



LEGENDS OF THE LORD

The 18 Missing Years

The studies and travels of the most famous man in history

CONCEPT

The story of Jesus Christ has been told many, many times. In the New Testament, Jesus vanishes at age twelve and reappears at age thirty with spiritual wisdom, knowledge to heal, perform miracles, control the elements, cast out demons, and raise the dead. He begins his three-year ministry which ends in his assassination, resurrection, and ascension.

The 18 Missing Years profiles the studies and travels of YESHUA BEN YOSEF i.e. Jesus son of Joseph. At age thirteen, Yeshua departed on the Silk Road with Prince Ravanna of India to learn the wisdom of Brahm and study at Temple Jagannath. After many years in India, he goes to Lhasa in Tibet to study with the Greatest Sage of the Far East, Meng-ste, and to learn the compassion of the Buddha.

Yeshua continues his travels to the Fire Temples of Arura Mazda in Persia and reunites with the Three Magi in Persepolis. He walks through destroyed Babylon and sees the sacrificial altar of Baal.

After more than a decade, Yeshua returns home to Nazareth where he is not well received by his brothers. He soon sails for Greece where he becomes a hero and is read by the Oracle of Delphi. Yeshua's final destination, before beginning his ministry, is Egypt where he submits to the deepest trials, highest tests, and secret initiations of the Egyptian Sacred Brotherhood.

EPISODE 1 - REUNION

Inspired by a dream, Prince Ravanna of India and his trusted bodyguards, Sannah and Min Song, journey one year and thousands of miles along the Silk Road in search of the young sage, Yeshua Ben Yosef.

Ravanna finds Yeshua as a teen living with his family in Nazareth. He reveals that the three Magi have sent him to be Yeshua's patron and protector during the time that he makes a spiritual journey to the Far East. Yeshua longs to go and embarks on the Silk Road with Prince Ravanna and his bodyguards. In Persia, he reunites with the Magi who speak to him of his destiny and tell him all that must be accomplished. In India, Yeshua begins his spiritual practices at the Temple Jagannath. There, he makes both allies and enemies.



EPISODE 2 - REBELLION

In India, Yeshua is loved by the common people and confronts the Brahmin Priests about their caste system, accusing Brahm of being an unjust god. The accusation carries the penalty of death, but Prince Ravanna will not comply, so the priests hire mercenaries to do the job.

Yeshua develops a following among the common people by championing their rights as equals and causing them to rise up. Many Priests are enraged by his egalitarian stand and provocations. They sentenced him to death for his accusation of Brahm being unjust. When Prince Ravanna refuses to carry-out the sentence, the priests, Bhatta, and Pujari hire mercenaries to assassinate Yeshua. Min Song kills one of them. The other escapes and finds Yeshua in the home of the commoner, Beko, who takes the hit but kills the Assassin.





EPIISODE 3 – LAND OF THE GODS

Yeshua enters Nepal. He disrupts the Nepali Priests' jubilee and animal sacrifice, angering them. He takes refuge in the Buddhist Temple of Kapavistu. Through many days and perils great, he crosses the Himalayas into Tibet, the Land of the Gods.

In Nepal, Yeshua is disgusted by a religious jubilee, requiring the ritual sacrifice of animals. Walking through the city, he voices his disgust and offers gold coins to the people to free their animals. Many accept. This angers the priests who vow revenge. Yeshua goes to the Buddhist Temple of Kapavistu and is greeted by the Monks. The trusted guide, Mendor accompanies him on the perilous journey over the Himalayas to Lhasa in Tibet. There he is mentored by Meng-Ste, the greatest Sage of the Far East.



EPISODE 4 – THE MASTERS OF KNOWLEDGE

After years of study and practice in Tibet, Yeshua earns the right to visit Shambala where he encounters the Masters of Knowledge and realizes his sacred gifts. He ventures on and heals in Leh where Bhatta tries to kill him once more.

In Tibet, Yeshua studies with Meng-Ste and reads the books of the Buddha. He earns the right to visit Shamballa to meet the seven Masters of Knowledge. Each Master reveals to him a spiritual gift including the Word of Power which controls the very elements. When Yeshua hears of his father, Yosef's death, he journeys homeward. On the road, the banished Bhatta, tries to kill him again but is thwarted by a group of merchants. Yeshua puts out a fire in Lahore using the Word of Power. He departs for Persia.



EPISODE 5 – PERSIA

On his homeward journey, Yeshua reunites with the Three Magi and recounts his ten years of education and adventure in India and the Far East. He heals Shirin, an escaped slave who becomes a priestess in Persepolis.

On the Silk Road west, Yeshua encounters Shirin, an escaped slave girl traveling to the healing pools of Persepolis. Impressed by her courage, he heals her. In Persepolis, Yeshua recounts tales of intrigue and treachery to the Magi. He tells them of the corrupt and murderous priests who attempted to assassinate him, and how he escaped to Tibet. He speaks of his visit to the secret city Shamballa, in the Himalayas, where he realized his sacred gifts and was given the Word of Power to heal and control the elements.



EPISODE 6 – HOME

Yeshua travels through ancient Shinar and the city of Babylon on his way home. His Mother receives him, but his Brother is not receptive to his return and seeks to sabotage him. He leaves for Greece.

Yeshua travels through Shinar, Ur, and Babylon. In Ur, he teaches, and in Babylon he meets with the Sage, Ashbina, who takes him to the ruins of the Tower of Babel where he rebukes the evil god, Baal. Crossing the Jordan, he reaches his childhood home in Nazareth, where he reunites his brothers Yehuda and Yaakov, and his mother, Miriam. Yehuda accuses Yeshua of being a fortune hunter, fame seeker and adventurer with no allegiance to his own family. Yeshua visits Yosef's grave, and then sails for Greece.

EPISODE 7 – GREECE

When their boat capsizes off the shores of Athens, Yeshua saves three Fishermen from certain death and instantly becomes a hero. He is met by the Priestess, Apollonia, and declared the “Living Oracle” by the Oracle of Delphi.

Yeshua visits the Parthenon. He walks on the Acropolis, and then to the beach. A storm rises and a fishing boat capsizes. The Fishermen are sinking, but Yeshua rushes into the raging ocean and saves three fishermen. One of them, Petraeus, becomes his friend and guide. As news of Yeshua’s heroism spreads, he is met with honor, love, and praise from the Greek people. Yeshua visits the Areopagus and the Temple of Apollo. He speaks to his largest audience ever in the Amphitheater.



EPISODE 8 – LAND OF SECRETS

Yeshua stands before the Hierophant and the Egyptian Sacred Brotherhood. He asks to be initiated into the Mysteries of Life and Death, but he must risk his own life to know.

Yeshua goes to Heliopolis to take the hardest tests of the Egyptian High Priests and to be initiated into the Sacred Brotherhood. He undergoes three initiations: Sincerity, Philanthropy, and Heroism. He passes each by drawing on skills he gained in his travels. The Hierophant offers to found a School of Thought in Yeshua's name if he will remain in Egypt. The priest, Khemet, warns Yeshua to flee, that the Brotherhood are planning to kill him. Yeshua sees the Priestess of Isis, Mariani, for the first time.





EPISODE 9 - DIVINE LOVE

In Egypt, Yeshua faces his final initiations but becomes entranced by Mariani, a High Priestess of Isis. For his last trial, he must conquer death and is ritually encased in a sarcophagus where he has a transcendent experience.

The Priesthood levies charges against Khemet for treachery. Yeshua reveals Khemet to be an actor planted to deceive him and sets him free, passing the fourth initiation, Justice. In the Hall of Harmony, Yeshua muses and sings. When Mariani joins him, he becomes enamored with her and falls in love. Realizing that she is the test, he struggles between carnal love and divine love. In his final initiation, Yeshua is ritually sealed in a sarcophagus for three days. He transcends to an Astral Plane and sees his future.



The CHOSEN

COMPARISONS

THE CHOSEN - Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The series centers on Jesus and the people who met, followed, and interacted with him. While 'The Chosen' follows the New Testament and is the well-known story of Jesus, 'The 18 MISSING YEARS' delves deeper into the largely untold story that has been lost to legend.

In 1894, author Nicholas Notovitch wrote 'The Unknown Life of Jesus' in which he brought to light the travels of Jesus to the Far East where he studied with Buddhists and Hindus. Notovitch's claim was based on a document that he read while at the Hemis Monastery.

More currently, in 2008, Filmmaker Paul Davids and English teacher Edward T. Martin traveled 4000 miles to Jagannath in Orissa, India and to Lhasa in Tibet to research and explore the life of Jesus of Nazareth from ages 12 to 30 - culminating in their documentary, 'Jesus in India.'

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