

# BEMA

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Notes on the Christian faith from a Jewish perspective, based upon the works of rabbis such as Ray Vander Laan and Marty Solomon.

[BEMA Discipleship](#) - Marty Solomon

[That the World May Know](#) - Ray Vander Laan

# 1 RVL Israel

Mashal - Hebrew Parable (Strong 4911)

Jesus stops funeral procession.- cf Elisha “A prophet has awakened in Israel”

## 1.1 Gezer

4000BC Glassade

2000BC Cannanite

1300 DC Joshja

City not taken by Joshua. Egyptian king gave Gezer as dowry 950BC

Destroyed

Destroyed again by Babylon

Conquered 15 times in 3500 years

## 1.2 Cities

- Always found on untillable land
- Req water source - Place king can store food
- Defensive position
- Place of safety
- Rich lived in cities
- Surrounded by daughter villages

Don't weep for me, weep for yourselves. The enemies will throw your babies against the wall

You are a city on a hill

## 1.3 Gates

- Defensive
- Define relationship to the world
- Unusual to breach the gates
- Place of commerce
- Place of justice Boaz went to city gates
- Lot - an elder in Sodom and Gomorrah
- Crucifixion just outside city gates

## 1.4 Canaanite cosmology

World is conflict between chaos and order (Ma'at)

Yamm is Canaanite God of primordial chaos

Genesis - in the beginning it was chaos, and the spirit of God hovered over the earth

Plagues: 10 gods addressed by 10 plagues

Fall: return to chaos

Jesus: I am the gate

Care for the poor in your gate (**BibleNIV?**, Deuteronomy 15:7)

## References