

## THE THIRTIETH YEAR (A.D. 24)

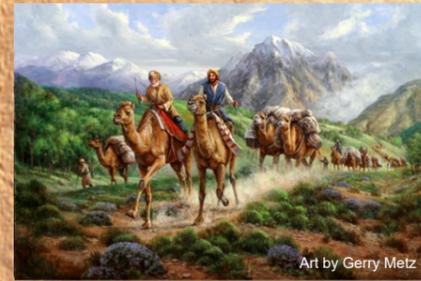
After taking leave of Gonod and Ganid at **CHARAX** - **December A.D. 23**, Jesus returned by way of **UR** to **BABYLON**, where he joined a desert caravan that was on its way to **DAMASCUS**. From Damascus he went to **NAZARETH**, stopping only a few hours at **CAPERNAUM**, where he paused to call on Zebedee's family.

- Simon and Jude were married at a double wedding in early March of this year, A.D. 24.



- Mary and Ruth moved to Capernaum, where they lived for the rest of Mary's life in the home that Jesus had provided. Joseph and his family moved into the old Nazareth home.

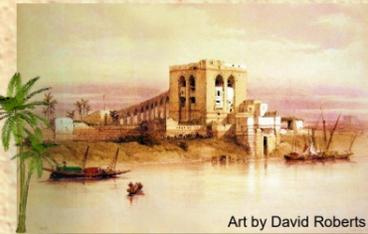
## The CARAVAN TRIP to the CASPIAN



It was the first of **April, A.D. 24**, when Jesus left Nazareth on the caravan trip to the Caspian Sea region. The caravan which Jesus joined as its conductor was going from Jerusalem by way of Damascus and Lake Urmia through Assyria, Media, and Parthia to the southeastern Caspian Sea region. It was a full year before he returned from this journey.

## THE URMIA LECTURES

On the way to the **CASPIAN SEA**, Jesus had stopped several days at the old Persian city of Urmia on the western shores of **LAKE URMIA**. On the largest of a group of islands situated a short distance offshore near Urmia was located a large building—a lecture amphitheater—dedicated to the "spirit of religion." This temple of religion had been built by, **CYMBOYTON** of Urmia and his three sons.



This was the most systematic and formal of all the Master's teaching on Urantia. These lectures were on the "Kingdom of God" and the "Kingdoms of Men."

More than thirty religions and religious cults were represented on the faculty of this temple of religious philosophy. There was but one doctrine which had to be accepted in order to gain a seat on this faculty - every teacher must represent a religion which recognized God - some sort of supreme Deity. There were five independent teachers on the faculty who did not represent any organized religion, and it was as such an independent teacher that Jesus appeared before them.

## SOVEREIGNTY DIVINE & HUMAN

An adaptation of Jesus' teachings are now presented for present day.

- The brotherhood of men is founded on the fatherhood of God.
- The family of God is derived from the love of God—God is love.
- God the Father divinely loves his children, all of them.
- The kingdom of heaven, the divine government, is founded on the fact of divine sovereignty—God is spirit. Since God is spirit, this kingdom is spiritual. The kingdom of heaven is neither material nor merely intellectual; it is a spiritual relationship between God and man.



December 23 A.D

Jesus leaves Gonad and Ganid at Charax

24 A.D

Jesus is 30 years old

Jesus returns to Nazareth

March 24 A.D

Jesus' brothers Simon and Jude each marry

Ruth is almost 15 years old

Mary and Ruth move to Capernaum

1st April, 24 A.D

Jesus leaves on Caravan trip to the Caspian

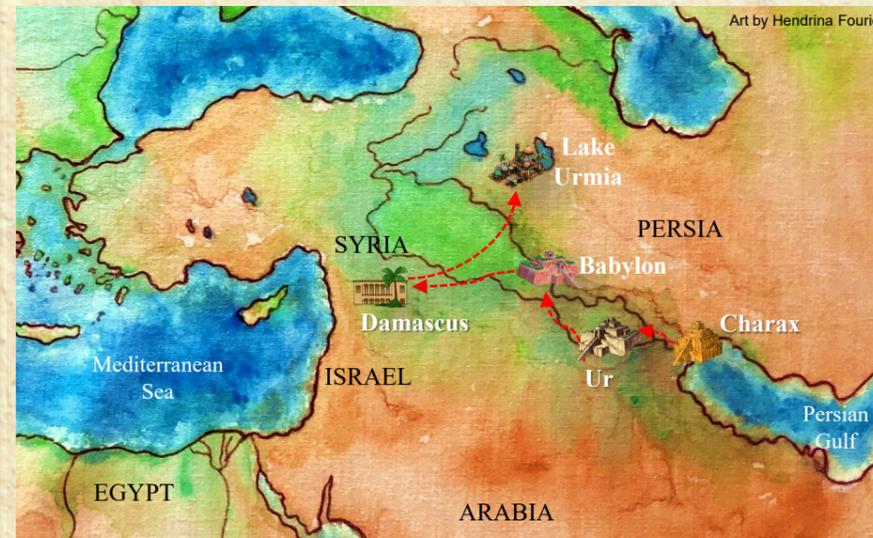
Jesus stays at Urmia

August, 25 A.D

Jesus at Mount Hermon

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If different religions recognize the spirit sovereignty of God the Father, then will all such religions remain at peace.

- Religious peace—brotherhood—can never exist unless all religions are willing to completely divest themselves of all ecclesiastical authority and fully surrender all concept of spiritual sovereignty.
- The kingdom of heaven in the hearts of men will create religious unity (not necessarily uniformity) because any and all religious groups composed of such religious believers will be free from all notions of ecclesiastical authority—religious sovereignty.



## POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY

War on Urantia will never end so long as nations cling to the illusive notions of unlimited national sovereignty.



- Religious teachers must always remember that the spiritual sovereignty of God overrides all intervening and intermediate spiritual loyalties. Someday civil rulers will learn that the Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men.
- When all the world has been explored and occupied, when nations are few, strong, and powerful, when these great and supposedly sovereign nations come to touch borders, when only oceans separate them, then will the stage be set for major wars, world-wide conflicts and eventuating wars.
- The same loyalty which makes possible the evolution of the tribe, makes difficult the evolution of the supertribe—the territorial state. And the same loyalty (patriotism) which makes possible the evolution of the territorial state, vastly complicates the evolutionary development of the government of all mankind.
- Peace will not come to Urantia until every so-called sovereign nation surrenders its power to make war into the hands of a representative government of all mankind.



Only when God the Father becomes supreme will men become religious brothers and live together in religious peace on earth.

## LAW, LIBERTY & SOVEREIGNTY

- If one man craves freedom—**LIBERTY**—he must remember that all other men long for the same freedom. If one man is to be absolutely free, then another must become an absolute slave. And the relative nature of freedom is true socially, economically, and politically.
- Religion makes it spiritually possible to realize the brotherhood of men, but it will require mankind government to regulate the social, economic, and political problems associated with such a goal of human happiness and efficiency.
- Global wars will go on until the government of mankind is created. Global sovereignty will prevent global wars—nothing else can.



War is not man's great and terrible disease; war is a symptom, a result. The real disease is the virus of national sovereignty.



- World peace cannot be maintained by treaties, diplomacy, foreign policies, alliances, balances of power, or any other type of makeshift juggling with the sovereignties of nationalism. World law must come into being and must be enforced by world government—the sovereignty of all mankind.



## THE THIRTY FIRST YEAR 25 A.D

- After a brief visit to **CAPERNAUM**, he went to **NAZARETH**, stopping over a few days to visit. In the middle of April he left Nazareth for **TYRE**. From there he journeyed on north, tarrying for a few days at **SIDON**, but his destination was **ANTIOCH**. This is the year of Jesus' solitary wanderings through Palestine and Syria. Throughout this year of travel he was known by various names in different parts of the country: *the carpenter of Nazareth, the boat builder of Capernaum, the scribe of Damascus, and the teacher of Alexandria.*

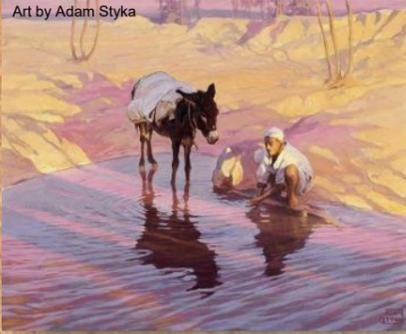
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## THE SOJOURN ON MOUNT HERMON

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After spending time in the vicinity of **CAESAREA PHILIPPI**, Jesus made ready and securing a beast of burden and a lad named **TIGLATH**, he proceeded to a village sometime known as **BEIT JENN** in the foothills of Mount Hermon.

Tiglath accompanied Jesus this first day up the mountain to a designated point about 6,000 feet above sea level, where they built a stone container in which Tiglath was to deposit food twice a week.

Throughout this period of communion with his heavenly Father the indwelling Adjuster also completed the assigned services. The mortal goal of this earth creature was there attained.

Near the end of the mountain sojourn Jesus asked his Father if he might be permitted to hold conference with his Satania enemies as the Son of Man, as **JOSHUA BEN JOSEPH**. This request was granted.

During the last week on Mount Hermon the great temptation, the universe trial, occurred. **SATAN** (representing **LUCIFER**) and the rebellious Planetary Prince, **CALIGASTIA**, were present with Jesus and were made fully visible to him.

And this "temptation," this final trial of human loyalty in the face of the misrepresentations of rebel personalities, had not to do with food, temple pinnacles, or presumptuous acts.



It had not to do with the kingdoms of this world but with the sovereignty of a mighty and glorious universe. The symbolism of your records was intended for the backward ages of the world's childlike thought.

Subsequent generations should understand what a great struggle the Son of Man passed through that eventful day on Mount Hermon.

After more than five weeks of unbroken communion with his Paradise Father, Jesus became absolutely assured of his nature and of the certainty of his triumph over the material levels of time-space personality manifestation. He fully believed in, and did not hesitate to assert, the ascendancy of his divine nature over his human nature.



August to September, 25 A.D

Jesus is situated on Mount Hermon

Jesus has conference with the Satania enemies

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To the many proposals and counterproposals of the emissaries of **LUCIFER**, Jesus only made reply: "May the will of my Paradise Father prevail, and you, my rebellious son, may the Ancients of Days judge you divinely. I am your Creator-father; I can hardly judge you justly, and my mercy you have already spurned. I commit you to the adjudication of the Judges of a greater universe."



To all the Lucifer-suggested compromises and makeshifts, to all such specious proposals about the incarnation bestowal, Jesus only made reply, "The will of my Father in Paradise be done."

On an afternoon in late summer, amid the trees and in the silence of nature, **MICHAEL** of **NEBADON** won the unquestioned sovereignty of his universe. On that day he completed the task set for Creator Sons to live to the full the incarnated life in the likeness of mortal flesh on the evolutionary worlds of time and space.

- The universe announcement of this momentous achievement was not made until the day of his baptism, months afterward.

### THE TIME OF WAITING

Jesus started for **JERUSALEM** with **JOHN** the son of Zebedee, going to the east of the lake and by **GERASA** and on down the **JORDAN VALLEY**.



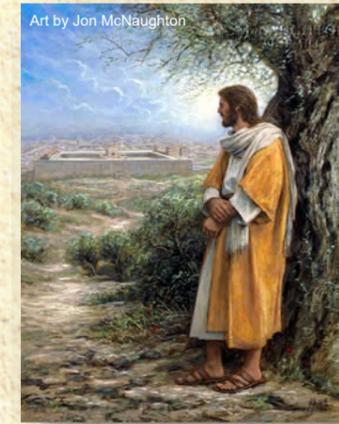
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Jesus planned to remain throughout the week of **The FEAST of TABERNACLES** with John. This feast was the annual holiday of all Palestine; it was the Jewish vacation time.



October, 25 A.D.

Jesus visits Jerusalem for Feast of Tabernacles



The next morning Jesus went to the chest containing his personal effects, which had remained in Zebedee's workshop, put on his apron, and presented himself for work, saying, "It behooves me to keep busy while I wait for my hour to come."

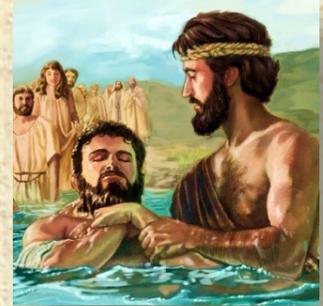
And he worked several months, until January of the following year, in the boatshop, by the side of his brother James.



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In the midst of the week of celebration and ere the festivities were finished, Jesus took leave of John, saying that he desired to retire to the hills where he might the better commune with his Paradise Father.

Jesus did not return to Jerusalem. After almost a week alone in the hills near **BETHANY**, he departed for **CAPERNAUM**.



As time passed, rumors came to Capernaum of one **JOHN** who was preaching while baptizing penitents in the Jordan, and John preached: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand; repent and be baptized."

Jesus listened to these reports as John slowly worked his way up the Jordan valley from the ford of the river nearest to Jerusalem.

But Jesus worked on, making boats, until John had journeyed up the river to a point near **PELLA** in the month of January of the next year, A.D. 26, when he laid down his tools, declaring, "My hour has come," and presently presented himself to John for baptism.

### TIMELINE for PAPER 134

A.D. 23	December	Jesus departs Charax
A.D. 24	March April	Simon and Jude marry at double wedding Jesus departs Nazareth for the Caspian Sea
A.D. 25	April  September October	1 <sup>st</sup> Jesus arrives back in Capernaum 25 <sup>th</sup> Jesus departs Nazareth for Antioch Jesus departs Mount Hermon Jesus visits Jerusalem for Feast of Tabernacles Works at Capernaum
A.D. 26	January	Jesus departs Capernaum after working as a boatbuilder

January, 26 A.D.

Works until January at the boat shop in Capernaum

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