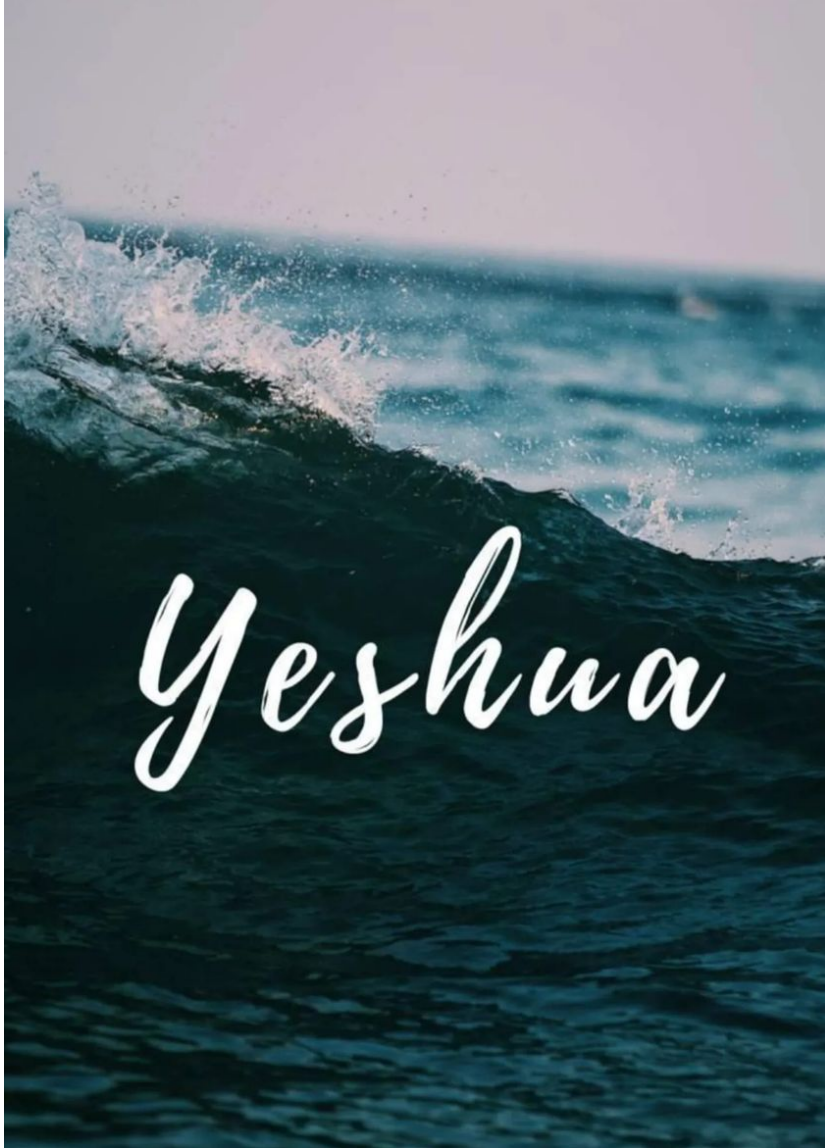


YESHUA OF NAZARETH

John 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and [also] the Prophets wrote — **Yeshua of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**"



This is a verse commonly used by Orthodox Jews to try to stump Believers in Yeshua. They ask: Where in the Prophets does it say Yeshua will be a Nazarene? (Matt. 26:71, Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34, Acts 10:38). Nazerite and Nazarene sound similar but are not. Yeshua never fulfilled any Nazerite vow. Many places in our bible talk about a "Branch" (samach in Hebrew). In five places (Jer. 23:5, 33:15, Zech. 3:8, 6:12, Isa. 11:1) Branch is spelled with a capital, meaning "the Branch" (Messiah). Samach in Hebrew is a particular type branch..shoot from a cut down olive tree. The word branch (lower case) is "nester", a branch that grows out of an olive tree that springs up later, somewhat distant from the original trunk. Yeshua was from the offspring of King David, the olive tree. Jesse is King David's father (Isa. 11:1). All three prophets said Yeshua would be a samach and He indeed was.

Yeshua's father, Yoseph Ben Eli (who's royal line came through Nathan, King David's son), was Mirium's (Mary's) husband (Luke 3:23). Yoseph Ben Yakov was Mary's father, Mary was the 13th generation and Yeshua was the 14th generation as listed in the Gospels. Mary was from the royal line of David, her family living in Nester (Nazerith), a weeks travel from Bethlehem (in the Galilee region). Their family lived there among the gentiles because Jews were being persecuted by Antiacus Epiphanes in the Bethlehem area. When Yoseph went to register the family, he had to walk all the way to Bethlehem.

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