

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Hosea 12 Part2 ²



The mountains are beautiful. Yesterday we saw an amazing waterfall, and it just reminds me of how well mountain hiking fits in with life.

You trek laboriously over rocky paths and through obstacles that fall in your way. But eventually, you get to a point of beauty.

That’s what Jacob did in his life. And God is not letting Ephraim forget who his people are, and who his father and Father were---Jacob, the heel catcher who learned to wrestle with God, and God, the One that taught Jacob, and teaches us too, how to be “upright” in our “virility.” Let’s dig in deeper this morning!

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God rescues us from slavery.

Exodus 2:23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

Exodus 13:3 Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

Exodus 13:14 "In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Exodus 20:2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Deuteronomy 5:6 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Deuteronomy 6:12 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Deuteronomy 7:8 But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Joshua 24:17 It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes.

Jeremiah 34:13 "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I made a covenant with your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Micah 6:4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

Galatians 4:3 So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.

Greek: "stoicheon" - Peripateo emphasizes the spiritual life of the individual believer, whereas stoicheo is related to individual believer's relationship and interaction with the Trinity and the other members of the Body of Christ

Galatians 4:25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

Romans 7:14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

I'll pick up here.

Hosea 12

9 ⁺Yet I, Yahweh, am your Elohim; ⁷I ^cbrought you up ⁰from the land of Egypt. ^{fr}Again I shall cause you to dwell in tents, As in the days of the appointed assembly;

10 ⁺ I spoke ^{on}by the prophets, And I / increased the vision, And ⁱby the hand of the prophets I ^mused ^llikenesses.

The NIV words it this way: I spoke to the prophets and gave them many visions and told parables through them. That's what Jesus did a lot. He spoke to them in parables (Matthew 13)

That's what "I used likenesses" must mean. Here's the word for likenesses:

H1819 damah daw-maw'

a primitive root;

to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken, consider.

It's like the word "parables," which in Greek sort of means "thrown alongside" (a comparative concept cast alongside the reality to illustrate it further).

So now let's look at the rest of this chapter using the NIV translation.

⁹"I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt;

A lot of the Word from the LORD seems to me be saying "remember who you are." I brought you from the land of slavery. Sin is equated with spiritual slavery.

I will make you live in tents again,
as in the days of your appointed festivals.

**I wonder what this means in light of what we know about Christ.
Christ “tabernacled” in flesh.**

And we live in “tents” according to the NT.

2 Corinthians 5:1

[*Awaiting the New Body*] For we know that if the earthly **tent** we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

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2 Corinthians 5:4

For while we are in this **tent**, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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2 Peter 1:13

I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the **tent** of this body,

So I think it’s cool that in the CSB translation it talks about living in the “Festival Days.”

Hosea 12:9, CSB version

I will make you live in tents again,
as in the festival days.

So here’s what I see from this. According to Paul, we live in a “tent”--in a temporary dwelling. Like Christ, we simply tabernacle in the flesh.

We’re on a journey, toward the Promised Land, and we live in temporary shelters.

Hebrews 12

⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, **living in tents** as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same

promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. . .

¹³These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. ¹⁴Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Check out this expanded version of the Scripture we quoted above 2 Corinthians 5:

5 For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands.



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²Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³since, when we are clothed,^[a] we will not be found naked. ⁴Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

I just love that visual. Living in “tents”---as in “The Festival Days.”

¹⁰I spoke to the prophets,
gave them many visions
and told parables through them.”

I imagine Jesus got some of His marching orders from this verse.

Matthew 13:34
[Using Parables Fulfills Prophecy] Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables , and he did not tell them anything without a parable,

OK. Need to stop for the day. Will Pick up here next time.

¹¹Is Gilead wicked?

Its people are worthless!

Do they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal?

Their altars will be like piles of stones
on a plowed field.

¹²Jacob fled to the country of Aram^[c];

Israel served to get a wife,
and to pay for her he tended sheep.

¹³The LORD used a prophet to bring Israel up
from Egypt,

by a prophet he cared for him.

¹⁴But Ephraim has aroused his bitter anger;

his Lord will leave on him the guilt of his bloodshed
and will repay him for his contempt.

Hosea 6:8-9 Christian
Standard Bible (CSB)

⁸Gilead is a city of
evildoers,
tracked with bloody
footprints.

⁹Like raiders who wait in
ambush for someone,
a band of priests murders
on the road to Shechem.
They commit atrocities.

Footnotes:

- a. **Hosea 12:1** In Hebrew texts 12:1-14 is numbered 12:2-15.
- b. **Hosea 12:2** *Jacob* means *he grasps the heel*, a Hebrew idiom for *he takes advantage of or he deceives*.
- c. **Hosea 12:12** That is, Northwest Mesopotamia