



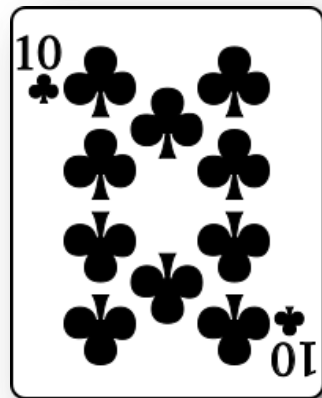
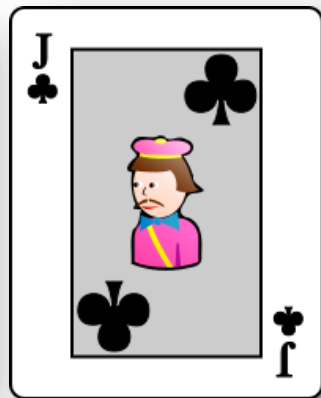
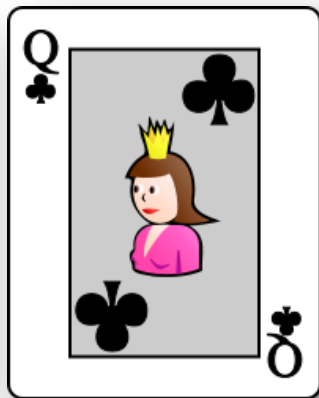
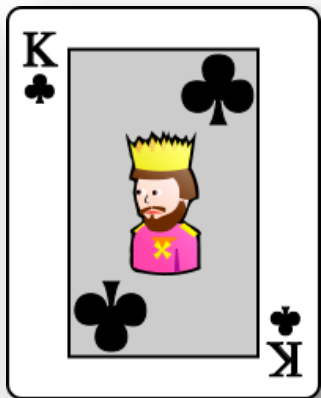
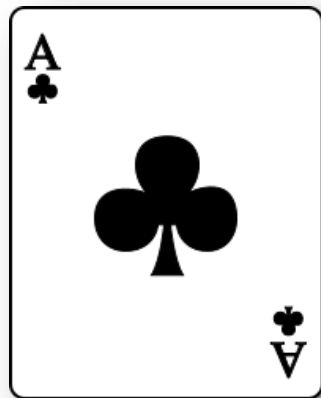
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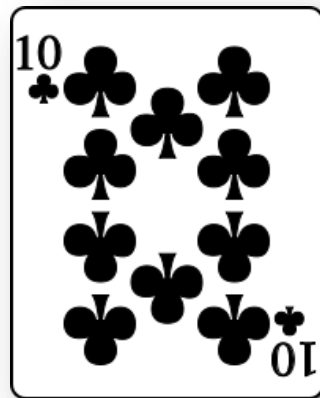
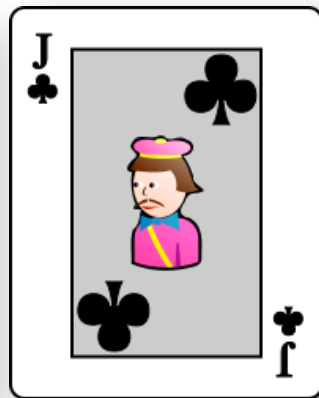
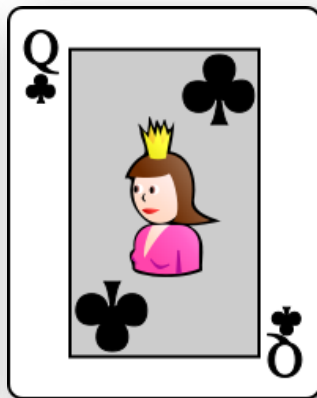
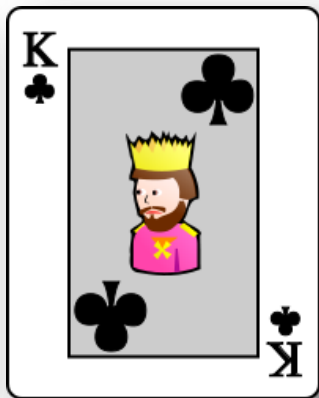
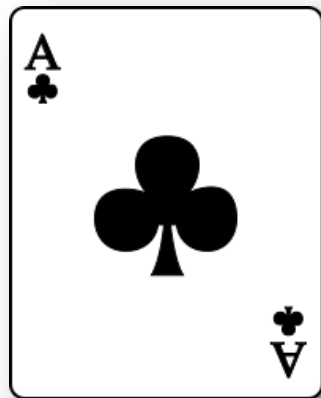
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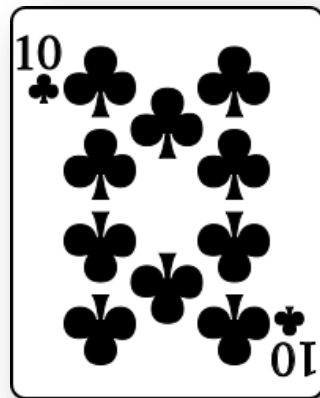
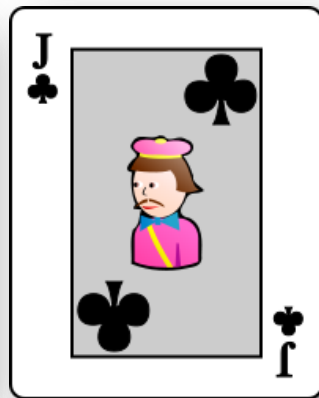
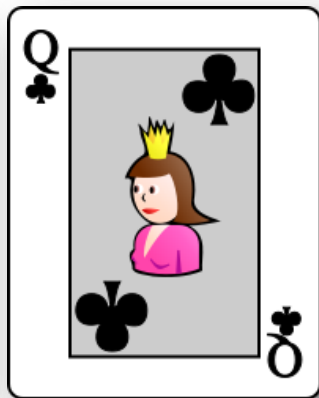
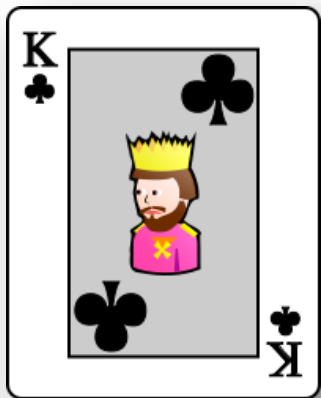
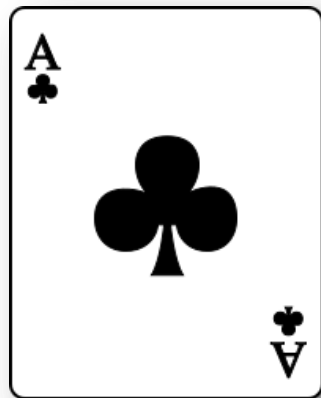


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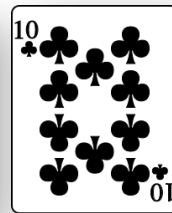
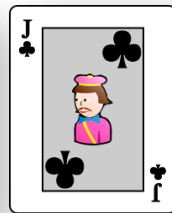
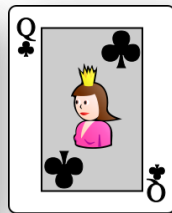
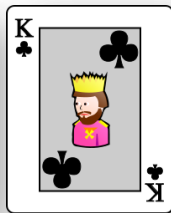
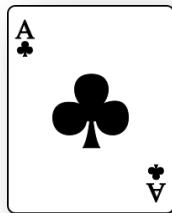


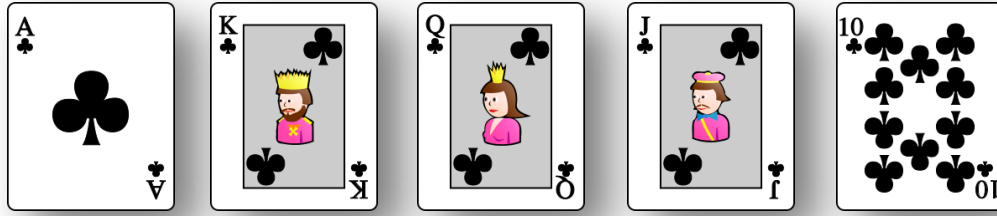


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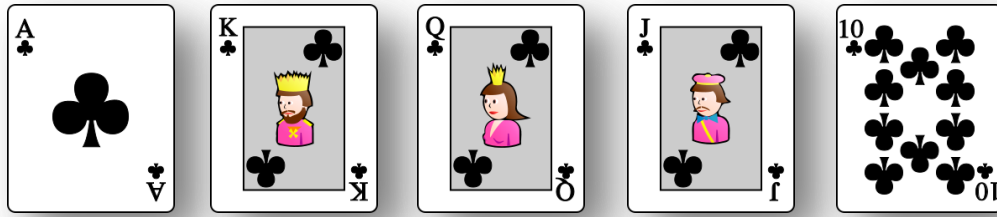


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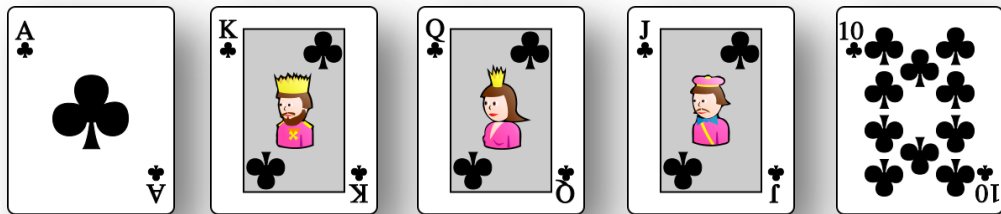


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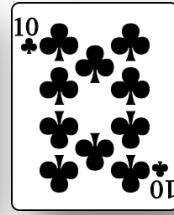
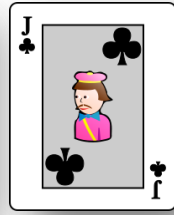
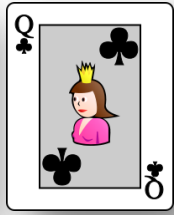
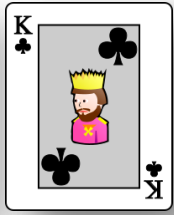
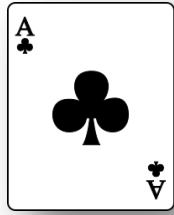


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Would you  
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A topographical map of the Eastern Mediterranean region, showing the Aegean Sea, the Bosporus, and the surrounding landmasses of Europe, Asia, and Africa. The map uses color to indicate elevation, with greens for lower elevations and browns for higher elevations. The word "Jerusalem" is written in red text, with a red star icon marking its location on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, near the Gulf of Aqaba.

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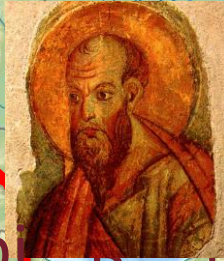
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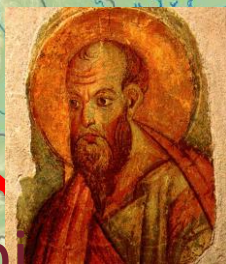
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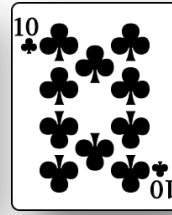
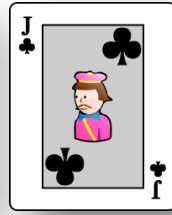
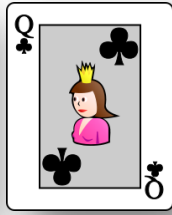
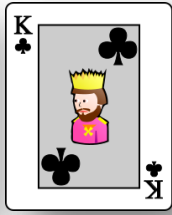
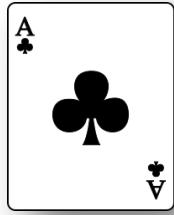
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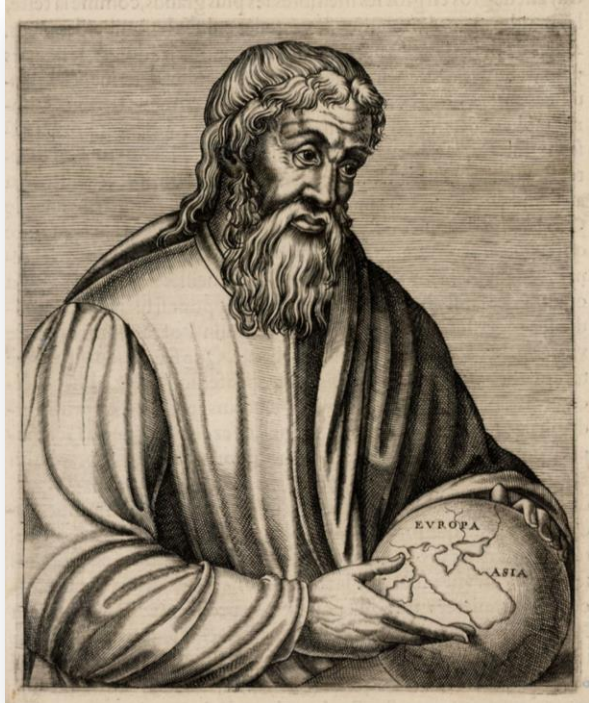






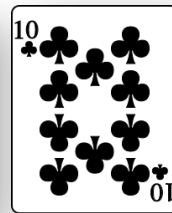
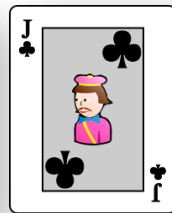
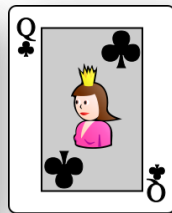
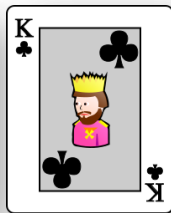
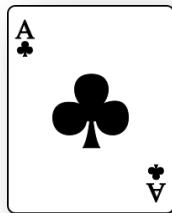


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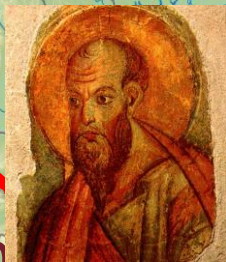
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**From:** Edward Fudge

**To:** Mark Lanier |

Mark,

I find the connection between Isaiah --> Paul --> Luke --> Luke/Acts very interesting.

1- Isaiah says more about the Messiah's salvation reaching the Gentiles than any other OT prophet

2- Isaiah says more about the Holy Spirit than any other OT prophet

3- Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles

4- Paul's apostolic commission is grounded in Isaiah

5- Luke is Paul's protégé

6- Luke the Gentile learns about salvation for Gentiles (as prophesied in Isaiah the foreteller of Gentile salvation) from Paul the apostle to Gentiles

7- Luke is the only Gentile NT author

8- Luke/Acts both emphasize salvation going to Gentiles

9- Luke/Acts both are structured after patterns and themes found in Isaiah

Gospel of Luke has Isaiah's themes of salvation, Gentiles, Holy Spirit, rejoicing/joy

Acts is structured after Isaiah.

- EX: Isaiah. 2 foresees all nations come to Jerusalem, learn word from God; Acts 2 has people from many nations come to Jerusalem, learn gospel.

- EX: Isaiah near end has gentiles bringing gifts to Jerusalem; Acts near end has Paul bring Gentiles' offering to Jerusalem.

- EX: Isaiah gives as examples of extent to which salvation reaches Gentiles, two extreme cases: Even an Ethiopian; even a eunuch. Acts includes special conversion of an Ethiopian eunuch.

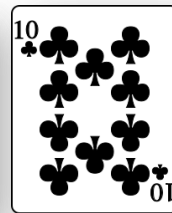
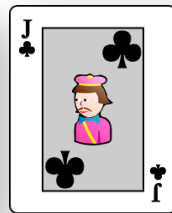
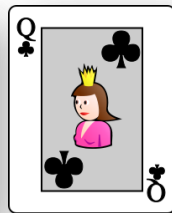
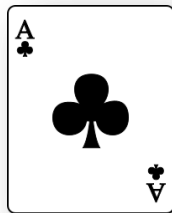
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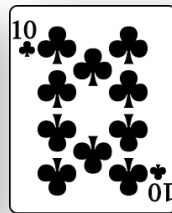
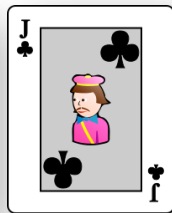
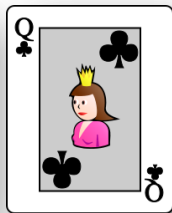
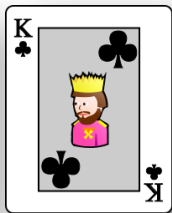
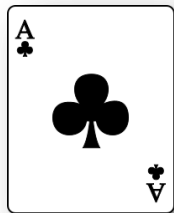
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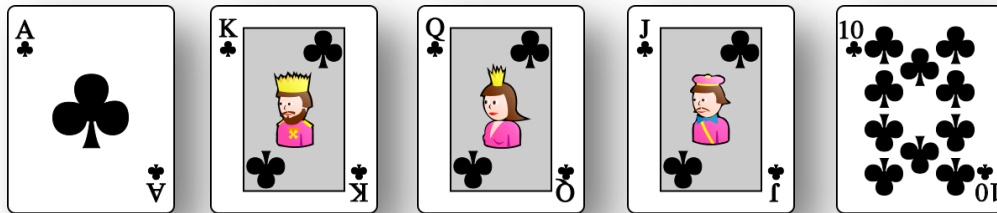


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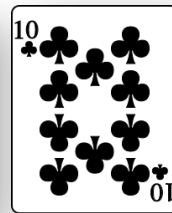
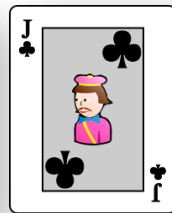
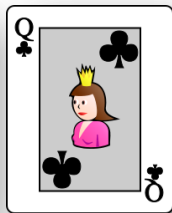
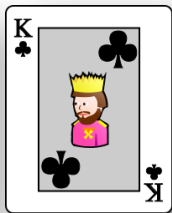
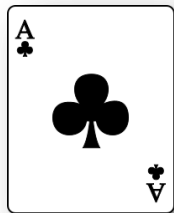


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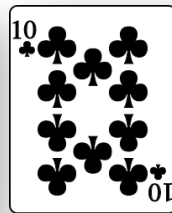
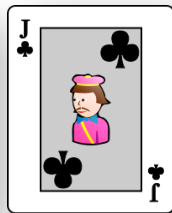
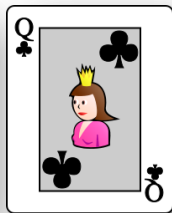
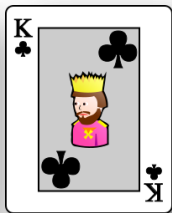
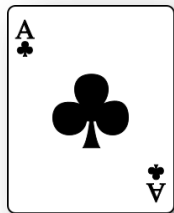
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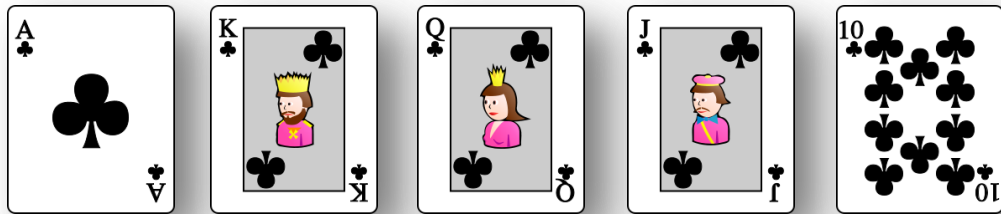
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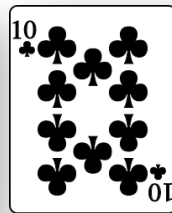
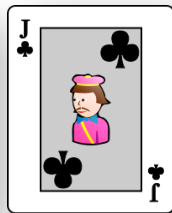
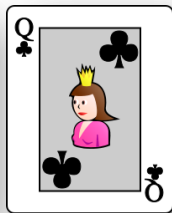
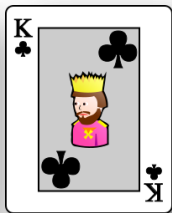
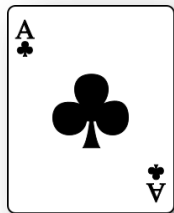
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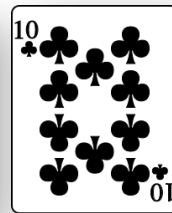
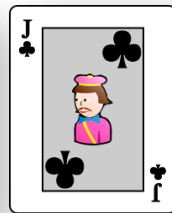
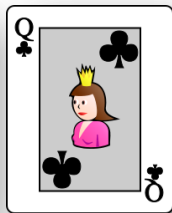
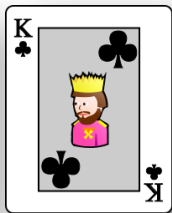
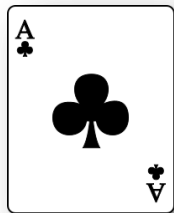




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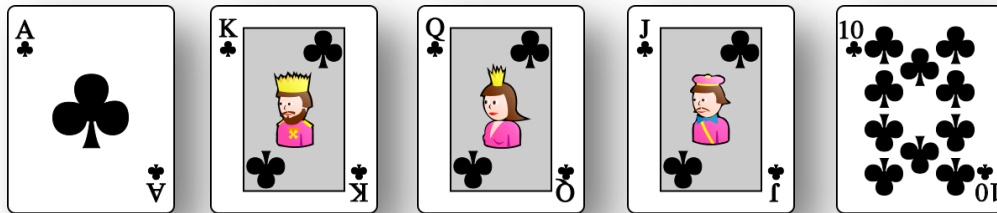
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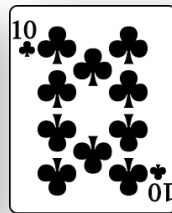
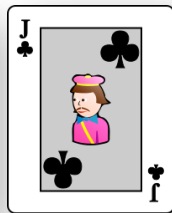
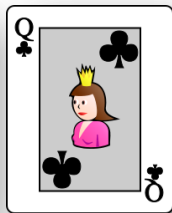
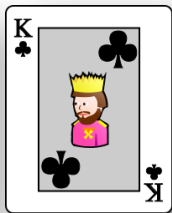
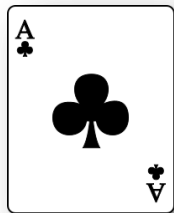
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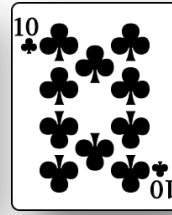
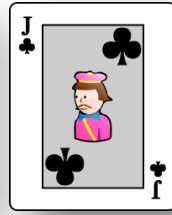
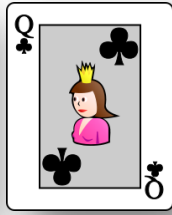
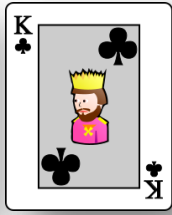
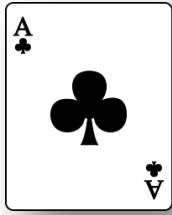
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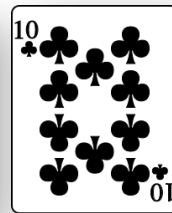
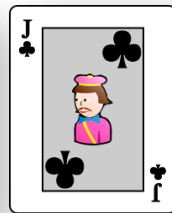
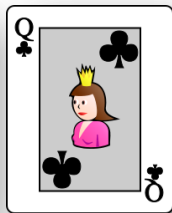
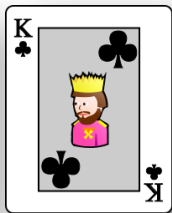
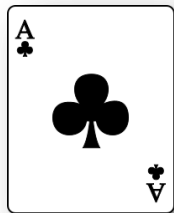


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I allow the Jews to gather and to  
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the customs of their fathers and  
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**God's timing and US!**





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**We worship a God who fills holes!**





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