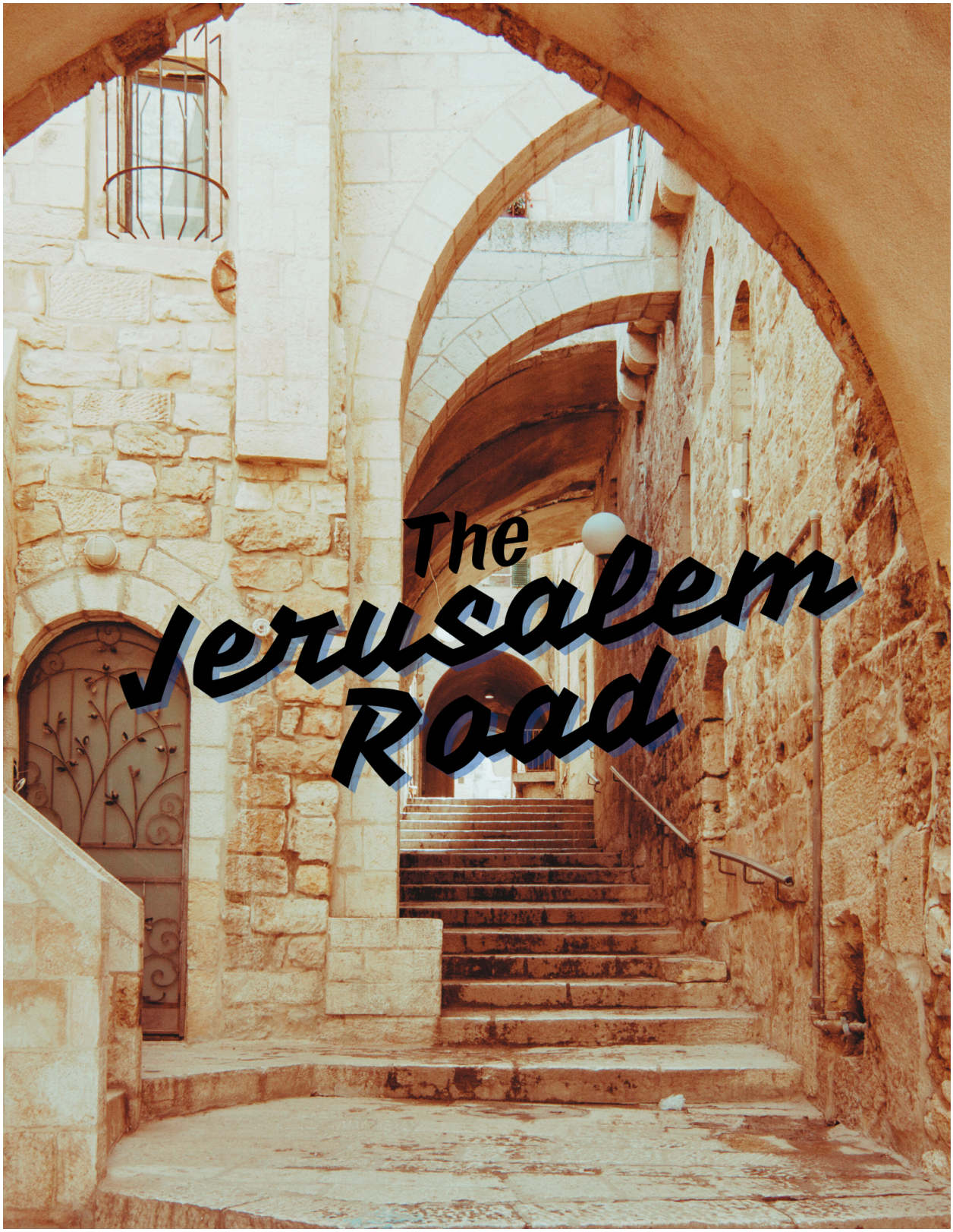

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The Jewish Scriptures teach that all have sinned, and that's why Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement is observed. The kings of Israel declared that all have sinned.

2 Chronicles 6: 34-39 If your people go out to fight their enemies, no matter by which way you send them, and they pray to you toward the city you chose and the house I built for your name; then, from heaven, hear their prayer and plea, and uphold their cause. If they sin against you- for there is no one who doesn't sin- and you are angry with them and hand them over to the enemy, so that they carry them off captive to a land far away or nearby; then, if they come to their senses in the land where they have been carried away captive, turn back and make their plea to you in the land where they are being held captive, ,saying, "We sinned, we acted wrongly, we behaved wickedly, if, in the land where they were brought and are being held captive, they return to you with all their heart and being and pray to you toward their own land, which you gave to their ancestors, toward the city you chose and for the house I have built in your name; then, from heaven, from where you live, hear their prayer and pleas, uphold their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

Ecclesiastes 7:20: For there isn't a righteous man on earth who does only good and never sins.

Psalm 14:1-3: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They deal corruptly, their deeds are vile, not one does what is right. From heaven Adonai observes humankind to see if anyone has understanding, if anyone seeks God. But all turn aside, all alike are corrupt; no one does what is right, not a single one.

Isaiah 64:6: All of us are like someone unclean, all our righteous deeds like menstrual rags; we wither, all of us, like leaves; and our misdeeds blow us away like the wind

Jeremiah 17: 9-10: "The heart is more deceitful than anything else and mortally sick. Who can fathom it? I, Adonai, search the heart; I test inner motivations; in order to give to everyone what his actions and conduct deserve.
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The Jewish Scriptures teach there are consequences for sin:

Sin causes separation from God:
Isaiah 59:1-2: Adonai's arm is not to short to save, nor is his ear too dull to hear. Rather, it is your own crimes that separate you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he doesn't hear.

Sin causes death:
Ezekiel 18:3-4 : "As I live," says Adonai Elohim, " I swear that you will never again quote this proverb in Israel. Look, all lives belong to me- both the parent's life and the child's life are equally mine- so it is the person who sins, himself, who must die.

The Jewish Scriptures teach that forgiveness (or atonement) comes only through sacrifice:
Leviticus 17:11 :For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for yourselves; for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life."

The Jewish Scriptures teach that Messiah took our place and was the atoning sacrifice for both Jew and Gentile:
Isaiah 49: 5-6:So now Adonai says- he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya"akov back to him, to have Israel gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength-he has said, It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya'akov and restore the offspring of Israel. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 53:3-7: People despised and avoided Him, a man of pains, well acquainted with illness. Like someone from whom people turn their faces, he was despised; we did not value him. In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God. But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises we are healed. We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet Adonai lay on him the guilt of all of us. Though mistreated, he was submissive-he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to be slaughtered, like a sheep silent before his shearers, he did not open his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10-12; Yet it pleased Adonai to crush him with illness, to see if he would present himself as a guilt offering. If he does, he will see his offspring; and he will prolong his days; at his hand Adonai's desire will be accomplished. After this ordeal he will see satisfaction. "By his knowing [pain and sacrifice], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their sins that he suffers. Therefore I will assign him a share with the great, for he will divide the spoil with the mighty, for having exposed himself to death and being counted among the sinners, while actually bearing the sins of many and interceding for the offenders."

2 Corinthians 5:21: God made this sinless man be a sin offering on our behalf, so that in union with him we might fully share God's righteousness.

The Jewish Scriptures teach we must accept the Messiah:

Isaiah 55:6-7 :Seek Adonai while he is available, call on him while he is still nearby. Let the wicked person abandon his way and the evil person his thought; let him return to Adonai, and he will have mercy on him; let him return to our God, for he will freely forgive.

The bottom line is:
God's plan for salvation is in the Jewish Scriptures- *The Tenach.*

* ***All Scriptures are quoted from the Complete Jewish Bible***