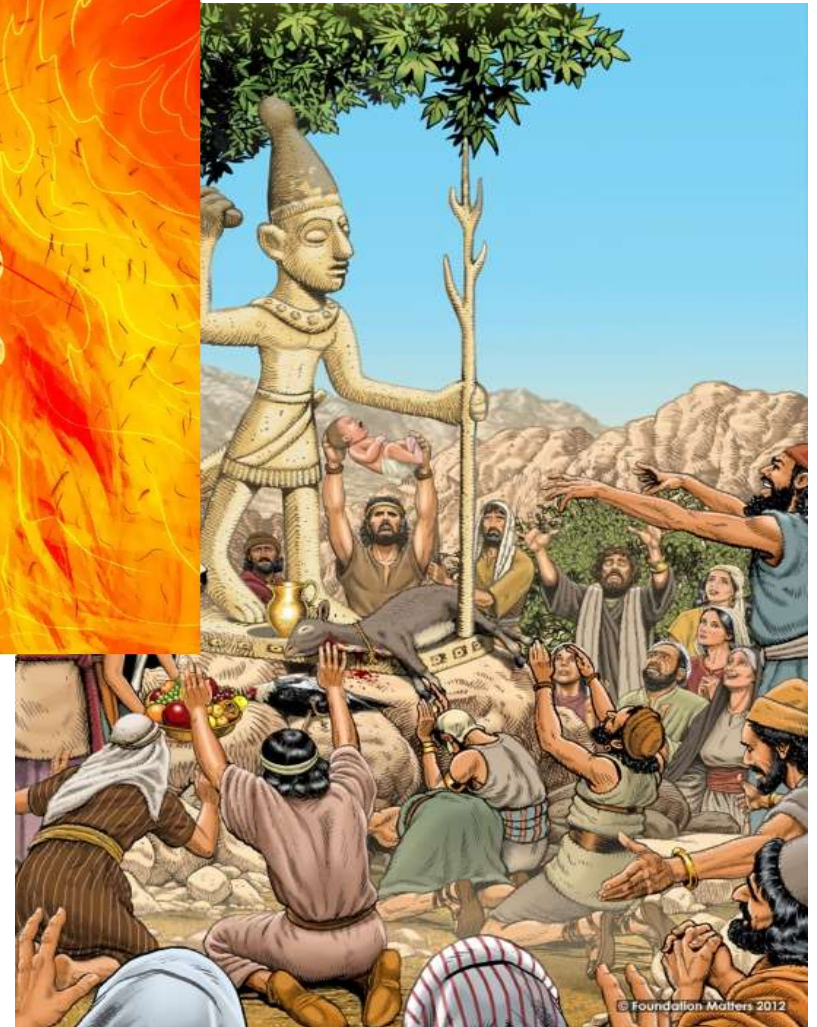


# God Saw a Difference Between **Believing** and **Unbelieving** Israel (Matthew 3:8-12)



(Matt. 3:8-9) **John the Baptist:** [You, Israelites] *Bring forth therefore fruits (proof) meet (good) for repentance (turn to faith in God): And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father (Israelite): for I [John Baptist] say unto you [Israelites], that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*



God can make people; but God has given people the responsibility to repent—chose to believe His Word.

(Matt. 3:10) *And now also the axe is laid unto (ready to cut) the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit (proof of repentance / faith in God's Word) is hewn (cut) down, and cast into the fire.*





(Matt. 3:11) I (John Baptist) indeed (truly) baptize you with water unto (for showing) repentance (turn to faith in God): but he (Jesus) that cometh after me is mightier (more strong) than I, whose shoes I am not worthy (important) to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:



# Believing Israel Belongs to God

(Matt. 3:12) *Whose* (Jesus) *fan* [Cross] is in *his* hand, and *he* will thoroughly (full) purge [judge] *his* floor [world], and gather *his* wheat [believers] into the garner (store [Heaven]); but *he* will burn up the chaff [unbelievers] with unquenchable (not stop) fire [Hell].

**Fan =**



\*John the Baptist taught that God sees the Israelites as two different Peoples:

**Believers** (grain) and **Unbelievers** (chaff).

(Matt. 3:8-12)

