# The Story of Jesus In The Old Testament

## Fulfilled in the New Testament

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## Did you know: The Life of Jesus is told in the Old Testament?

### Introduction (It takes Bible Faith)

The miraculous and reliable Word of God

gives us prophecies to build our Faith upon and point the way to His Son, and our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:17 No one can have faith without hearing the Word of God.

Galatians 3:2 I want to know how you were given God's Holy Spirit? Was it by obeying the Law of Moses or by hearing about Jesus Christ and having Faith in him?

**Believing and understanding is not easy for some.**

**There are 3 types of Faith: (1) Natural, (2) Spiritual, and (3) Scriptural**

1) Natural Faith – Natural Faith is the belief in natural possibilities. The belief the elevator can take you up to the next floor. The belief you can make the sports team or ace the test.

2) Spiritual Faith – Spiritual Faith is the belief in the 'supernatural'. The belief in an afterlife, God, angels, spirits. Belief in a religion, rituals, horoscopes, etc.

3) Scriptural Faith – Scriptural Faith, also known as Bible Faith, is the belief in God's Word as presented through the Bible and spoken by Jesus Christ. Just like the people who walked and spoke with Jesus during his days on earth, Scriptural Faith takes the literal words of Jesus and Scripture as solid fact.

Scriptural Faith takes the scriptures as a historical record and account.

Scriptural Faith interprets scripture as meaning for life and not allegory and mythology.

Although there are several parables and allegories in scripture, the Bible as a whole is historical truth used for teaching about God and His ways. The Bible is a filter to analyze right and wrong.

Second Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching, helping, correcting, and showing us how to live righteously.

**A. Scriptural Faith (Belief in God's Word - The Bible) is attacked by Satan.**

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which God had made. And he said to the woman, **Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

**Satan's goal is to make us doubt God's Word and doubt ourselves. (Luke 4:3-12)**

(Physical Body Temptation of the flesh – Food)

Luke 4:3-12 The devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, tell this stone to turn into bread."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say, 'No one can live on food alone but by every **Word of God**

(See if your Bible altered Luke 4:4)

(Soulish Temptation of the Psyche- Power and Honor)

Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place and quickly showed him all the nations on earth and said, "I will give all this power and glory to you. It is given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. Just worship me, and you can have it all."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!' "

(Character Temptation of the Spirit – Is Jesus Really from God?)

The devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, had him stand on top of the temple, and said, "If you are God's Son, jump off for Scriptures say: 'God will tell his angels to take care of you. They will catch you in their arms, and you will not hurt your feet on the stones.' "

(Satan quotes the fourth Prophecy (see IV. The Messiah Will Be Protected By God)

Psalm 91:1-16 Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful and you will say to the LORD, "You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you."

The Lord will keep you safe from secret traps and deadly diseases. He will spread his wings over you and keep you secure. His faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall.

You won't need to worry about dangers at night or arrows during the day and you won't fear diseases that strike in the dark or sudden disaster at noon.

You will not be harmed, though thousands fall all around you and with your own eyes you will see the punishment of the wicked.

The LORD Most High is your fortress. Run to him for safety and no terrible disasters will strike you or your home.

God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will carry you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones. You will overpower the strongest lions and the most deadly snakes.

The Lord says, "If you love me and truly know who I am, I will rescue you and keep you safe.

When you are in trouble, call out to me. I will answer and be there to protect and honor you.

You will live a long life and see my saving power."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God!' "

Genesis 3:6 When Eve saw that the tree was good for food (Body), pleasing to the eyes (Soul), and a tree to be desired to make wise (Character), she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**B. Scriptural FAITH comes from God and written or spoken to others.**

SCRIPTURAL FAITH is the “God given” ability to **Hear, Trust, Learn, and Believe God**.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and not upon your own understanding.

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by Faith, not by what we see.

John 6:28 "What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked.

John 6:29 Jesus answered, "God wants you to place your Faith in the One He sent."

John 6:30 They replied, "What miracle will you work, so that we can have Faith in you? What will you do?”

John 6:31 “When our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna to eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

*Comment; (The people want an external, visible, physical action to place their faith upon. They don’t expect faith to come from within and revealing belief in the invisible attributes of God that will be manifested later.)*

John 6:32 Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. **My** Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:33 And the bread that God gives is **the one** (Jesus) who came down from heaven to **give life to the world."**

John 6:34 The people said, **"Lord**, give us this bread and don't ever stop!"

John 6:35 Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry. No one who has **Faith in Me** will ever be thirsty.

John 6:36 I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have **Faith** in me.

(They want earthly bread of flour and water that sustains their physical life, Jesus is referring to himself, the spiritual bread that sustains spiritual life.)

**C. Scriptural FAITH is an active verb and it's object is God's work climaxing with the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection**.

John 6:28 They asked Jesus, What shall we do that we might work the works of God?

John 6:29 Jesus answered them, This is the work of God, that you **Believe upon Him** whom He has sent.

John 14:1 Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have Faith in God and have Faith in Me.

Mark 1:15 John said, "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn to God and believe the Good News!"

Romans 5:1 Therefore, we are **accepted by God by Faith**, and we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:2 Through Jesus we have access by Faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of our God.

**D. Scriptural FAITH is created and completed by Jesus**

Hebrews 12:2a looking to Jesus who is **the Author and Finisher of our Faith…..**

**E. Scriptural FAITH is a "Spiritual Knowing" of God's ways and desires**

John 6:40 My Father wants everyone who **sees the Son to have Faith in Him** and have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

John 6:41 The people started grumbling because Jesus had said he was the bread that had come down from heaven.

John 6:42 They were asking each other, "Isn't he Jesus, the son of Joseph? Don't we know his father and mother? How can he say that he has come down from heaven?"

John 6:43 Jesus answered: Stop grumbling!

John 6:44 **No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me makes them want to come**. But if they do come, I will raise them to life on the last day.

John 6:45 One of the prophets wrote, "God will teach all of them." And so everyone who **listens** to the Father and **learns** of Him will come to me.

John 6:46 The only one who has seen the Father is the one who has come from him. No one else has ever seen the Father.

John 6:47 I tell you for certain that anyone **who has Faith in me has eternal life**.

**F. Scriptural FAITH is a Free Gift from God and shared with others.**

James 2:5 God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. He has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him.

1Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of Faith that claims eternal life. God offered it to you and you clearly tell about your Faith to others.

Philemon 1:5-6 I hear about your Faith in our Lord Jesus and about your love for all of God's people. As you share your Faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Jesus Christ has given us.

**Without Scriptural FAITH you cannot believe in God's Promises, you cannot please God, believe or understand the Bible, or accept what Jesus did for you for salvation as total redemption**.

**G. Scriptural FAITH arrives in different quantities of strengths and sizes.**

Luke 7:9 When Jesus heard this, he was so surprised that he turned and said to the crowd following him, **"In all of Israel I've never found anyone with this much Faith!**"

Matthew 15:28 Jesus answered, "Woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and so you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

Mathew 6:30b ….. God will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith?

Luke 17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our Faith stronger!"

Luke 17:6 Jesus replied: If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up, roots and all, and to plant itself in the ocean. And it would!

Luke 18:8 He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man returns, will he find anyone upon this earth with Faith?

**H. Scriptural FAITH is a free gift from God, passed through the Bible, that can be blocked, ignored, denied, and rejected**.

John 6:64 But s**ome of you refuse to have Faith in me**." Jesus said this, because from the beginning he knew who would have faith in him. He also knew which one would betray him.

John 6:65 Then Jesus said, "You cannot come to me, unless the Father makes you want to come. That is why I have told these things to all of you."

John 6:66 Because of what Jesus said, many of his disciples turned their backs on him and stopped following him.

Romans 1:8 I thank God in the name of Jesus Christ for all of you. I do this because people everywhere in the world are talking about your **great faith**.

Romans 1:11 I want to see you and share with you the same blessings that God's Holy Spirit has given me so that you will grow stronger in **your faith**.

Romans 1:12 What I am saying is that we can encourage each other by **the Faith within us.**

Romans 1:14 It doesn't matter if people are civilized and educated, or uncivilized and uneducated. I must tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone.

Romans 1:16 I am proud of the Good News of Jesus Christ's Resurrection because it is God's powerful way of saving all people **who have Faith**, no matter who they are.

Romans 1:17 The Good News tells us how **God accepts only those who have Faith**, as Habakkuk 2:4 says, "The people God accepts, **because of their Faith,** will live forever."

Romans 1:18 God shows how angry He is with all the wicked and evil things that sinful people do to **Suppress the Truth**.

Romans 1:19 **They know** everything that people can know about God, because **God has shown it all to them.**

Romans 1:20 God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, **God has shown what these things are like by all He has made. That's why those people do not have any excuses**.

**I. Rejecting Scriptural FAITH is an insult to God and leads to "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit"**

Hebrews 11:6 **Without Faith no one can please God**. We must believe that God is real and He rewards everyone who searches for Him.

Matthew 12:31-32 I tell you that any sinful thing you do or say can be forgiven. Even if you speak against the Son of Man, you can be forgiven. But if you speak against the Holy Spirit, you can never be forgiven, either in this life or in the life to come.

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is the deliberate rejection of Jesus Christ and His free offer of salvation. It attributes God's work as coming from another source, such as Creation attributed to Evolution, the Resurrection as Mythology. It is the ultimate sin that by its very nature places a person beyond the opportunity of salvation. It is the one sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross.

Luke 12:10 If you speak against the Son of Man, you can be forgiven, but if you speak against the Holy Spirit, you cannot be forgiven.

If it is possible for one to reconsider his position and turn to Jesus for salvation, this sin is covered. The Holy Spirit brings the offer of Salvation to everyone. Salvation is completed upon a positive response to His prompting. Rejecting the Holy Spirit's offer is acting presumptuously and blaspheming God. Those who reject God's free offer of salvation is blaspheming the very nature of God Himself and the genuineness of His grace. The rejecter lifts himself up as his own God and is deceived into believing his good works are acceptable to God. Cain's example brought his good works of fruit from his labor but is rejected by God. Abel's sacrificial offering was accepted by God, (Genesis 4). God accepted the animal blood sacrifice for Sin and ultimately the Blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, on the Cross. God provides clues and hints within the Old Testament that not good works, anyone, or thing, but God's work, the person of Jesus Christ, is acceptable for salvation.

**J. Rejecting Scriptural FAITH brings darkness (blindness), and lack of understanding**.

Hebrews 4:2 We have heard the message, just as they did. But they failed to believe what they heard, and so the message did not do them any good.

Romans 1:21 They knew about God, but they do not honor Him or even thank Him. Their thoughts are useless, and **their foolish minds fall into darkness**.

Romans 1:22 They claim to be wise, but are foolish.

Romans 1:23 They don't worship the glorious and eternal God. Instead, they worship idols made to look like humans who cannot live forever, and like birds, animals, and reptiles.

Romans 1:24 So God let these people go their own foolish way to follow their desires and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies.

Romans 1:25 **They gave up the Truth about God** for a lie, and now worship God's creation instead of God.

1Timothy 1:19 You will be Faithful and have a clear conscience. Some people have made a mess of their faith because they did not listen to their conscience.

**K. Scriptural FAITH brings Light to Darkness. (Understanding to Misunderstanding, Belief to Unbelief)**

Hebrews 11:3 Because of our Faith, we know that the world was made at God's command and what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.

Act 26:18 (Jesus said) I want you to open their eyes, so that they will turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then their sins will be forgiven, and by Faith in Me they will become part of God's holy people."

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by Faith, not by what we see.

Hebrews 11:6 Without Faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and He rewards everyone who searches for him.

Hebrews 11:8 Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his, and he left for a country **he had never seen**.

1Peter 1:8-9 You have never seen Jesus, and you don't see him now. But you love him and have Faith in him, and no words can tell how happy you are to be saved. That is why you have Faith.

John 20:29 Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet still believe."

**L. Scriptural FAITH allows people to approach God without the works of keeping the Law (The 10 Commandments and other religious laws).**

Romans 3:28 We see that people are acceptable to God because **they have Faith**, and not because they obey the Law.

Ephesians 2:8 You were saved by Faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own.

Hebrews 11:4 Because Abel had Faith, he offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God was pleased with him and his gift, and even though Abel is now dead, his Faith still speaks for him.

Galatians 2:16 We know that God accepts only those who **place their Faith in Jesus Christ**. No one can please God through obedience to the Law. So we place our Faith in Jesus Christ, and **God accepts us because of our Faith**.

Galatians 3:8 Long ago the Scriptures said that **God would accept Gentiles because of their Faith.** That's why God told Abraham the good news that **all** nations would be blessed because of him.

Galatians 3:24 The Law was our teacher until we received **Faith in Jesus Christ** and were acceptable to God.

**M. Scriptural FAITH leads us to right standing with God through Jesus Christ, not the Law**.

Romans 3:22 God treats everyone alike and accepts only those who place their **Faith in Jesus Christ.**

Philemon 3:9 I know that I belong to God and I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepts me because of my **Faith in Jesus Christ**.

**N. Scriptural FAITH leads us into God's family.**

Act 14:27 After arriving and gathering the church of Antioch they related all that God had done with them, and how **He had opened the door of Faith to all the nations**.

Galatians 3:26 You are in God's family because of your **Faith in Christ Jesus**.

Hebrews 11:24 When Moses grew up, his Faith made him refuse to be called Pharaoh's grandson.

Hebrews 11:25 and He chose to be mistreated with God's people instead of having the good time that sin can bring for a little while.

Hebrews 11:26 Moses knew the treasures of Egypt were not as wonderful as what he would receive from suffering for the Messiah, and he looked forward to his reward.

Hebrews 11:31 Rahab, the prostitute, had Faith. She welcomed the spies and wasn't killed with the people who disobeyed.

**O. Scriptural FAITH trusts God to deliver and fulfill His promises**.

Hebrews 11:7 Noah had Faith when he was warned about something that had not yet happened. (rain and flood) He obeyed God and built a boat that **saved** him and his family while the

people of the world were judged. **Noah received the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God. (Noah pleased God by showing his faith)**

Hebrews 11:9 Because Abraham had Faith, he lived as a stranger in the promised land. He lived there in a tent, and so did Isaac and Jacob, who recieved the same promise.

Hebrews 11:10 Abraham did this because he was waiting for the eternal city that God had planned and built.

Hebrews 11:11 Even when Sarah was too old to have children, she had Faith that God would fulfill His promise, and she had a son. (Isaac)

1Peter 1:5 You have Faith in God, whose power will protect you until the last day. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do.

**P. Scriptural FAITH produces a humble attitude of rejecting Good Works and receiving God's free gift of Eternal Life**.

Habakkuk 2:4 "I, the LORD, refuse the proud. Only those who live by Faith are acceptable to me."

James 2:1 My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others.

**Q. Scriptural FAITH produces Boldness**

Hebrews 11:27 Because of his Faith, Moses left Egypt. Moses had seen the invisible God and wasn't afraid of the king's anger.

Hebrews 11:29 Because of their Faith, the people walked through the Red Sea on dry land. But when the Egyptians tried to do it, they were drowned.

Hebrews 11:33 Their Faith helped them conquer kingdoms, and because they did right, God made promises to them. They closed the jaws of lions

**R. Scriptural FAITH leads to Christian Service. (Good Deeds AFTER Salvation, not for Salvation)**

James 2:14 What good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you?

James 2:15 If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food,

James 2:16 you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help?

James 2:17 Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!

James 2:18 Suppose someone disagrees and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds." I would answer, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them."

James 2:19 You believe there is only one God but even the demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear.

James 2:21 Well, our ancestor Abraham pleased God by putting his son Isaac on the altar to sacrifice him.

James 2:22 Now you see how Abraham's Faith and deeds worked together. He proved that his faith was real by what he did.

James 2:23 This is what the Scriptures mean by saying, "Abraham had Faith in God, and God was pleased with him." That's how Abraham became God's friend.

James 2:24 You can now see that we please God by what we do and not only by what we believe.

James 2:25 For example, Rahab had been a prostitute. But she pleased God when she welcomed the spies and sent them home by another way.

James 2:26 Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and Faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!

**S. Scriptural FAITH provides Spiritual Protection like a Shield of Armor.**

Ephesians 6:16 Let your Faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But we belong to the day. So we must stay sober and let our Faith and love be like a suit of armor. Our firm hope that we will be saved is our helmet.

1 Peter 1:5 Your Faith is in God and His power will protect you until the last day and He will save you, just as He has always planned to do.

The objections to the fact that Jesus is indeed God who became a human being is based upon misunderstandings. It is revealed that this important Christian doctrine of Bible Faith is not outside the realm of logic. Moreover, the Bible clearly teaches the profound truth that God entered humanity. Jesus said:

Matthew 11:28-30 If you are tired from carrying your heavy burden, come to Me and I will give you rest. Take the weight I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me for I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. My weight is easy to bear, and my burden is light

1 John 1:1-3 The Word that gives life was from the beginning, and this is the one our message is about. Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen, and our hands touched this Word.

The one who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we are witnesses to what we have seen. Now we are telling you about this eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us.

We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you may share in this life with us. And we share in it with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**Jesus Christ is indeed the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world.**

1 John 2:2 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of all people.

And now the Story of Jesus in the Old Testament

# 21 Prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament

# I. The Messiah Will Be Born In Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 Bethlehem, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the LORD will choose one of your people to rule the nation-- someone whose family goes back to ancient times.

## About the Prophecy of Micah

Micah was an eighth century B.C. prophet. He lived at the same time

as the prophets Amos, Hosea and Isaiah.

The Book of Micah tells how the judgment of God will fall on Samaria

and Jerusalem due to sin, and afterwards, God will give restoration.

Micah describes a wonderful future where the city of Bethlehem will

give birth to a ruler greater than David. He also prophesies of a time

when Jerusalem will become the religious center of the world.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 2:1-6 When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem

and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.

Herod brought together the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote,

'Bethlehem in the land of Judea, you are very important among the towns of Judea. From your town will come a leader, who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.' "

Luke 2:4-15 So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep.
All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened.

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy.

This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.
You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."

Suddenly, many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

"Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to All."

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about."

## II. The Messiah Will Be Born Of A Virgin

Isaiah 7:13-14 Listen, every one of you in the royal family of David. You have already tried my patience. Now you are trying God's patience by refusing to ask for proof.

But the LORD will still give you proof. A virgin will be pregnant and have a son and will name him Immanuel. (God with us)

Isaiah 9:6-7 A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler. His names will be Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Eternal Father, and The Prince of Peace.

His power will never end; peace will last forever. He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong. He will always rule with honesty and justice. The LORD All-Powerful will make certain that all of this is done.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

The prophet Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C. The book of Isaiah is one of the four major prophetic books in the Old Testament, along with Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

Chapter 7 of Isaiah was written about 735 B.C. King Ahaz was on the throne and Isaiah was sent with the message that God was sending Judah a sign – this sign would be a child called “God is with us.” (Immanuel)

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 1:18-25 This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit.

Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her.

Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

"A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do. They did not sleep together before her baby was born. Then Joseph named him Jesus.

# III. The Messiah Will Be A Prophet Like Moses

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 The LORD will choose one of your own people to be a prophet just like me, and you must do what that prophet says.

You were asking for a prophet since the day you were gathered at Mount Sinai and said to the LORD, "Please don't let us hear your voice or see this terrible fire again--if we do, we will die!"

Then the LORD told me: Moses, they have said the right thing.

So when I want to speak to them, I will choose one of them to be a prophet like you. I will give my message to that prophet, who will tell the people exactly what I have said.

Since the message comes from Me, anyone who doesn't obey the message will have to answer to Me.

## About the Prophecy in Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1:1 This book contains the speeches that Moses made while Israel was in the land of Moab, camped near the town of Suph in the desert east of the Jordan River.

These words written about 1260 B.C. Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, Moses talks to the people of Israel as they are about to enter the Promised Land. He reminds them of their covenant with God and their glorious future, if they obey Him. (Faith and Obedience)

## The Fulfillment

John 7:40-42 When the crowd heard Jesus say this, some of them said, "He must be the Prophet!"

Others said, "He is the Messiah!" Others even said, "Can the Messiah come from Galilee?

The Scriptures say that the Messiah will come from the family of King David. Doesn't this mean that he will be born in David's hometown of Bethlehem?"

Act 3:20-23 Then that time will come when the Lord will give you fresh strength. He will send you Jesus, his chosen Messiah.

But Jesus must stay in heaven until God makes all things new, just as his holy prophets promised long ago.

Moses said, "The Lord your God will choose one of your own people to be a prophet, just as he chose me. Listen to everything he tells you.

No one who disobeys that prophet will be one of God's people any longer."

# IV. The Messiah Will Be Tempted By Satan

Psalms 91:9-12 The LORD Most High is your fortress. Run to him for safety, and no terrible disasters will strike you or your home.

God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go.

They will carry you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones.

You will overpower the strongest lions and the most deadly snakes.

## About the Prophecy of Psalms

The Psalms are a collection of the hymns of ancient Israel. Scholars

divide Psalms into five groups:

1. Hymns in praise of God’s glory

2. Community lamentations

3. Royal hymns for special occasions

4. Individual prayers

5. Individual praise and thanksgiving

King David is credited with writing many of the

Psalms, and the collection of these hymns continued

after the days of Israel’s exile. Psalms were finalized before the second century B.C.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 4:3-11 And when the devil came to Jesus, he said, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones be made into bread.

But Jesus answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

The devil took Jesus to the holy city, had him stand on the highest part of the temple, and said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say: 'God will give his angels orders about you. They will catch you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones.' "

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'Don't try to test the Lord your God!' "
The devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and their power and said to him, "I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus answered, "Go away Satan! The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.' " so the devil left Jesus, and angels came to help him.

# V. The Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly

Zechariah 9:8-9 God says, "I will stand guard to protect my temple from those who come to attack. I know what's happening, and no one will mistreat my people ever again."

Everyone in Jerusalem, celebrate and shout! Your king has won a victory, and he is coming to you. He is humble and rides on a donkey; he comes on the colt of a donkey.

## About the Prophecy of Zechariah

Zechariah the prophet came from a priestly family. He was a visionary,

who with the prophet Haggai worked on the rebuilding of the Temple. The

New Testament Gospels quote Zechariah more than any other prophet.

Zechariah wrote this book in 520 B.C.

Zechariah spoke about the judgment and salvation of God and about

the coming Messiah who would be a priest, governor, humble king, and an

afflicted shepherd.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 21:8-11 Many people spread clothes on the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees.

Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, "Hooray for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!"

When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, "Who can this be?" The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Luke 19:35-40 Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. As Jesus rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him.

When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen.

And they shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God." The Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"

And Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

John 12:12-19 The next day a large crowd was in Jerusalem for Passover. When they heard that Jesus was coming for the festival they took palm branches and went out to greet him. They shouted, "Hooray! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a donkey and rode upon it, just as the Scriptures say, "People of Jerusalem, don't be afraid! Your King is now coming, and he is riding on a donkey."

At first, Jesus' disciples did not understand. But after he had been given his glory, they remembered all this. Everything had happened exactly as the Scriptures said it would.

A crowd had come to meet Jesus because they had seen him call Lazarus out of the tomb. They kept talking about him and this miracle.

and the Pharisees said to each other, "There is nothing that can be done! Everyone in the world is following Jesus."

## Future Fulfillment

Matthew 24:30-31 Then a sign will appear in the sky. And there will be the Son of Man. All nations on earth will weep when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

At the sound of a loud trumpet, he will send his angels to bring his chosen ones together from all over the earth.

# VI. The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People

# (The Suffering Servant)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 The LORD says: My servant will succeed! He will be given great praise and the highest honors.

Many were horrified at what happened to him. But everyone who saw him was even more horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human.

My servant will make nations worthy to worship me; kings will be silent as they bow in wonder. They will see and think about things they have never seen or thought about before.

Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the LORD in action?

Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the LORD. He wasn't some handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us.

Hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

He suffered and endured great pain for us, and we thought his suffering was punishment from God.

He was wounded and crushed for our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. All of us are like sheep that had wandered off. We each have gone our own separate ways, and the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb lead to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.

He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life taken away because of the sinful things we have done.

He was not dishonest or violent, and he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people.

The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had planned.

By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD. Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty.

The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

Chapters 40–55 in the book of Isaiah, written in 538 B.C., address the people in exile in Babylon before the time of their return to Jerusalem.

## The Fulfillment (Jesus is the Light of the World)

John 1:1-15 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and The Word was God.

From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word.

Everything that was created received its life from Him, and his life gave light to everyone.

His light keeps shining in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out.

God sent a man named John who came to tell about the Light and lead all people to **Faith.**

John wasn't that Light. He came to tell about the Light.

The true Light that shines upon everyone was coming into the world.
The Word was in the world, but no one knew him, though God had made the world with his Word.

He came into his own world, but his own nation did not welcome him.

Some people accepted him **and put their Faith in Him**. And so he gave them the right to become the children of God.

They were not God's children by nature or because of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them his children.

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.

John spoke about him and shouted, "This is the one I told you would come! He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born."

John 12:31-48 This world's people are now being judged, and the ruler of this world is already being thrown out!

If I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to me." Jesus was talking about the way he would be put to death.

The crowd said to Jesus, "The Scriptures teach that the Messiah will live forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

Jesus answered, "The light will be with you for only a little longer. Walk in the light while you can. Then you will not be caught walking blindly in the darkness.

Have faith in the light while it is with you, and you will be children of the light." After Jesus had said these things, he left and went into hiding.

He had worked a lot of miracles among the people, but they were still not willing to have faith in him.

This happened as the prophet **Isaiah** had said would come true, "Lord, who has believed our message? And who has seen your mighty strength?"

The people could not have faith in Jesus, because Isaiah had also said,

"The Lord has blinded the eyes of the people, and he has made the people stubborn. He did this so that they could not see or understand, and so that they would not turn to the Lord and be healed."

Isaiah said this, because he saw the glory of Jesus and spoke about him.

Even then, many of the leaders put their faith in Jesus, but they did not tell anyone about it. The Pharisees had already given orders for the people not to have anything to do with anyone who had faith in Jesus.

John 12:43-48 The leaders enjoyed praise from others more than they liked praise from God.

In a loud voice Jesus said: Everyone who has faith in me also has faith in the one who sent me. And everyone who has seen me has seen the one who sent me.

I am the Light that has come into the world. No one who has faith in me will stay in darkness.

I am not the one who will judge those who refuse to obey my teachings. I came to save the people of this world, not to be their judge.

But everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by what I have said.

Matthew 26:1-4 When Jesus finished teaching, he told his disciples,

"You know that two days from now will be Passover. That is when the Son of Man will be handed over to his enemies and nailed to a cross."

At that time the chief priests and the nation's leaders were meeting at the home of Caiaphas the high priest planning how they would sneak around to have Jesus arrested and put to death.

## VII. The Messiah Will Be Betrayed By One of His Followers

Psalm 41:5-10 My vicious enemies ask me, "When will you die and be forgotten?"

When visitors come, they bring worthless words, and when they leave, they spread gossip.

My enemies whisper about me. They think the worst, and say, "You have a fatal disease and will never get well."

My most trusted friend has turned against me, though he ate at my table.

Have pity, LORD! Heal me, so I can pay them back.

Psalm 55:12-21 My enemies are not the ones who sneer and make fun. I could put up with that or even hide from them. But it was my closest friend, the one I trusted most.

We enjoyed being together, and we went with others to your house, our God.

All who hate me are controlled by the power of evil. Sentence them to death and send them down alive to the world of the dead.
I ask for your help, LORD God, and you will keep me safe.

Morning, noon, and night you hear my concerns and my complaints.

I am attacked from all sides, but you will rescue me unharmed by the battle.

You have always ruled, and you will hear me. You will defeat my enemies because they won't turn and worship you.

My friend turned against me and broke his promise.

His words were smoother than butter, and softer than olive oil. But hatred filled his heart, and he was ready to attack with a sword.

## About the Prophecy of The Psalms

Psalm 41 is a psalm of David. He speaks of his own isolation and his trust in God. He describes how the sharing of food unites people in loyalty and friendship.

Psalm 55 is a psalm of David as well. In this psalm, he outlines the betrayal of a trusted friend, who was seemingly a follower of God.

Both of these psalms prophesy the betrayal of Jesus by a close and trusted friend.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 26:45-50 Finally, Jesus returned to his disciples and said, "Are you still sleeping and resting? The time has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to sinners.

Get up! Let's go. The one who will betray me is already here."

Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up. He was one of the twelve disciples, and a large mob armed with swords and clubs was with him. They had been sent by the chief priests and the nation's leaders.

Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss."

Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Hello, teacher." Then Judas kissed him.

Jesus replied, "My friend, why are you here?" The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Luke 22:21-22, 48 The one who will betray me is here at the table with me!
The Son of Man will die in the way that has been decided for him, but it will be terrible for the one who betrays him!"

He said to them, "Why are you asleep? Wake up and pray that you won't be tested."

While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd came up. It was led by Judas, one of the twelve apostles. He went over to Jesus and greeted him with a kiss.

Jesus asked Judas, "Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

John 13:18-31 I am not talking about all of you. I know the ones I have chosen. But what the Scriptures say must come true. And they say, "The man who ate with me has turned against me!"

I am telling you this before it all happens. Then when it does happen, you will believe who I am.

I tell you for certain that anyone who welcomes my messengers also welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

After Jesus had said these things, he was deeply troubled and told his disciples, "I tell you for certain that one of you will betray me."

They were confused about what he meant. And they just stared at each other.

Jesus' favorite disciple was sitting next to him at the meal and Simon motioned for that disciple to find out which one Jesus meant.

So the disciple leaned toward Jesus and asked, "Lord, which one of us are you talking about?"

Jesus answered, "I will dip this piece of bread in the sauce and give it to the one I was talking about." Then Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

Right then Satan took control of Judas. Jesus said, "Judas, go quickly and do what you have to do."

No one at the meal understood what Jesus meant.

But because Judas was in charge of the money, some of them thought that Jesus had told him to buy something they needed for the festival. Others thought that Jesus had told him to give some money to the poor.

Judas took the piece of bread and went out. It was already night.

After Judas had gone, Jesus said: Now the Son of Man will be given glory, and he will bring glory to God.

## VIII. The Messiah Will Be Betrayed For 30 Pieces of Silver

Zechariah 11:12 I told them, "Pay me my wages, if you think you should; otherwise, forget it." So they handed me my wages, a measly thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said, "Throw the money into the treasury." So I threw the money into the treasury at the LORD's temple.

And I broke the stick named "Unity" and canceled the ties between Judah and Israel.

## About the Prophecy of Zechariah

In chapter 11 of the book of Zechariah, the prophet refers to 30 pieces of silver as a small price. This amount also refers to the amount paid for the life of a slave. Zechariah’s prophecy speaks about the amount paid for the Lord and His life.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 26:14-16 Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples. He went to the chief priests and asked, "How much will you give me if I help you arrest Jesus?" They paid Judas thirty silver coins, and from then on he started looking for a good chance to betray Jesus.

Matthew 27:3-6 Judas betrayed Jesus, but when he learned that Jesus had been sentenced to death, he was sorry for what he had done. He returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and leaders and said, "I have sinned by betraying a man who has never done anything wrong." "So what? That's your problem," they replied.

Judas threw the money into the temple, went outside, and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the money and said, "This money was paid to have a man killed. We can't put it in the temple treasury." (The chief priests were planning to kill Jesus from the beginning)

# IX. The Messiah Will Be Unfairly Tried and Condemned

Isaiah 53:8 He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life taken away because of the sinful things my people had done.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

Written in 538 B.C.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:1-2 Early the next morning all the chief priests and the nation's leaders met and decided that Jesus should be put to death. They tied him up and led him away to Pilate the governor.

Luke 23:1 Everyone in the council got up and led Jesus off to Pilate.

Luke 23:23-25 The people kept on shouting as loud as they could for Jesus to be put to death.

Finally, Pilate gave in and freed the man who was in jail for rioting and murder, because he was the one the crowd wanted to be set free. Then Pilate handed Jesus over for them to do what they wanted with him.

Act 4:27 Here in Jerusalem, Herod and Pontius Pilate got together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel. Then they turned against your holy Servant Jesus, your chosen Messiah.

## X. The Messiah Will Be Silent Before His Accusers

Psalm 35:11 Liars accuse me of crimes I know nothing about.

Isaiah 53:7 He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.

### About the Prophecy of The Psalms and Isaiah

Psalm 35 is a psalm of David. In this hymn, he reassures those who are right with God that they have nothing to fear. He calls on God to pay back his enemies who have unjustly come against him. The prophecy in this psalm shows the confidence of the Messiah to entrust His life to God, who will answer and judge His accusers.

### The Fulfillment

Mat 27:11-14 Jesus was brought before Pilate the governor, who asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Those are your words!" Jesus answered.

And when the chief priests and leaders brought their charges against him, he did not say a thing.

Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?"

But Jesus did not say anything, and the governor was greatly amazed.

Mark 15:3-5 The chief priests brought many charges against Jesus.
Then Pilate questioned him again, "Don't you have anything to say? Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?"
But Jesus did not answer, and Pilate was amazed.

1Peter 2:22-23 Christ did not sin or ever tell a lie.

Although he was abused, he never tried to get even. And when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he had faith in God, who judges fairly.

## XI. The Messiah Will Be Beaten and Spat Upon

Micah 5:1 Jerusalem, enemy troops have surrounded you; they have struck Israel's ruler in the face with a stick.

Isaiah 50:6 I let them beat my back and pull out my beard. I didn't turn aside when they insulted me and spit in my face.

## About the Prophecy of Micah and Isaiah

The book of Micah, by the prophet Micah, was written in the eighth century B.C. He describes how the restoration of God follows His judgment of sin. Micah describes the future of Jerusalem as the center of religious activity for the whole world.

Chapter 50 in the book of Isaiah was written in 538 B.C. In the Servant Song of Isaiah, chapter 50, we see the first glimpse of the Messiah's suffering and rejection.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 26:65-68 The high priest then tore his robe and said, "This man claims to be God! We don't need any more witnesses! You have heard what he said.

What do you think?" They answered, "He is guilty and deserves to die!"

Then they spit in his face and hit him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "You think you are the Messiah! So tell us who hit you!"

Matthew 27:30 Then they spit on him. They took the stick from him and beat him on the head with it.

Mark 14:64-65 You heard him claim to be God! What is your decision?" They all agreed that he should be put to death.

Some of the people started spitting on Jesus. They blindfolded him, hit him with their fists, and said, "Tell us who hit you!" Then the guards took charge of Jesus and beat him.

Mark 15:18-20 They made fun of Jesus and shouted, "Hey, you king of the Jews!"

Then they beat him on the head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt down and pretended to worship him.

When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the purple robe. They put his own clothes back on him and led him off to be nailed to a cross.

John 19:1-3 Pilate gave orders for Jesus to be beaten with a whip.

The soldiers made a crown out of thorn branches and put it on Jesus. Then they put a purple robe on him. They went up to him and said, "Hey, you king of the Jews!" They also hit him with their fists.

## XII. The Messiah Will Be Mocked and Taunted

Psalm 22:6-8 But I am merely a worm, far less than human, and I am hated and rejected by people everywhere.

Everyone who sees me makes fun and sneers. They shake their heads, and say, "Trust the LORD! If you are his favorite, let him protect you and keep you safe."

### About the Prophecy of Psalms

Psalm 22 is a psalm of David, and describes an execution.

The early portion of the psalm speaks of the Messiah's suffering; the later

portion describes the universal deliverance the Messiah makes possible.

### The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:39-42 People who passed by said terrible things about Jesus. They shook their heads and shouted, "So you're the one who claimed you could tear down the temple and build it again in three days! If you are God's Son, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

The chief priests, the leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses also made fun of Jesus. They said, "He saved others, but he can't save himself. If he is the king of Israel, he should come down from the cross! Then we will believe him.

Luke 23:10-12, 35 Then the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses stood up and accused him of all kinds of bad things.
Herod and his soldiers made fun of Jesus and insulted him. They put a fine robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

That same day Herod and Pilate became friends, even though they had been enemies before this.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing." While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

## XIII. The Messiah Will Die By Crucifixion, Pierced Hands and Feet

Psalms 22:13-18 My enemies are like lions roaring and attacking with jaws open wide.

I have no more strength than a few drops of water. All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax.

My strength has dried up like a broken clay pot, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You, God, have left me to die in the dirt.

Brutal enemies attack me like a pack of dogs, tearing at my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones, and my enemies just stare and sneer at me.

They took my clothes and gambled for them.

Zechariah 12:10 I, the LORD, will make the descendants of David and the people of Jerusalem feel deep sorrow and pray when they see the one they pierced with a spear. They will mourn and weep for him, as parents weep over the death of their only child or their first-born.

## About the Prophecy of Psalms and Zechariah

The early portion of this psalm describes the Messiah's suffering; the later portion describes the universal deliverance the Messiah makes possible. In Zechariah 12, the prophet speaks of God's own representative who is killed at the hands of His people. At a future point, the people of God will realize whom they have pierced and will mourn for "the son" who died.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:28-31 They stripped off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on him.

They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, "Hey, you king of the Jews!"

Then they spit on him. They took the stick from him and beat him on the head with it.

When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the robe. They put his own clothes back on him and led him off to be nailed to a cross.

John 19:15-18 "Kill him! Kill him!" they yelled. "Nail him to a cross!" "So you want me to nail your king to a cross?" Pilate asked. The chief priests replied, "The Emperor is our king!"

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be nailed to a cross. Jesus was taken away, and he carried his cross to a place known as "The Skull." (Golgotha).

There Jesus was nailed to the cross, and on each side of him a man was also nailed to a cross.

## XIV. The Messiah Will Suffer With Sinners

Isaiah 53:11-12 By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD. Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty.

The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

The prophet Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C.

The book of Isaiah is one of the four major prophetic books in the Bible,

along with Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Chapter 53 is known as the

Great Prophecy of the Suffering Servant.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:38 The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses, one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left.

Mark 15:27-28 The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses, one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left.

Luke 23:32-34 Two criminals were led out to be put to death with Jesus.

When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing." While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

## XV. The Messiah's Garments Will Be Divided With Gambling

Psalm 22:15-18 My strength has dried up like a broken clay pot, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You, God, have left me to die in the dirt. Brutal enemies attack me like a pack of dogs, tearing at my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones, and my enemies just stare and sneer at me.

They took my clothes and gambled for them.

## About the Prophecy of Psalms

King David's Psalm describes an

execution. The early portion of the psalm speaks of the Messiah's suffering

and the later portion describes the universal deliverance He made possible.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:35-36 The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes and they sat down to guard him.

Mark 15:24 They nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes.

John 19:23-24 After the soldiers had nailed Jesus to the cross, they divided up his clothes into four parts, one for each of them. But his outer garment was made from a single piece of cloth, and it did not have any seams.

The soldiers said to each other, "Let's not rip it apart. We will gamble to see who gets it." This happened so that the Scriptures would come true, which say, "They divided up my clothes and gambled for my garments." The soldiers then did what they had decided.

# XVI. The Messiah's Bones Will Not Be Broken

Numbers 9:11-12 But it must be done in the second month, in the evening of the fourteenth day. **Eat the Passover lamb with thin bread and bitter herbs, and don't leave any of it until morning or break any of the animal's bones**. Be sure to follow these regulations.

## About the Prophecy of Numbers

Numbers is the fourth of the five books written by Moses. It is the

travel history of Israel's journey in the desert.

It begins two years after leaving Egypt and ends just before entry

into Canaan. It is a 38-year record of the murmurings of the nation of

Israel and the constant companionship of God. It is a record of God’s on

going work to produce repentance in His people.

Chapter 9 discusses the proper observance and preparation of

Passover and prophetically describes Jesus, the Passover Lamb.

## The Fulfillment

John 19:30-37 After Jesus drank the wine, he said, "Everything is done!" He bowed his head and died.

The next day would be both a Sabbath and the Passover. It was a special day for the Jewish people, and they did not want the bodies to stay on the crosses during that day. So they asked Pilate to break the men's legs and take their bodies down.

The soldiers first broke the legs of the other two men who were nailed there. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, and they did not break his legs.

One of the soldiers stuck his spear into Jesus' side, and blood and water came out.

We know this is true, because it was told by someone who saw it happen. Now you can have faith too.

All this happened so that the Scriptures would come true, which say, "No bone of his body will be broken" and, "They will see the one in whose side they stuck a spear."

First Corinthians 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast and be like fresh bread made without yeast.

Our Passover Lamb is Jesus Christ, already sacrificed.

# XVII. The Messiah Will Die As A Sin Offering

Isaiah 53:4-12 He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God.

He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.

All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.

He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life was taken away because of the sinful things my people had done.

He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people.

The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had planned.

By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD. Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty.

The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah the prophet lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C.

Chapter 53 of Isaiah is the Great Prophecy of the Suffering Servant.

## The Fulfillment

John 1:24-36 Some Pharisees had also been sent to John and asked him, "Why are you baptizing people, if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John told them, "I use water to baptize people. But here with you is someone you don't know.

Even though I came first, I am not good enough to untie his sandals."

John said this as he was baptizing east of the Jordan River in Bethany.

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said: **Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the world!**

He is the one I told you about when I said, "Someone else will come. He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born." I didn't know who he was. But I came to baptize you with water, so that everyone in Israel would see him.

I was there and saw the Holy Spirit come down upon Him like a dove from heaven. And the Holy Spirit stayed upon him.

Before this I didn't know who he was. But the one who sent me to baptize with water had told me, "You will see the Spirit come down and stay on someone. Then you will know that he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

I saw this happen, and I tell you that he is the Son of God. The next day, John was there again, and two of his followers were with him.

When he saw Jesus walking by, he said, **"Here is the Lamb of God!"**

Acts 10:39-43 We all saw what Jesus did both in Israel and in the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was put to death on a cross. But three days later, God raised him to life and let him be seen.

Not everyone saw him. He was seen only by us, who ate and drank with him after he was raised from death. We were the ones God chose to tell others about him.
God told us to announce clearly to the people that Jesus is the one he has chosen to judge the living and the dead.

Every one of the prophets has said that all who has Faith in Jesus Christ will have their sins forgiven in his Name.

Acts 13:37-41 But God raised Jesus from death, and his body did not decay. My friends, the message is that Jesus Christ can forgive your sins! The Law of Moses could not set you free from all your sins.

Everyone who has faith in Jesus Christ is set free. This can not be done through the Laws of Moses.

Make sure that what the prophets have said does not happen to you. They said,

"Look, you people who make fun of God! Be amazed and disappear. I will do something today that you won't believe, even if someone tells you about it!" (Faith must be present)

First Corinthians 15:1-6 My friends, I want you to remember the message that I preached and that you believed and trusted.

You are saved by this message, if you hold firmly to it. However, if you do not, **your faith was all for nothing.**

I told you the most important part of the message exactly as it was told to me. That part is: Jesus Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say.

He was buried, and three days later he was raised to life, as the Scriptures say.

Jesus Christ appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After this, he appeared to more than five hundred other followers. Most of them are still alive, but some have died.

Ephesians 1:3-10 Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Jesus has brought us from heaven!

Before the world was created, God had Jesus Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy, innocent, and loving people.

God was kind and decided that Jesus Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children.

God was very kind to us because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God.

Jesus Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means that our sins are forgiven.

Jesus Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding, and by what Christ has done, God has shown us his own mysterious ways.

Then when the time is right, God will do all that he has planned and Jesus Christ will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

1 Peter 2:24-25 Jesus Christ carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so that we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed.

You had wandered away like sheep. Now you have returned to the one who is your shepherd and protector.

Revelation 1:5 May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Jesus was the first to conquer death, and he is the ruler of all earthly kings. Jesus loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.

## XVIII. The Messiah Will See His Offspring

Isaiah 53:10-12 The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had planned.

By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD. Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty.

The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

The Great Prophecy of the Suffering Servant reveals the incredible purposes of God in sending the Messiah to suffer for our sins. Isaiah wrote this in the eighth century B.C. He foretold that the Messiah would see His heirs, those who would find salvation through His sacrifice.

## The Fulfillment

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Jesus Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding, and by what Christ has done, God has shown us his own mysterious ways.

Then when the time is right, God will do all that he has planned, and Jesus will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

God always does what he plans, and that's why he appointed Christ to choose us. He did this so that we Jews would bring honor to him and be the first ones to have hope because of him.

Jesus Christ also brought you the truth, which is the good news about how you can be saved. You put your faith in Jesus and were given the promised Holy Spirit to show that you belong to God.

The Holy Spirit also makes us sure that we will be given what God has stored up for his people. Then we will be set free, and God will be honored and praised.

I have heard about your Faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people and I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers.

I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God.

My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people.

I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Jesus Christ from death to life and let him sit at his right side in heaven.

From there Jesus Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well.

God has placed all things under the power of Jesus Christ, and for the good of the church he has made him the head of everything.

The church is Jesus Christ's body and is filled with Jesus who completely fills everything.

Hebrews 12:2-8 We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and **makes our Faith complete**. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew that later on he would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne!

So keep your mind upon Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up.

None of you have yet been hurt in your battle against sin. But you have forgotten that the Scriptures say to God's children, "When the Lord punishes you, don't make light of it, and when he corrects you, don't be discouraged.

The Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own."

Be patient when you are being corrected! This is how God treats his children. Don't all parents correct their children? God corrects all of his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him.

Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn't it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us?

## XIX. The Messiah Will Be Buried In A Rich Man’s Tomb

Isaiah 53:9 He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb for the wicked and rich people.

## About the Prophecy of Isaiah

The Great Prophecy of the Suffering Servant reveals

the incredible purpose of God in sending the Messiah to suffer for our

sins. Isaiah wrote this chapter in the eighth century B.C., foretelling

the Messiah would die and be buried in a rich man’s grave.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 27:57-60 That evening a rich disciple named Joseph from the town of Arimathea went and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate gave orders for it to be given to Joseph who took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

Then Joseph placed the body in his own tomb that had been cut into solid rock and had never been used. He rolled a big stone against the entrance to the tomb and went away.

## XX. The Messiah Will Be Raised From the Dead

Psalm 16:4-11 worshipers of other gods will have much sorrow. I refuse to offer sacrifices of blood to those gods or worship in their name.

You, LORD, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe.

You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.

I praise you, LORD, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.

I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.

With all my heart, I will celebrate, and safely rest.
I am your chosen one. You won't leave me in the grave or let my body decay.

You have shown me the path to life, and you make me glad by being near to me. Sitting at your right side, I will always be joyful.

Psalm 30:1-3 I will praise you, LORD! You saved me from the grave and kept my enemies from celebrating my death.

I prayed to you, LORD God, and you healed me, and saved me from death and the grave.

## About the Prophecy of Psalms

Psalm 16 is a psalm of David. In this hymn he reminds us that as we set our hearts on God and trust our lives to His care, we will find joy and security. David prophesies that the Messiah will not be abandoned in the grave, and His body will not decay.

Psalm 30 is a psalm written by David, for the dedication of the Temple. In it he prophesies that the Messiah will be raised from the grave.

## The Fulfillment

Matthew 28:2-7 Suddenly a strong earthquake struck, and the Lord's angel came down from heaven. He rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

The angel looked as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The guards shook from fear and fainted.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross.

He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the place where his body was lying.

Now hurry! Tell his disciples that he was raised from the dead to life and is on his way to Galilee. Go there, and you will see him. That is what I came to tell you."

Mar 16:5-7 The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed.

The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him from death to life, and he isn't here. You can see where they put his body.

Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

Acts 2:22-36 Now, listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God proved that he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this.

God had already planned and decided that Jesus would be handed over to you. So you took him and had evil men put him to death on a cross.

But God set him free from death and raised him to new life. Death could not hold him in its power.

What David said are really the words of Jesus, "I always see the Lord near me, and I will not be afraid with him at my right side.

Because of this, my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful, and I will live in hope.

The Lord won't leave me in the grave. I am his holy one, and he won't let my body decay.

He has shown me the path to life, and he makes me glad by being near me."

My friends, it is right for me to speak to you about our ancestor David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is still here.

But David was a prophet, and he knew that God had made a promise he would not break. He had told David that someone from his own family would someday be king.

David knew this would happen, and so he told us that Christ would be raised to life. He said that God would not leave him in the grave or let his body decay.

All of us can tell you that God has raised Jesus to life!

Jesus was taken up to sit at the right side of God, and he was given the Holy Spirit, just as the Father had promised. Jesus is also the one who has given the Spirit to us, and that is what you are now seeing and hearing.

David didn't go up to heaven. So he wasn't talking about himself when he said, "The Lord told my Lord to sit at his right side until he made my Lord's enemies into a footstool for him."

Everyone in Israel should then know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, even though you put him to death on a cross.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 If we preach that Jesus Christ was raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life?
If they won't be raised to life, Jesus Christ himself wasn't raised to life. **And if Jesus wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your Faith.**

If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying that he raised Jesus to life, when he really did not.

So if the dead won't be raised to life, Jesus wasn't raised to life. Unless Jesus was raised to life, **your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. And the people who died after placing their Faith in Jesus are completely lost.**

If our hope in Jesus Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else.

But Jesus has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life.

Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Jesus. Adam brought death to all of us, and Jesus will bring life to all of us. But we must each wait our turn. Jesus was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns.

Then after Jesus has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and He will give the kingdom to God the Father. Jesus will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, and the last enemy he destroys will be death.

## XXI. The Messiah Will Sit At God's Right Hand

(The right side is a symbol of Authority and Power)

Psalm 110:1-7 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right side, until I make your enemies into a footstool for you."

The LORD will let your power reach out from Zion, and you will rule over your enemies.

Your glorious power will be seen on the day you begin to rule. You will wear the sacred robes and shine like the morning sun in all of your strength.

The LORD has made a promise that will never be broken: "You will be a priest forever, just like Melchizedek."

My Lord is at your right side, and when he gets angry he will crush the other kings.

He will judge the nations and crack their skulls, leaving piles of dead bodies all over the earth.

He will drink from any stream that he chooses, while winning victory after victory.

## About the Prophecy of The Psalms

David’s Psalm 110 is a prophetic psalm that speaks of a coming coronation of the coming Messiah.

## The Fulfillment

Mar 16:19-20 After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples, he was taken back up to heaven where he sat down at the right side of God.

Then the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

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Hebrews 10:7-14 Then Christ said, "And so, my God, I have come to do what you want, as the Scriptures say." The Law teaches that offerings and sacrifices must be made because of sin. But why did Christ mention these things and say that God did not want them?

It was to do away with offerings and sacrifices and to replace them. That is what he meant by saying to God, "I have come to do what you want."

We are made holy because Christ obeyed God and offered himself once for all.

The priests do their work each day, and they keep on offering sacrifices that can never take away sins, but Jesus Christ offered himself as a sacrifice that is good forever. Now he is sitting at God's right side, and he will stay there until his enemies are put under his power.

By His one sacrifice, he has forever set free from sin the people he brings to God.

### What Do We Do About This Abundant Information from God?

- **Realize we all have sin that needs to be removed.**

Romans 3:10-12 The Scriptures tell us, "No one is acceptable to God! No one understands or searches for God. They have all turned away and are worthless. There is not one person who does right.

Romans 3:20-23 God doesn't accept people simply because they obey the Law. No, indeed! All the Law does is to point out our sin.

Now we see how God makes us acceptable to him. The Law and the Prophets tell how we become acceptable, and it is not by obeying the Law of Moses.

God treats everyone alike. He accepts people only because they have faith in Jesus Christ.

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

- **Realize you CANNOT save yourself.**

Isaiah 64:6 We are unfit to worship you; each of our good deeds is merely a filthy rag. We dry up like leaves; our sins are storm winds sweeping us away.

Titus 3:5-7 He saved us because of his mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.

God sent Jesus Christ our Savior to give us his Holy Spirit.

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.

- **Realize that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your Sin.**

First Peter 2:4,22-25 Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. Jesus did not sin or tell a lie.

He was abused but never tried to get even. And when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he had faith in God, who judges fairly.
Jesus carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so that we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed.

You had wandered away like sheep. Now you have returned to the one who is your shepherd and protector of your soul.

Revelation 1:5 Jesus Christ our faithful Witness. He is the First-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He who loves us and washes us from our sins in His own life's blood.

- **By Scriptural Faith we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.**

John 1:10-14 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, but the world did not know Him. He came to his own people but they did not receive Him.

But the many that did receive Him, He gave authority to become the children of God, even to those who believe upon His name, and are born, not of blood, nor the will of their flesh, nor by the will of other man, they are born of God.

And the Word became flesh to live among us. We beheld His glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth.

Act 16:30-32 After he led them out of the jail, he asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home." Then Paul and Silas told him and everyone else in his house about the Lord.

John 3:13-18 No one here has been to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there. And the Son of Man must be lifted up, just as that snake was lifted up on the pole by Moses in the desert.

Therefore, everyone who has Faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life.

Because God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never die.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn people. He sent him to save them!

No one having **Faith in God's Son** will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have **Faith in God's Son** has already been condemned.

The Good News is that you can Believe in God's Words, be Born From Above, and be confident of your Salvation.

John 3:3-8 Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!" Nicodemus asked, "How can a person be born a second time?"

Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God.

Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above.

Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

- **God does not want us to doubt. We can be certain of a place in Heaven with Him.**
- **It takes Scriptural Faith**

**PEOPLE OF THE WORLD**

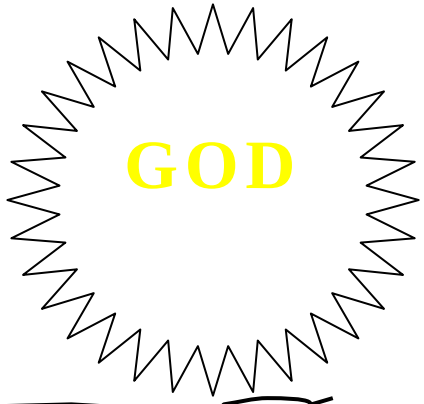


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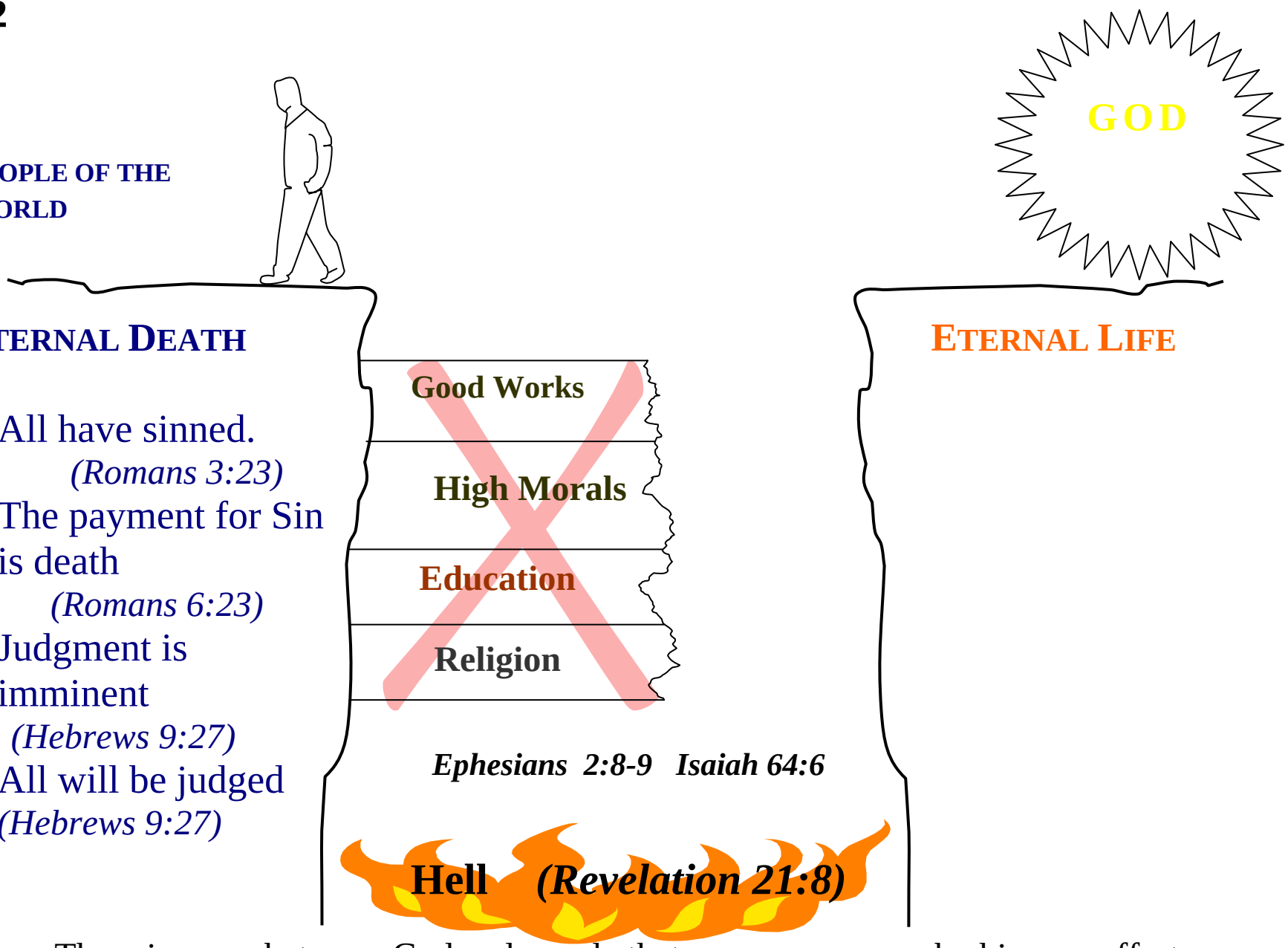
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**Sin** has **separated**
**Man from God**

**The Heart of Man is Evil**
***Jeremiah 17:9***
***Mark 7:2-,22***




# ETERNAL LIFE




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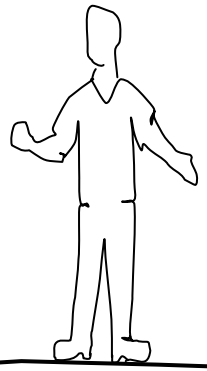
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There is a gap between God and people that no one can cross by his own efforts.
Is there a way to escape Eternal Death? Is there hope?

# The Good News

*(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

1. **Jesus Died for Sin**
2. **Jesus Buried in Tomb**
3. **Jesus Risen to Life**



**YOU**

**GOD**

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**Good Works**

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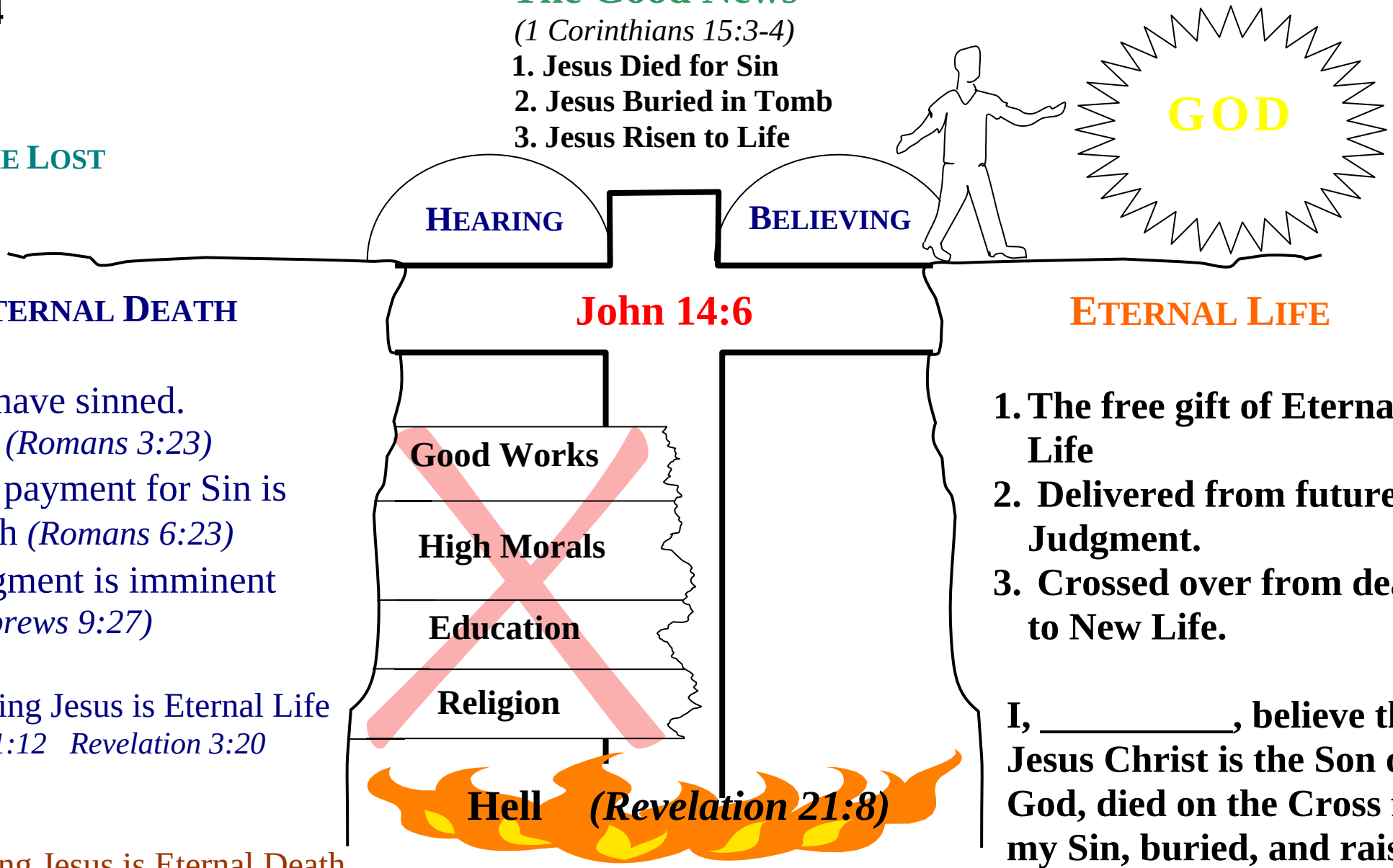
**Hell** ***(Revelation 21:8)***

**Jesus Christ is the bridge between Man and God**
***(1 Timothy 2:5)***

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Accepting Jesus is Eternal Life
*John 1:12 Revelation 3:20*

Rejecting Jesus is Eternal Death
*1 John 5:11-12*

1. **The free gift of Eternal Life**
2. **Delivered from future Judgment.**
3. **Crossed over from death to New Life.**

**I, _____, believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, died on the Cross for my Sin, buried, and raised from death to Life. I receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. ~Amen~**

## This decision is our responsibility and done quickly.

Second Corinthians 6:1-2 We work together with God, and we beg you to make good use of God's kindness to you.

In the Scriptures God says, "When the time came, I listened to you, and when you needed help, I came to save you." That time has come. **This is the day for you to be Saved**.

Have Faith, Believe and Trust in what God says in His Word.

It is a great mistake to trust in your church, your doctrine, your traditions, experiences and beliefs.

They are worthless compared to the **Word of God**.

Beliefs, doctrines, traditions and churches change with the wind. God's Word is eternal, from eternity to eternity, **Un**changing.

Here's a test from God's Word:

II Corinthians 5:17 Anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation. The past forgotten, and everything made new.

Are you a **new creation** in Jesus Christ, or still the same old person?

John 1:12-13 Yet some people accepted Jesus and placed their Faith in Him. And He gave them the right to become children of God.

They were not God's children by nature or of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them His children.

Have you **received** the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart as Lord God and Savior?

Have **you** been Born from Above by God apart from religion or good works?

Have you become God's child through Faith in Jesus Christ?

Perhaps you have joined a church, held doctrines and beliefs, gone through the motions, perhaps water baptized, but have you never really embraced Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

God wants to forgive your Sin, give you peace, and your life a new beginning.

The Holy Spirit is drawing you to trust in Jesus Christ wholeheartedly, to be free from guilt, sin, and all condemnation.

Do you want God's eternal Peace, Forgiveness, and Love?

Simply accept that **Jesus Christ** is who the Holy Bible says He is; **Almighty God in the Flesh.**

That He died for you on the cross, rose from the dead to life, and be willing to **turn away** from your sins, and **follow Him.**

Remember, feelings have nothing to do with salvation. And this is not about lip service or saying magic words. It is about what you believe in your heart.

**Trusting God's Word** is what counts. **Bible Faith**

**God's Promise:**

If you confess with your mouth, that 'Jesus Christ is the Only Lord', and believe in your **heart** that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be **saved.**

For it is with your heart that you believe, and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are **saved**.

**Everyone** who calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved.

Romans 10:8-11 All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith.

So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.

God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

The Scriptures say that no one who has this faith will be disappointed,

Do you want to be fully forgiven and saved? No more need to work for God's acceptance.

Do you believe Jesus Christ, God's Son, died for you?

Will you receive Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life right now?

**Act upon what God says you must do to be saved**.

1) **Trust** that Jesus is **Almighty God in the Flesh** as God's Word declares.

John. 12:41-45; Isaiah 6:5; John 1:1-14; Revelation 1:8, 22:13-16; Isaiah 48:12; Luke. 6:5

2) **Believe** in your heart that God's Son, Jesus Christ, Died on the Cross for you to pay for ALL of your sins, Jesus was resurrected and is alive today to give you new life.

3) **Confess** your Sin to God.

4) **Call** upon Jesus Christ to save you.

Jesus promised,

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find. And the door will be opened for everyone who knocks.

A sample prayer:

**LORD GOD,**

I here and now **turn from my sin and believe** in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I believe you died for **me on the Cross** as **my** Substitute,
and **rose from the dead to give me new life**.

Lord Jesus, thank you for taking my place of punishment and paying **my** debt to God in full.

I was separated from You by my sins and You saw me, helpless, and fallen, and loved me enough to die for me.

You were innocent. You did no wrong. I'm the one who has sinned, **I broke God's Law.** I deserve to die for my sins, but You took my place on the Cross.

**I believe** that You suffered the penalty of **my** sins, and You paid the **full price** to clear my debt.

Your shed Blood pays for all my sins.

And because You suffered **my** penalty, I am now free.

No sin remains to condemn me. I'm no longer guilty before God. I can never be judged or condemned for my sins because they were judged in **You**, Lord.

I believe the **Good News** of Jesus dieing on the Cross and His resurrection.

I believe in your Promise to everyone who asks, receives.

I ask Your forgiveness, and I now **receive** You into my heart and life.

Today, I accept Your free gift of love, mercy, peace, and salvation.

**Jesus Christ now lives in me.**

I am a new creation in Jesus Christ.

Born of God with the life of Jesus in me.

**I trust** that You paid the debt for me. You paid it all. And No further price needs to be paid.

I will never make any effort, claim, merit, or offer any good works as pardon for my Sin.

Nor shall **I need to say or do** anything more to have my past sins forgiven or to be saved.

Lord Jesus, You did **enough** 2,000 years ago on the cross to save me forever.

You are the sacrificial Lamb of God that took away my sins for me.

So from this moment **I trust** entirely in what You **did for me** on the Cross.

It is enough. Nothing can ever improve upon my salvation.

No religion, sacrament, no other person can do it.

Your shed Blood cleanses me now.

I am forgiven now.

**I am saved now.**

Thank You Lord for my **Complete Salvation.**

John 1:12 Some people accepted him and put their faith in him and he gave them the right to become the children of God.

Hebrews 7:24-27 Jesus will never die, and He will be a priest forever!

He is forever able to save the people he leads to God, because he always lives to speak to God for them.

Jesus is the high priest we need. He is holy, innocent, and faultless, and not at all like us sinners. Jesus is honored above all beings in heaven, and he is better than any other high priest.

Jesus doesn't need to offer sacrifices each day for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. He offered a sacrifice **Once for All, when he gave himself.**

Romans 10:8-19 All who are acceptable because of their Word of Faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith.

And you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.

God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and confess it.

The Scriptures say that no one who has Faith in Him will be disappointed, no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help.

All who call out to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved.
How can they have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them?

And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord? The Scriptures say it is a beautiful sight to see even the feet of someone coming to preach this good news.

Yet not everyone has believed this message. For example, the prophet Isaiah asked, "Lord, has anyone believed what we said?"

No one can have faith without hearing the Word of God.

Am I saying that the people of Israel did not hear? No, I am not! The Scriptures say, "The message was told everywhere upon earth and announced all over the world."

Did the people of Israel understand or not? Moses answered this question when he told that the Lord had said, "I will make Israel jealous of people who are a nation of nobodies. I will make them angry at the people who don't understand a thing."

**Jesus quotes His word through Isaiah:**

Romans 10:20 But Isaiah in boldness says,

**"I was found by those who did not seek Me and became known to those who did not ask about Me."**

