



Her Shining Wisdom

Remembering the Eternal Feminine Lineage
of the ancient Israelite & early Jewish tradition

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*Shlama**

Wholeness and peace to you.

Welcome!

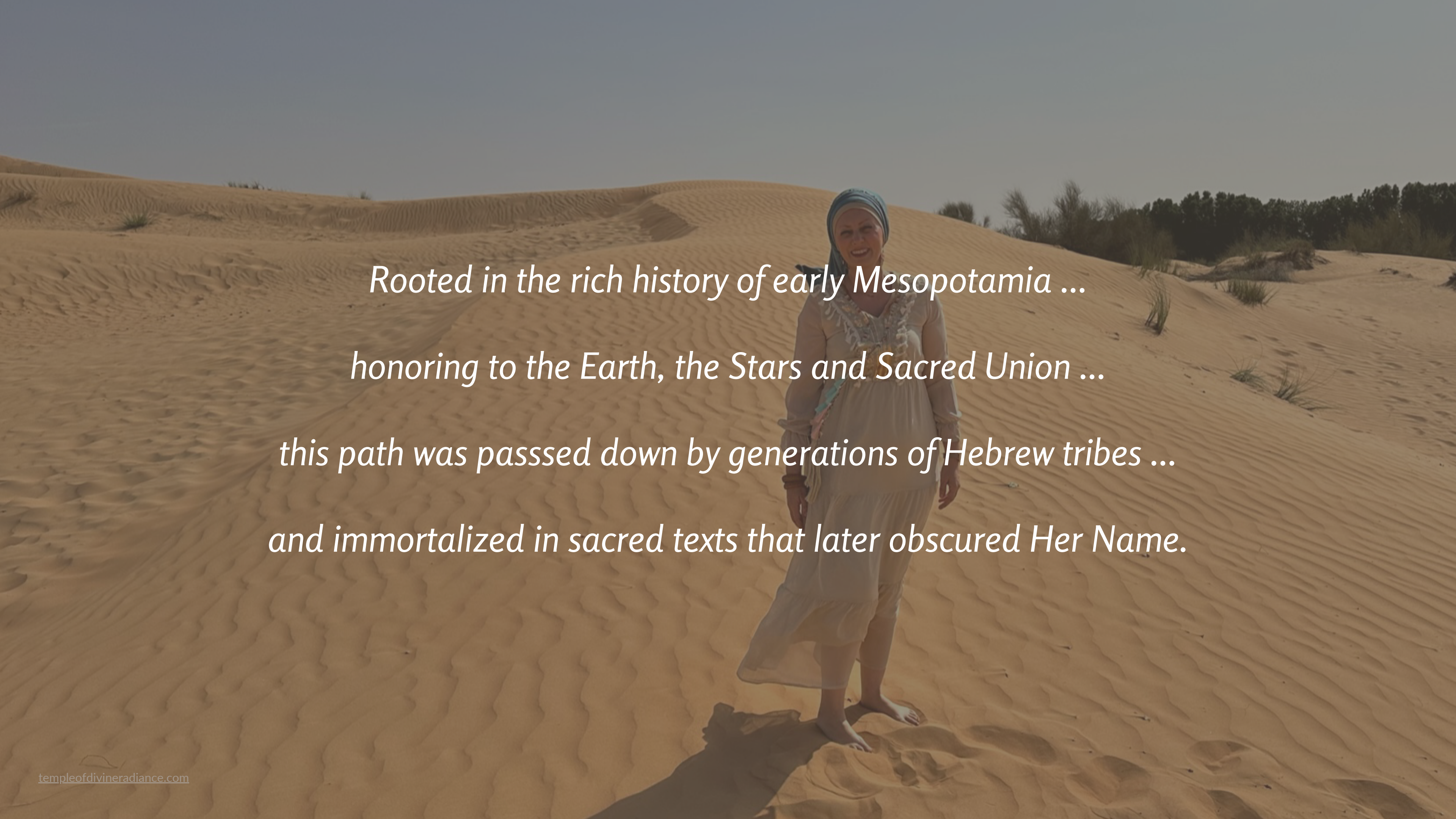
If you yearn to connect more deeply with
the Eternal Feminine from early Israelite heritage
as Wisdom, Divine Presence and Cosmic Womb
... you have returned to Her place.

*Shlama is Aramaic and is related to the more well-known Hebrew "shalom."
It is commonly translated peace, but more deeply means a full-bodied sense
of "wholeness and well-being." Wisdom in the ancient Aramaic texts is thought
of as blessing Her people with "shlama" ... as in Proverbs 3:17b:
"All Her paths are peaceful" (וְכָל־הַדְרָגוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלָמָא).

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a long white dress with lace detailing and a yellow headscarf, stands on a dirt path. She is holding a large, round, golden disc behind her back. The path is flanked by a low stone wall on the left and lush greenery on the right. A white pillar is visible on the left side of the path. The scene is set in a garden with various plants and trees in the background.

There was once a Way of Wisdom...

*... an ancient path of the Eternal Feminine,
birthed in the land now called Israel or Occupied Palestine,
which preceded the rise of modern Judaism as we
know it today, or of Christianity & Islam.*


A woman with a joyful expression stands barefoot on a vast, golden sand dune. She is dressed in a long, flowing white dress with a ruffled neckline and a light blue headscarf. The dunes around her are smooth and undulating, with some sparse desert vegetation visible in the distance under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, following the curve of the dune.

*Rooted in the rich history of early Mesopotamia ...
honoring to the Earth, the Stars and Sacred Union ...
this path was passed down by generations of Hebrew tribes ...
and immortalized in sacred texts that later obscured Her Name.*

*A day came when it was no longer
safe or acceptable for Her to be recognized
as the expression of God in the world.*

For millennia since, She has remained hidden behind Her veil ...
Her legacy scattered to the four winds with Her wandering children ...
Revealing Her glory only to those who intentionally seek her.

But the veil is coming down.

A woman wearing a white long-sleeved dress and a blue headscarf stands in a desert landscape. She is holding a large, circular, woven object, possibly a basket or a shield, against her chest. The background features a large, gnarled tree and rolling sand dunes under a clear sky. The overall tone is warm and contemplative.

Across the millennia, Wisdom now cries out to our souls,
calling for us to remember Her ancient paths.

Listen closely.

Do you hear Her still, small voice?

The Way of Wisdom

is a life lived in the Presence of God,
as tangibly experienced in the created world.

This guide to Her Way is for you if ...

- You desire to know the Holy Feminine Lineage that is hidden "in plain sight" in the Jewish Scriptures.
- You crave more lived experience of the Presence, Wisdom and Vitality of God in your daily life.
- You yearn to deepen your Jewish practice with pre-rabbinic, shamanic or "aboriginal" Israelite wisdom.
- Or ... you evolving out of Christian practice and seek an Eternal Feminine theology that predates Mary.
- You want to learn vibrational healing methods you can use right away to release old emotional pain, receive clarity and activate persistent joy.

- You long for a continuous flow of Self-Expression, Creativity, Sacred Love and Divine Union.
- You are strongly called to sing, drum, dance and move your body, even if these practices haven't been part of your life or spirituality before.
- You are seeking to follow the path of qadosha (the early Israelite holy woman) and/or invite more sacred Aramaic language into your spiritual life.

In this book, I will share my understanding of WISDOM as an early Israelite concept of the Eternal Feminine, which was later developed into the rabbinic Jewish concept of SHECHINAH, God's Radiant Presence. Her lineage has been handed down to us in pieces across the Mesopotamian, Israelite, and Jewish traditions.

Though long hidden behind a veil of esoteric texts and archaic rituals, Wisdom (or Shechinah) is revealing Her powerful gifts once more. She is calling many today to reclaim an earlier Hebrew path, which offers healing, wholeness, meaning and (yes!) magic for daily life.

If you grew up Jewish, you likely recognize Wisdom's "other" name, Shechinah. You also likely will recognize much of the Kabbalistic teaching I reference. Yet other aspects might feel quite strange to you. For example, you might find it surprising that I speak about Ishtar as Wisdom's Assyrian forerunner, or frequently reference Proverbs: a section of the Hebrew Scriptures (in the Ketuvim or Writings) not often read in synagogue.

If you grew up Christian, or if you have participated in its modern feminine or gnostic communities, you will recognize still other fragments of what I share here or see parallels with your own tradition. But you will also find other elements that might surprise you.

Wisdom, as we will unveil Her, springs from an earlier Hebrew tradition not as strongly anchored in Moses and Sinai as in the world of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and the era of the Israelite kings. In this cosmology, the Temple is a mystical model for the process of Creation. Astrology is a way to study God's design. Mysticism and magic are essential.

This kind of Hebrew wisdom predates the time of the rabbinic establishment, which began to form prior to and during the Israelite exile in Babylon. As one writer observed, those who went into exile as Israelites came back as Jews. It was during this transition that Wisdom began to slip from public view and go behind Her Veil.

Groups that did not agree with this shift clung to the old ways and preserved Her knowledge. Many of their descendants became the first followers of the rabbi called Yeshua or Jesus. (These tribal Hebrews of the older Israelite way would not have recognized the turning of their beloved rabbi into a "Christ.") Others became the Jewish mystics who handed down the teachings that became Kabbalah.

Ultimately, in this guide I will explore what some have called "aboriginal" or "earth-based" Israelite faith. The book is divided into five sections, with chapters that are brief enough for a daily reading or brief meditation. We move through theory, history and sacred text first, so the later practices will be grounded in context.

My prayer is that this book bears witness to the lovely heritage of the Eternal Feminine from our Jewish and Christian ancestors: Mesopotamians and Arameans like our father Abraham and mother Sarah, along with the later Israelites in the land of Canaan.

To Jewish readers: in saying the above, I do not intend to suggest that Christianity is an improvement on the Jewish tradition, or that it is Judaism's daughter or successor. I hold the distinctiveness of Jewish wisdom in highest regard and maintain a fully Jewish spiritual practice myself. The historical reality is simply that some concepts of Wisdom, no longer acceptable to rabbinic Jews, got grafted into emerging Christianity.

To Christian readers: I lovingly invite you to remember that though your faith is distinct from Judaism in every way, it sprang from the teachings of a rabbi. Hopefully, what you will find here opens a door into the Hebraic worldview he would have held, not the Greco-Roman perspective of those who later made him a "christ."

To all my readers: in this guide, I write most especially for those from any background who yearn to connect with the Eternal Feminine Wisdom and Presence of God through the Mesopotamian-derived heritage of Israel. I do this in unison with the Prophet Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) who urged us, "Ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." (6:16).

Personally, I have felt called to hold "the older ways" from my youth, though it has taken me years since to find them. Remembering The Way of Wisdom was (and remains) for me the key to my calling.

Within this holy and prayerful process of discovery, I have found true shlama of mind, body and spirit.

I pray that you do as well.

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