine Kenosis.]*

**The action is purposive: He "emptied Himself" in order to be "obedient to death—even death on an execution stake" Phil 2:8. This text safeguards both Messiah's full divinity and full humanity while urging believers to adopt His mindset of self-sacrificing humility (Philippians 2:5).**

**Historically, orthodox evangelical theology has treated this verse as a touchstone for understanding incarnation — rejecting notions that Messiah Yeshua ceased to be God, yet affirming the profound depth of His condescension.**
**We can draw from this passage to model servant leadership and to ground ethical exhortations in Messiah's redemptive example.**
***[https://biblehub.com/greek/2758.htm]***

**He was fully G-d, and fully man.**

**What about chromosomes?**
**Humans have 46 chromosomes, 23 paternal, 23 maternal.**
***[https://www.genome.gov/sites/default/files/tg/en/illustration/genome.jpg***
***I just congratulated a friend whose wife bore him a son, after three daughters. So, you are not solely an X man. Also a Y man.]***







**Recent large-scale analyses estimate that an average adult <u>male has about 36 trillion</u> human cells, an adult female about 28 trillion, and a 10-year-old child roughly 17 trillion You are male or female this many times. Gender change? One can modify external organs, but NOT the trillions of gender specific cells in one's body.**

***[https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/46097/20230920/human-body-number-cells-massive-new-analysis-reveals-many-person.htm]***

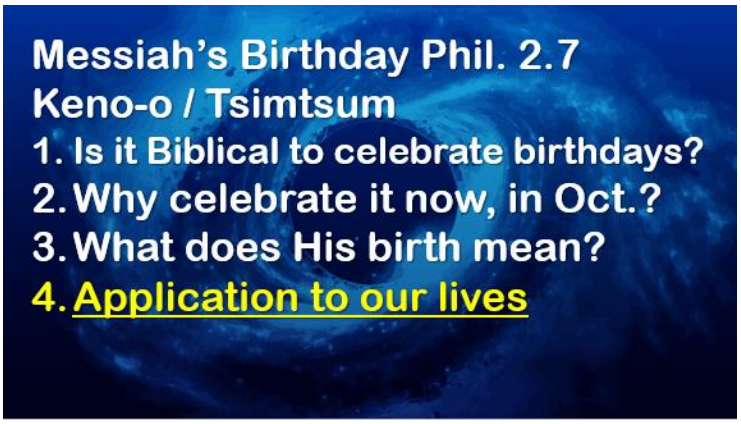
**My theory: 23 from Miriam, 23 supernaturally by the Ruakh.**




**There is a concept in Jewish mystical writings that is somewhat like Keno-o emptying.**
**However, I am NOT endorsing Kaballah.**
**The Hebrew word צִמְצוּם can mean "contraction," "retraction," "demarcation," "restraint," and "concentration." The term tsimtsum originates in the Kabbalah and refers to God's contraction of himself before the creation of the world, and for the purpose of creating the world. To put it another way, the omnipresent God, אור אין סוף Ohr Ein Sof (infinite light) of the Godhead, who exists beyond time and space before creation, withdraws a part of his infinite presence into himself.**
***[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tzimtzum]***

**Therefore, in some Jewish writings, the idea exists of G-d reducing Himself for the blessing of humanity!**
***[Tsakhi p 267]***




**Yeshua, the Son of Man, could be viewed as Tsimtsum צִמְצוּם to be human among us.**

Mes Jews/Heb 4.15, 5.8 **For we do not have a cohen gadol unable to empathize with our weaknesses; since in every respect he was tempted just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin…Even though he was the Son, he learned obedience through his sufferings.**
***[Learned??? Experience it. What are you called to suffer, and learn??]***

MJ / Heb 7.24-25 **Because he lives forever, his position as cohen does not pass on to someone else; and consequently, he is <u>totally able to deliver those who approach God through him</u>; since he is alive forever and thus forever able to intercede on their behalf.**
***[Divine Son of Man, Bar Enosh Aramaic, Ben Adam Hebrew]***

MJ / Heb 7.24-25 NKJV **Therefore, He is also able to <u>save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him</u>, since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

**G-d in Messiah reaches us where we are and how we are, and completely understands, from the inside, our struggles, with divine power!**
**He can deliver us!**
**Salvation is a gift for you to receive! Then further receive.**

**So, what are we struggling with?**
- **Hurts, resentments, anger**
- **Frustration, failures**
- **Passions, pornography**
- **Jealousy, rejection, loneliness [epidemic of loneliness and AI]**

***[Matt Walsh]***

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**So, the song of Miriam when visiting her relative Elisheva**

Lk 1.46-55 **"My soul magnifies Adoni; and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, who has taken notice of his servant-girl in her humble position. For — imagine it! — from now on, all generations will call me blessed!**
***[Miriam, not Mary.]***

Lk 1.46-55 **"The Mighty One has done great things for me! Indeed, his name is holy; and in every generation he has mercy on those who fear him. "He has performed mighty deeds with his arm, routed the secretly proud,**
***[Arm of the L-rd over Pharoah]***

Lk 1.46-55 **brought down rulers from their thrones, raised up the humble, filled the hungry with good things, but sent the rich away empty. "He has taken the part of his servant Isra'el, mindful of the mercy which he promised to our fathers, to Avraham and his seed forever."**
***[Avraham's seed forever! Danger of Jewish extermination then ... Haman.***
***Victory by His coming to earth!!]***

**Zekharyah, husband of Elisheva, had this expression of praise at the birth of his son, Yokhanan,**
Lk 1.68-79**"Praised be Adoni, the God of Isra'el, because he has visited and made a ransom to liberate his people by raising up for us a mighty Deliverer who is a descendant of his servant David.**
***[liberate]***

**It is just as he has spoken through the mouth of the prophets from the very beginning — that we should be delivered from our enemies and from the power of all who hate us. "This has happened so that he might show the mercy promised to our fathers — that he would remember his holy covenant,**
***[enemies and covenant]***

**the oath he swore before Avraham Avinu to grant us that we, freed from our enemies, would serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. You, child, will be called a prophet of Ha'Elyon;**
***[enemies, fear]***

**you will go before the Lord to prepare his way by spreading the knowledge among his people that <u>deliverance comes by having sins forgiven</u> through our God's most tender mercy, which causes the Sunrise to visit us from Heaven, to shine on those in darkness, living in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the paths of peace."**
***[Go before the L-rd!!***
***Deliverance comes ...***
***Sunrise to visit us from heaven, the keno-o]***

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**"The post-Holocaust vacation from Jewish history may be over, but the Jewish story is still unfolding. And those who have the courage to stand up and stay strong, rather than to join their enemies or to hide, will ride out this dismal chapter of the saga of their people with the same honor and ultimate success as those who went before them."**

**G-d is calling us to fight.**
***[https://www.jns.org/opinion/column/jonathan-s-tobin/the-vacation-from-jewish-history-is-over-for-americans***
***Post Holocaust vacation from Jewish history? Safe and accepted in America. NYC. NYU used to be NY Jew.]***



**Jews and Gentiles FIGHT for the salvation of Israel and the Nations.**
**Concerning sharing the gift of Yeshua's salvation, note that <u>Nov. 14 we will host Emmanuel Mebasser</u>. He is a 5th-generation Jewish believer in Yeshua and the leader of the Online Evangelism Team at Jews for Jesus, based in Los Angeles, California.**
***[Fighting the enemy.]***

**Incredibly, every single Democratic senator voted no to giving newborn survivors medical care in 2025. In fact, all but one Democrat in the entire Congress — Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Texas) — refused to agree that a child crying on the table deserves to live.**
**Senator James Lankford (R-Okla.) could barely contain his emotion after one of these votes. "This is literally if an abortion is carried out. But the abortion, instead of destroying the child in the womb, the child is actually delivered. What do you do in that case where a child is actually delivered? They're literally crying and breathing on the table in front of you. Now you have a fully delivered child in front of you. Do they get medical care or not? This seems like a no-brainer." And yet, "painfully," he continued, "Democrats said no. … I think that's abhorrent."**
***[https://washingtonstand.com/article/christa-pike-and-the-lefts-incoherent-argument-against-human-cruelty]***

