

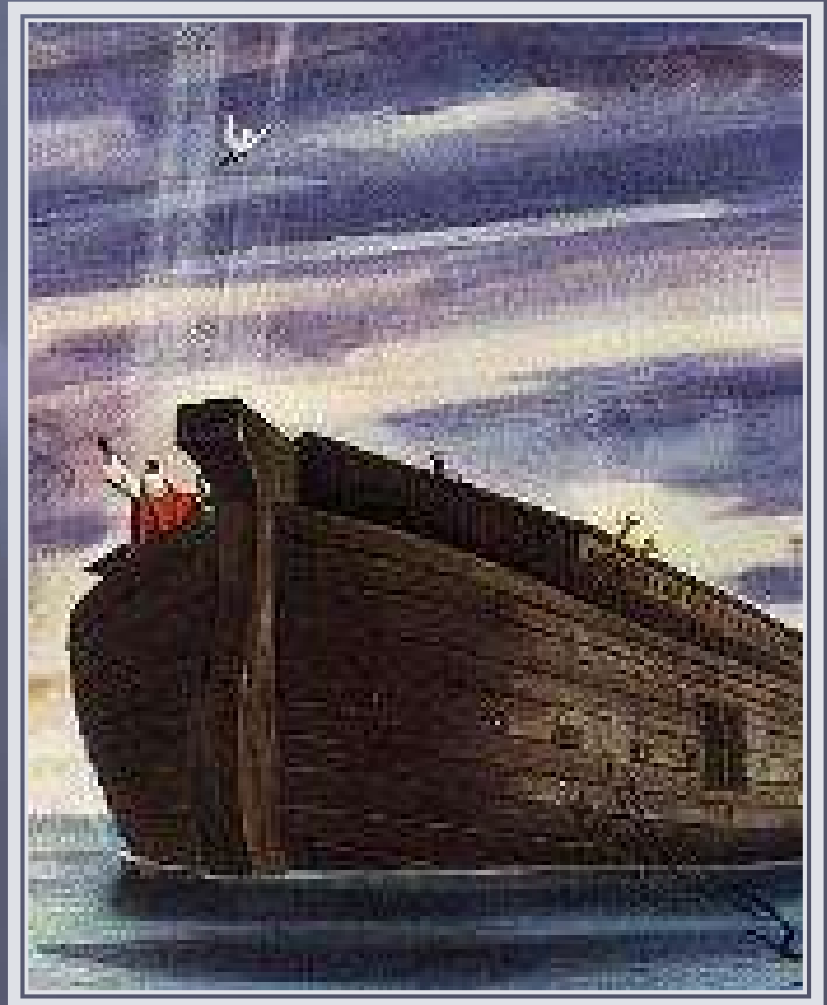
**“HAS THE LORD’S
HAND BEEN
SHORTENED?...”**



Isaiah 50:1-11

Not In The Past!

- ▣ He Saved Noah! - Genesis 6-9
- ▣ He Saved Israel
 - From Egyptian Slavery - Exodus 2-14
 - Conquering Canaan – Joshua 1-24
 - In Babylonian Captivity - Daniel 3, 6



Not When Man Was Lost In Sin!



- ▣ He Brought The World A Savior
Hebrews 7:25

Hebrews 7:24-26

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(24) But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. (25) Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (26) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

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- ▣ He Gave The World A Perfect Guide Book 1 Cor. 2:9-10



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(9) But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." (10) But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

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(11) For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

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- ▣ He Gave Us The Self Sufficient Church
Ephesians 5:23;
3:10,21

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(10) to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, (11) according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

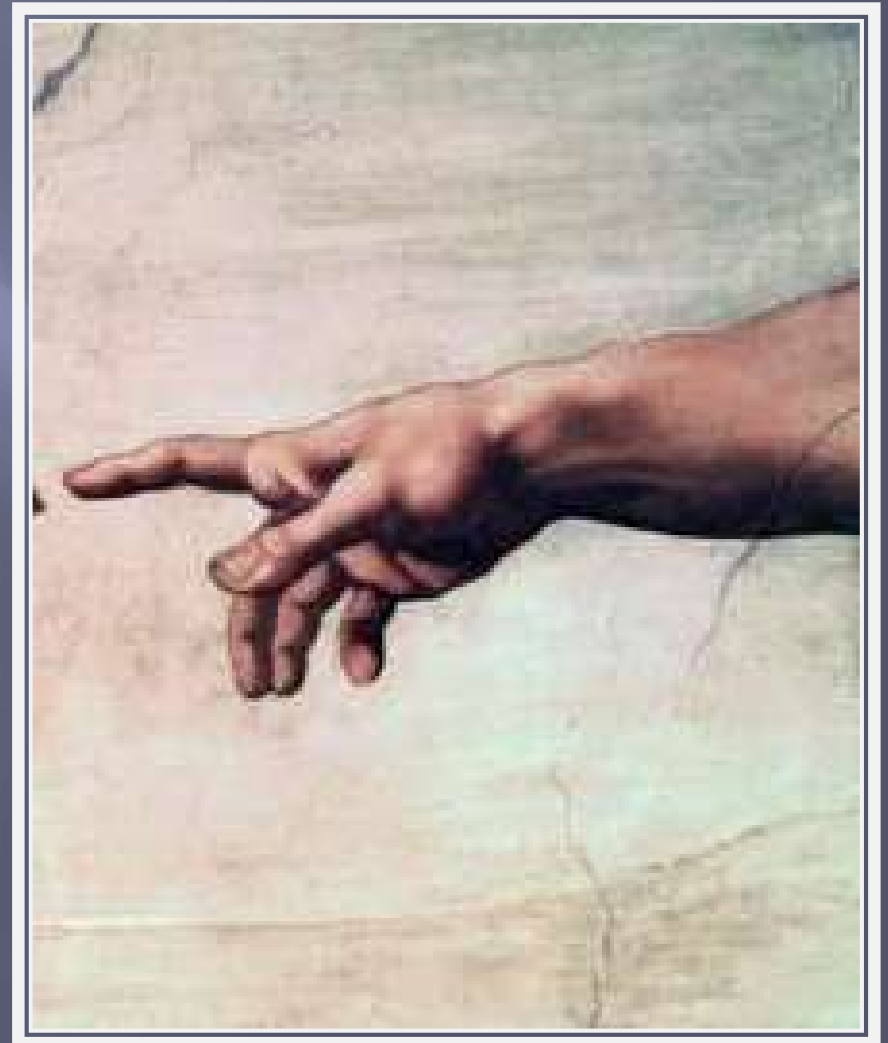
(20) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (21) to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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So:

- Not Trusting God -
Jeremiah 2:13



(11) Has a nation changed *its* gods, Which *are* not gods? But My people have changed their Glory For *what* does not profit. (12) Be astonished, O heavens, at this, And be horribly afraid; Be very desolate," says the LORD. (13) "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

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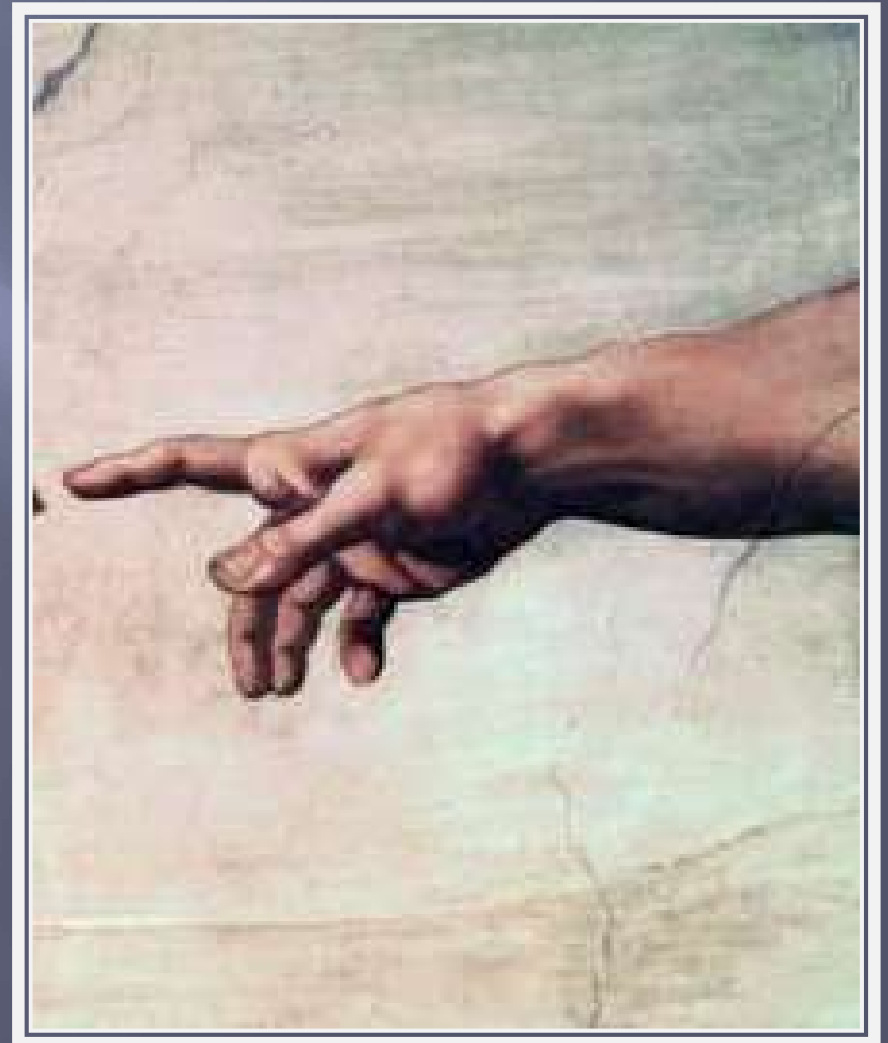
(16) No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. (17) A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength. (18) Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

(19) To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. (20) Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. (21) For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. (22) Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

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(1) And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. (2) For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (3) I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

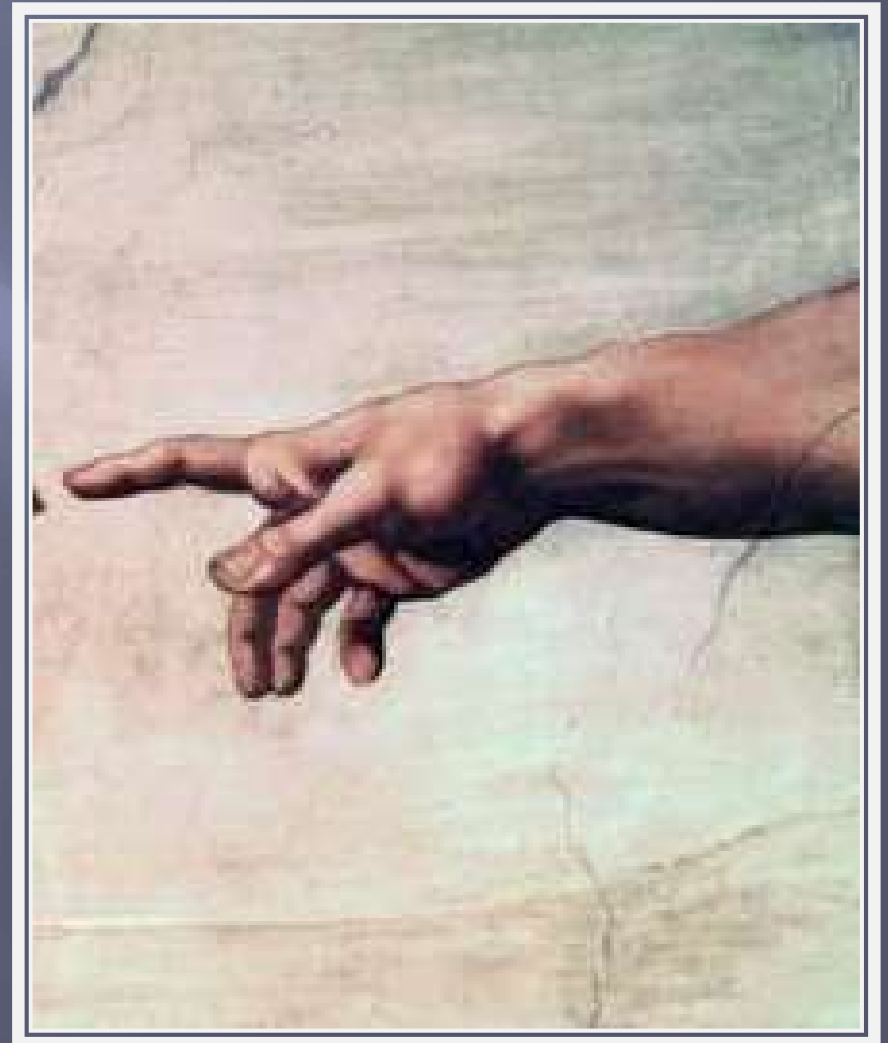
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(4) And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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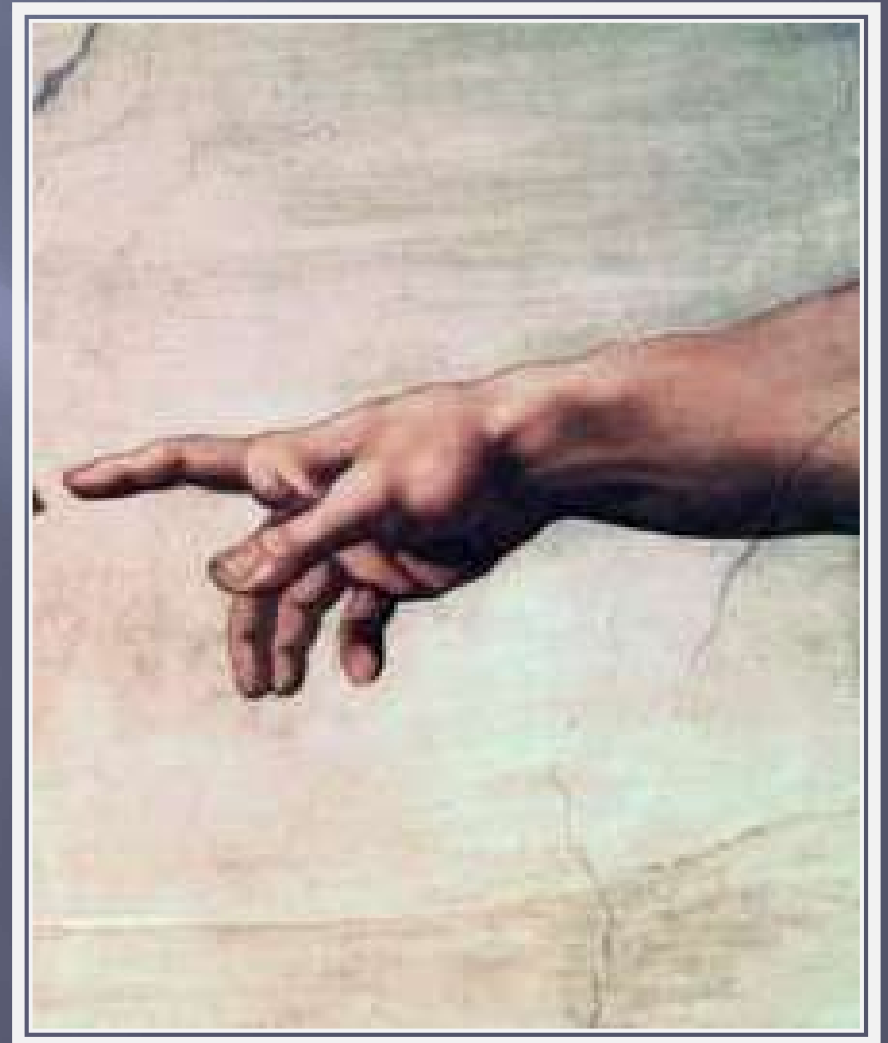
(36) "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (37) Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

(38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

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Ephesians 4:11-13

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(11) And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, (13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Ephesians 4:14-15

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(14) that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, (15) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Ephesians 4:16

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(16) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

