

8 AD – THE VINE SENDS FORTH ITS TENDRILS OVER THE WALL

Jesus was a young adult but he remained within the protective confines of his very spiritual parents for a while longer. Joseph and Mary took up travels again. As they journeyed Jesus learned the terrain and assessed the spiritual atmosphere of the places he went.

Joseph and Mary found few souls who were waiting for the Messiah to be revealed to Israel. What they found was busy towns full of merchants and safe Roman roads full of travelers. Jesus was surprised to see many poor, widows, cripples, blind and lame. He noted the religious crowd were not concerned with helping the poor or even their own elderly parents.

Jesus no doubt quickly discovered that the children of Judah who lived near Jerusalem considered people from Galilee to be uncouth immoral people who spoke in a harsh accent. How Jesus must have mulled and mused on the arrogance of these people who thought of themselves as nearer to God than the unwashed masses from far-away provinces.

Who would make straight the way of the LORD? Who would make a highway for our God? It could be at this time God called John the Baptist to live in the desert and be taught by God. A holy man to prepare the way in the hearts of the children of Judah for the Holy Man.

Year

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Anno Domini:

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus take liberty to travel freely within the Holy Land. Those who are trying to kill them are gone. As they go they find little faith - only a few cloisters of souls having a living faith to be found in all God's garden.

Verse

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Isa. 1 v 8

And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

Chapter

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Gen 8

The ark rested on a mountain. The flood abated. Noah sent out a raven and a dove. When the earth was dry God called them out. Noah built an altar and offered sacrifice.

Jesus

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Songs 7:11

Come my beloved. Let us go forth to the field. Let us lodge in the villages.

Number

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Meaning

HOLY MAN / NEW MAN