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John 6:14 When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

[15] Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him King, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself. [16] When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, [17] got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

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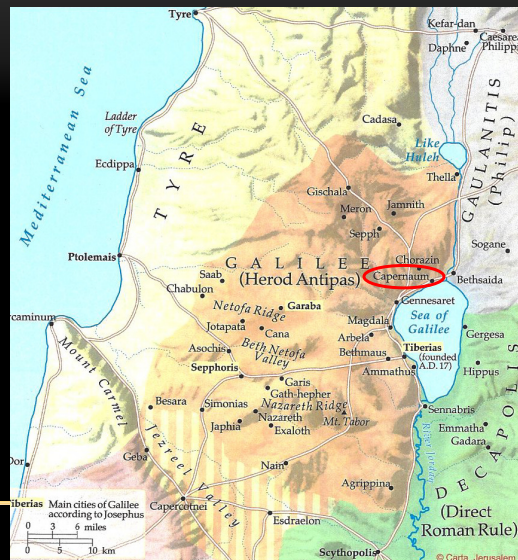


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Hab. 3:15 You trampled on the sea with Your horses,  
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Job 9:8 Who alone stretches out the heavens and  
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Mark 6:48b **He meant to pass by them**, [49] but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, [50] for they all saw Him and were terrified.



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Exodus 33:19-34:7 – Moses asks God to show him His glory & God “passes by” with His back turned

1 Kings 19:11-12 – The Prophet Elijah is at the foot of the cave, God tells Him He is about to “pass by”



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Shekinah = "He caused to dwell"

Col. 2:9 For in Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

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Ex. 33:17 And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name.”

[18] Moses said, “Please show me Your glory.” [19] And He said, “I will make all My **goodness** pass before you and will **proclaim before you My Name ‘The LORD.’** And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

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Ex. 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “**The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, [7] keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.**” (i.e. I am just & will not allow evil & pain & hurtfulness to persist) [8] And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

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Is. 41:13 For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the One who helps you."

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Ex. 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone **because he had been talking with God.**

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John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

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