

# John the Baptist

## *the Breaker*

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"Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."



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**Isaiah 10:20-22** In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. <sup>21</sup> A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. <sup>22</sup> For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness.

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**John 3:28-29** <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.

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<sup>NKJ</sup> **Genesis 38:28-29** And so it was, when she was giving birth, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took a scarlet *thread* and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." <sup>29</sup> Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you **break through** (*parats*)? *This breach* (*perets*) *be upon you!*" Therefore his name was called **Perez**.

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## *John's Purpose:*

- turn the hearts of the children of Israel back to the “fathers” and to YHVH
- make ready a people for YHVH
- give the knowledge of salvation to his people

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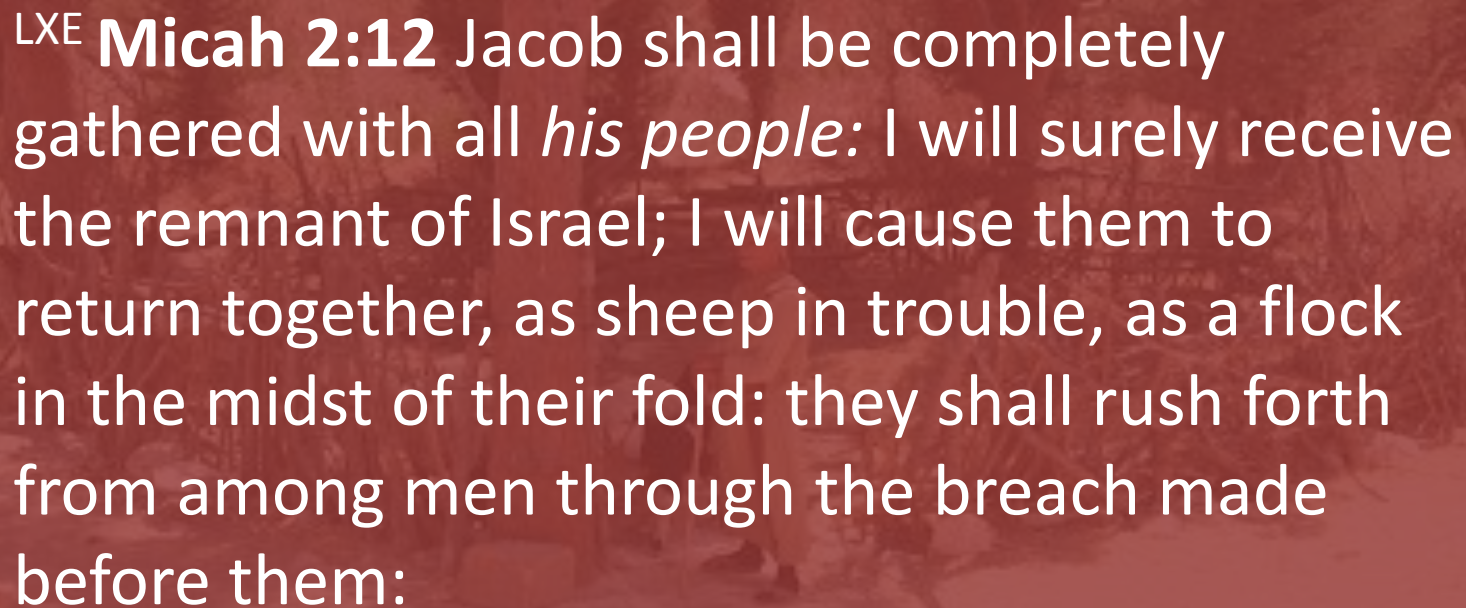
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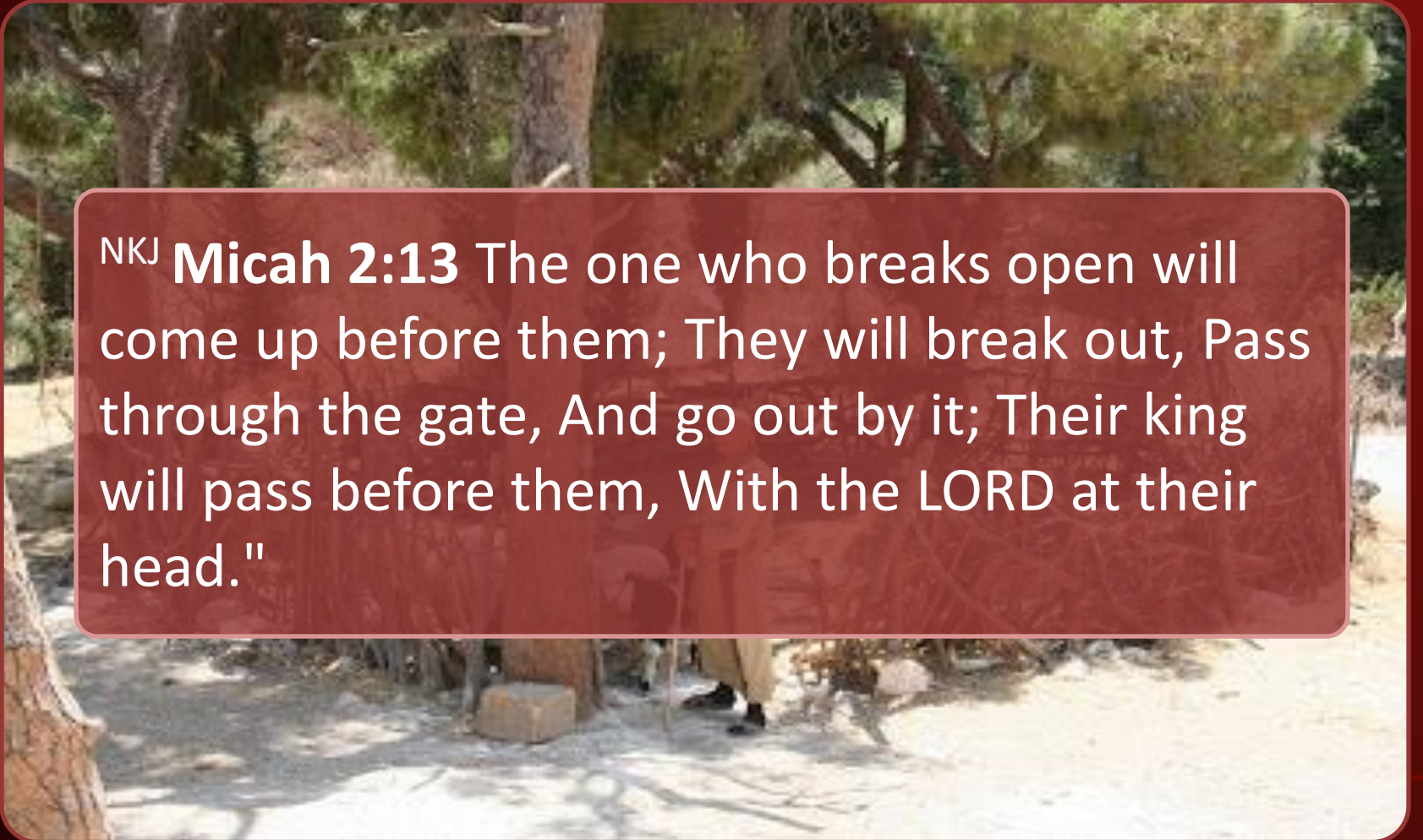


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## Elijah the Prophet – the “Breaker”

“The breaker (haporetz) who opens the breach rises up before them, they will break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king will pass on before them, the LORD at the head of them.” In Micah, the two figures are portrayed by the designations (1) the breaker and (2) the king. These two characters, the breaker and their king, were popularly interpreted as referring to Elijah and the Messiah. A beautiful description of the future redemption is preserve the homiletical midrash, Pesikta Babbati, with is filled with early Jewish teachings . . . “

Brad Young - “Jesus - the Jewish Theologian “ pg. 63

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Ephesians 2:8;11-14** <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God . . . <sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands - <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and **has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility . . .**

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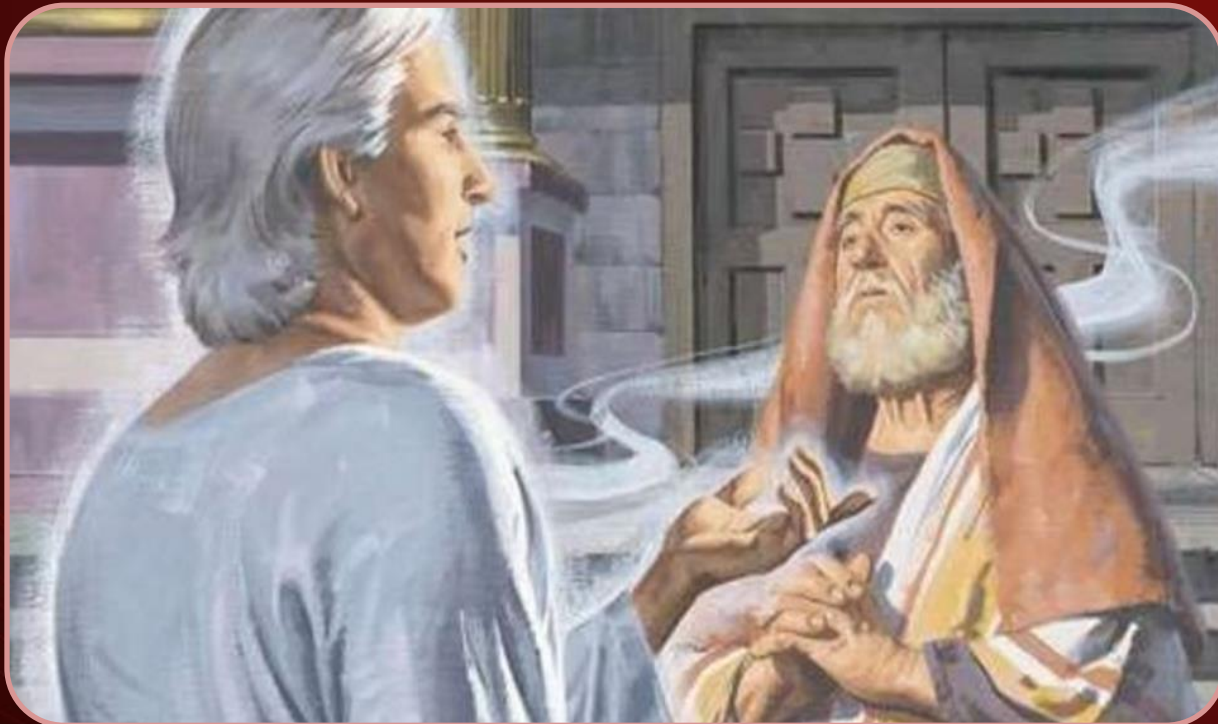
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**Shalom Alechim**

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*Peace be Unto You*