

## Explanation for “Build an Ark in Your Heart or You Will Drown”

This depiction illustrates what was heard, as divine inspiration, in the fall of 2007 by the co-artist. It was “heard” as an imperative command, “Build an ark in your heart or you will drown, for a flood of deception is coming.”

The open view heart is set adrift on “the sea of deception.” An ark, like Noah’s ark, and the Ark of the Covenant (as described in the Hebrew Bible, the TaNaK), fill the heart's chambers. Both the ark and the Ark appear as spiritual metaphor. The Ark of the Covenant symbolizes following the Law, or “Instruction” (Torah) given by Y-H-V-H, and of following Him as Elohim (G-d).

At the top in the center are the First Words of Elohim as given in Hebrew in the Torah, as “Ehyeh Or.” In English the words are literally translated as “Let be light.” The reddish cumulus clouds which open up in the center of the illustration reveal not only light from the sun, but the light reflected by the words of Y-H-V-H Elohim as given in Torah. Conversely, the words themselves reflect the light of Y-H-V-H Elohim.

On the Torah scroll in the sky is the text from Deuteronomy (D’vrim) 6v4, “Hear (or ‘Listen’) Isra’El, Y-H-V-H is your Eloh, Y-H-V-H is One” — the opening words of the most sacred prayer in Judaism, the Sh’ma. The Sh’ma is cited by Yahshua (which Name in Hebrew translates as “Yah is Salvation”) whom Christians call “Jesus,” as the “first and great commandment.”

Within the sea of deception are the Hebrew phrases from the TaNaK which represent, literally, deceptions which lead us away from Elohim (G-d). The first is from Sh’Mot (Exodus) 20v3, אלהים אחרים, and is rendered in English as “any other elohim.” The second is from 1 Melakim (I Kings) 12v28, צגגולי זהב, and is translated into English as “calves of gold,” from the declaration of Rehoboam, king of Judah, “Behold your elohim, Isra’El.” The declaration by the king is not only deception, but is blasphemous. The third Hebrew phrase in the “sea of deception” is from Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 5v21, חכמים בעיניהם, translated as “those wise in their own eyes.” And the fourth phrase is from Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 8v8, לשקר עשה עט שקר (l’sheh’ker a’sha et sheh’ker) and translated literally as “of the lie the pen has pushed deceit,” and rendered into English as “the lying pen of the scribes.”

In this inspired illustration the “flood of deception” is a central spiritual reality. When we build an Ark and an ark in our hearts, we ourselves will not drown when threatened with inundation by “seas of deception.”

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