







# Basalt stone stele (slab) dating between the 9th and 8th cent. BCE

When Israel's President Reuven Rivlin visited the Vatican in September, he brought a special gift to Pope Francis: a replica of a basalt stone stele (slab) dating between the 9th and 8th century **BC.** It contains the earliest mention of King David's Dynasty outside of the Bible.

"I think it is right that His Holiness has this gift to remember the common roots between Judaism and Christianity," Rivlin told his host. The precious artifact was discovered in the summer of 1993 when a group of Israeli archaeologists was completing a dig at the Tel Dan Nature Reserve in Upper Galilee. This beautiful area is replete with running water, streams and pools and is the source of several archaeological finds dating to different periods.

The sensational part is the naming of kings mentioned in the Bible: "King Jehoram and King Ahaziah from the Royal House of David."

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Mattityahu (Matthew) 10.5 אֶת שְׁנֵים-עֲשִׁר אֵלֶה שְׁלַח יֵשׁוּעַ בְּצַוּוֹתו עֲלֵיהֶם אֶת הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה: ״אַל בְּצַוּוֹתו לְלֵדֶרֶדְ הַגּוֹיִים וְאַל תִּכְּנְסוּ לְעִיר שֶׁל שוֹמְרוֹנִים,

These twelve Yeshua sent out with the following instructions: "Don't go into the territory of the Goyim, and don't enter any town in Shomron,



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Dvarim/Dt 7.6-8 For you are a people set apart as holy for ADONI your God. ADONI your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure. ADONI didn't set his heart on you or choose you because you numbered more than any other people — on the contrary, you were the fewest of all peoples.

Dvarim/Dt 7.6-8 Rather, it was because **ADONI loved you, and because he** wanted to keep the oath which he had sworn to your ancestors, that ADONI brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from a life of slavery under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Hoshea 2.21-22 [19-20] | will betroth you to me forever; yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in grace and in compassion; I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you will know ADONI.

Yekhezkael/Ezek 16.9-14 "'I passed by and saw you there, wallowing in your own blood; and as you lay in your blood I said to you, "Live!" Yes, I said to you, as you lay in your blood... Then I bathed you in water, washed the blood off you, and anointed you with oil. I also clothed you with an embroidered gown, gave you fine leather sandals to wear,

Yekhezkael/Ezek 16.9-14 put a fine linen headband on your head and covered you with silk. I gave you jewelry to wear, bracelets for your hands, a necklace for your neck, a ring for your nose, earrings for your ears and a beautiful crown for your head. Thus you were decked out in gold and silver; your clothing was of fine linen, silk and richly embroidered cloth;

Yekhezkael/Ezek 16.9-14 you ate the finest flour, honey and olive oil. You grew increasingly beautiful — you were fit to be queen. Your fame spread among the nations because of your beauty, because it was perfect, due to my having bestowed my own splendor on you' says Adonai ELOHIM.

SHMOT/EX 4.22 ADONA/says, "Isra'el is my firstborn son...<sup>Hos.11.1,3</sup> "When Isra'el was a child, I loved him; and out of Egypt I called my son. "Yet it was I who taught Efrayim to walk; I took them by their arms.

Yeshayahu/Is 49.14-16 "But Tziyon says, 'ADONI has abandoned me, Adoni has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her child at the breast, not show pity on the child from her womb? Even if these were to forget, I would not forget you. I have engraved you on the palms of my hands, your walls are always before me."

Shaul/Paul, preaching in the Antioch synagogue, quoting Is 49.6

- 'I have set you as a light for the *Goyim*, to be for deliverance to the ends of the earth.' "
- <sup>Ro. 1.16</sup> The Good News...is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

Mtt. 23.37 "Yerushalayim! Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets! You stone those who are sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children, just as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings...

T'hillim/Ps117 Praise ADONI, all you nations! Worship him, all you peoples! For his grace has overcome us, and ADONI's truth continues forever. Halleluyah!

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### Israel's spiritual demographics at the time of Yeshua

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The Maccabee movement started out to safeguard the calling and gifts of the Jewish people against the assimilationist influence of Hellenism, morphed within thirty years into a movement advocating Hellenism. The Maccabees were priests and were forbidden by the **Covenant of Moshe from becoming** kings. That privilege was only granted to the Dynasty of David by covenant (Psalm 89).

When the Maccabees began to call themselves kings, they quickly adapted to the political swirls and eddies of Middle Eastern superpower politics, choosing Greek titles and opposing those Jews (Pharisees) who remained faithful to God's revelation in the Bible (see Acts 23:6). The Maccabean King Alexander Jannaeus ended up murdering

6,000 Pharisees who opposed his measures and even crucified 800 of them while dining luxuriously at their execution site. The Sadducees אַדוּקִים Şĕ*dûqîm* were a sect or group [continuation of the Maccabees?] of Jews starting from the second century BCE through the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. The sect was identified by Josephus with the upper social and economic echelon of Judean society. As a whole, the sect fulfilled various political, social, and religious roles, including maintaining the Temple

# According to Josephus, the Sadducees believed that:

- God does not commit evil
- Man has free will; "man has the free choice of good or evil"
- The soul is not immortal; there is no afterlife, and
- There are no rewards or penalties after death.
- The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection of the dead.

The Boethusians were a Jewish sect closely related to, if not a development of, the Sadducees They lived in luxurious splendor; using silver and golden vessels all their lives, not because they were haughty, but because (as they claimed) the Pharisees led a hard life on earth and yet would have nothing in the world to come.

"Pharisee" is derived from Aramaic *pərišha* פּרִישֵׁא meaning "set apart, separated", related to Hebrew parûšh , שווש, פרושים plural *pĕrûšîm* שישיק the Kal passive participle of the verb *parašh* שַּרַש Sterns' CJB "P'rushim"

Generally have a bad press relative to Yeshua

The Perush movement started out as a group of Bible-believing Jews who were faithful to the word of God. Eventually they moved into a rigid institutionalism, developing a rigorous structure requiring Jewish adherence to levels of purity and outward righteousness that God had never commanded for the Jewish people. Talmudic concepts

and laws eventually grew to carry more weight than Biblical laws, much in the same way that some Evangelicals put more stock in their study Bibles than in the Biblical texts themselves.

Common people, people of the land, *Am HaArets*, עם הארץ, were held in some contempt by the later P'rushim, belonged to none of these. The Dead Sea Scrolls, which are often attributed to the Essenes, suggest clashing ideologies and social positions between the **Essenes and the Sadducees. In fact,** some scholars suggest that the Essenes began as a group of renegade Zadokites, which would suggest that the group itself had priestly, and thus Sadducean origins. Celebate, male only, frequent mikvah/immersion.

The Zealots were a "fourth sect", founded by Judas of Galilee (also called Judas of Gamala) in the year 6 against Quirinius' tax reform. They sought to incite the people of Judaea Province to rebel against the Roman Empire and expel it from the Holy Land by force of arms, most notably during the First Jewish-Roman War (66-70

Another group, likely related, were the Sicarii, who raided Jewish habitations and killed Jews they considered apostate and collaborators, while also urging Jews to fight Romans and other Jews for the cause. According to the Babylonian Talmud, Gittin:56b, [they] destroyed decades' worth of food and firewood in besieged Jerusalem to force the Jews to fight the Romans out of desperation.

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Mtt 5. 3-4 "How blessed are the poor in spirit! for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. "How blessed are those who mourn! for they will be comforted. Lk 18.9-14 Also, he told this parable: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Parush and the other a tax-collector. The Parush stood and prayed to himself, **`O God! I thank you that I am not like** the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, immoral, or like this taxcollector!

Lk 18.9-14 I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on my entire income, ... 'But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes toward heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God! Have mercy on me, sinner that I am!' I tell you, this man went down to his home right with God rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but everyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

1 Tim 1.14-16 So here is a statement you can trust, one that fully deserves to be accepted: the Messiah came into the world to save sinners, and I'm the number one sinner! But this is precisely why I received mercy so that in me, as the number one sinner, Yeshua the Messiah might demonstrate how very patient he is, as an example to those who would later come to trust in him and thereby have eternal life.

- I am chief. <sup>KJV</sup> I am foremost. <sup>AMP</sup> I am foremost *of all*. <sup>NASB</sup>

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### Cycle Of Joy & Quiet

- Best Illustrated In Interaction With A Small Child
  - Joy To The Full
  - Gaze Avert
    - Child Needs To Rest
    - Adult Needs To Synchronize To Child
    - Missing Cues For Rest Is Harmful
- Rhythm Of Joy And Quiet Stimulates Growth Prefrontal Cortex





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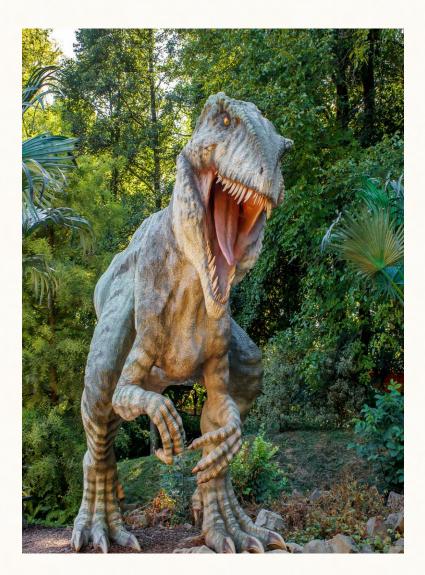


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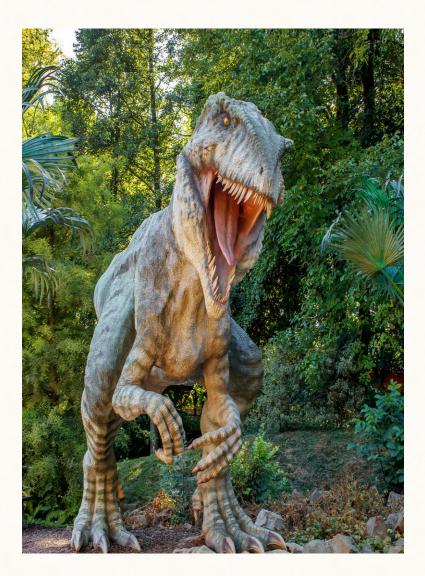


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"Let us fix our eyes on Yeshua, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Heb 12:2



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