



Early Gospel—How Early? Most people think the Gospel first came with **ישוע** *Yeshua* Jesus/salvation. In **ישוע**, the full mystery is made known, [Ephesians 1.9-10](#). But consider:

- **ישראל** *Yisra'el* Israel leaves Egypt and dies in the wilderness in chapter 3, then [Hebrews 4.2](#) says **ישראל**, 1,500 years before **ישוע**, hears the Gospel!
- In [Romans 4](#), Paul says that Abraham is saved through faith, 2,000 years before **ישוע**. Paul adds in [Galatians 3.16-18](#) that law does not set aside this grace.
- Perhaps about the same time as Abraham, Job says, “I know that my Redeemer lives...How my heart yearns within me!” [Job 19.25-27](#).
- God promises in [Genesis 3.15](#) that woman’s Seed will strike the Serpent’s head.
- [Revelation 13.8](#) says that the Lamb is slain before the foundation of the world. The Gospel is before the Creation! ([Ephesians 1.4](#); [Titus 1.2](#); [1 Peter 1.19-20](#))

The Gospel in the 10 names from Adam to Noah:

אדם	Adam	Man
שת	Set	Appoint “God has appointed me another...”
אנוש	Enowsh	Mortal, weak, sick, frail (root)
קין	Cainan	(see root) Nest (root: a comfortable abode)
מהללאל	Mahalalel	Praise of God
ירד	Yehred	Descend (root)
חנוך	Khanokh	To train up (root)
מתושלה	Metuselah	Man and (weapon/missile/sprout) Send forth (root)
למך	Lehmekh	ל To + Blow/wound/slaughter (root)
נח	Noach	Rest

“Man is appointed mortal, frail, and a comfortable abode. Praise of God descends to train up, as a Man sent forth to blows, wounds, and slaughter, bringing rest.”

The Gospel Connects תורה [Torah](#) Law/Instruction and the New Covenant One root

of תורה is תור [tor](#) turtledove. Only twice in Scripture does a dove play an active role.

The first is in [Genesis 8.6-12](#). Noah releases a dove to see if the judgment of the flood is ended. Eventually, the dove does not return. The dove is searching for *salvation* from the destruction of flood waters...where does the dove find salvation? The next time we see the dove is [Matthew 3.16](#),

when the Spirit descends like a dove as **ישוע**/salvation comes out of the waters of baptism. The dove ties together the two Covenants—salvation from judgment is found in **ישוע**.



Glossary, in order of appearance:

ישוע	<i>Yeshua</i>	Jesus/salvation
שראל	<i>Yisra'el</i>	Israel
אדם	<i>Adam</i>	Man
שת	<i>Seth</i>	Appoint “God has appointed me another...”
אנוש	<i>Enosh</i>	Mortal, weak, sick, frail
קינן	<i>Cainan</i>	Nest (a comfortable abode)
מהללאל	<i>Mahalalel</i>	Praise of God
ירד	<i>Jared</i>	Descend
חנוך	<i>Enoch</i>	To train up
מתושלח	<i>Methuselah</i>	Man and (weapon) Send forth
למך	<i>Lamech</i>	ל To + Blow/wound/slaughter
נח	<i>Noah</i>	Rest
תורה	<i>Torah</i>	Law/Instruction
תור	<i>tor</i>	turtledove