Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

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Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfilled Prophecies
APPROXIMATE PROPHECY DATES Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy were likely originally recorded around 10-6th century BCE Psalms of David around 1000 BCE Proverbs of Solomon around 1000 BCE Hosea prophesied around 787-722 BCE Amos prophesied around 760-755 BCE Micah prophesied around 740-696 BCE Isaiah prophesied around 740–701 BCE Jeremiah prophesied around 626-587 BCE Daniel lived around 620-536 BCE Ezekiel prophesied around 592-570 BCE Zechariah prophesied 520-518 BCE Malachi prophesied around 460 BCE	In his book, *Science Speaks*, mathematician Peter Stoner surmised that the chance of a man ***fulfilling even eight of the Messianic prophecies from the Old Testament is 10^{17}***. That's one in one hundred quadrillion or one in 100,000,000,000,000,000! Stoner also calculated that the ***odds of a man fulfilling 48 of the Messianic prophecies was 10^{157}.*** That's 1 followed by 157 zeroes! Jesus fulfilled over three hundred prophecies! I found his work compelling, so have included a section of it at the end of this document. "Peter Stoner Messiah Prophecy Probabilities."
GENEALOGY OF MESSIAH **Genesis 12:3;17:2,19, 21;22:18** Then God said [to Abraham]: Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for ***an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him***. ***Isaiah 55:3*** Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—***the sure mercies of David***. **Genesis 49:10** ***The scepter shall not depart from Judah***, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh [Messiah] comes [Shiloh means "gift from God" and "peaceful one"] **Numbers 24:17** I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; ***A Star (diety) shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter (King) shall rise out of Israel*** [Jacob aka Israel is Abraham's grandson.] **Isaiah 11:1** There shall come forth ***a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch*** shall grow out of his roots. [Jesse was the father of King David] **2 Samuel 7:12-13,** When your [King David] days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and ***I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*** **1 Chronicles 17:11; Psalm 89:3-4; Psalm 132:11-12** ***David: Your seed I will establish forever, a***nd build up your throne to all generations.	**Acts 3:25-26 [*quotes Genesis*]**: You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, '***And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed***.' **Acts 13:34** And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: [***quotes Isaiah 55:3***] ***I will give you the sure mercies of David.***] **Matthew 1:1-2, 16** The book of the ***genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob***, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers… And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. **Luke 3:23-38** The ***genealogy of Jesus***, ***from God, Adam to Joseph, the husband of Mary*** [focus to stress Jesus' humanity as well as fulfilling the prophecies] **Matthew 1:20-21 An angel speaking, *Joseph, son of David***, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife **Revelation 12:10** And I will pour on ***the house of David*** and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. **Revelation 5:5** But one of the elders said to me, Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the ***Root of David***, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

BORN OF A VIRGIN **Isaiah 49:1** ***The Lord has called Me from the womb***; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.	**Luke 1:31-35** Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "***How can this be, since I do not know a man?***" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you" **Matthew 1:20-21** Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for ***that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. (Jesus is Yeshua in Hebrew it means "to rescue or to deliver")
SUPERNATURAL EVENTS BEFORE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST **Luke 1:5-43** In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zacharias... his wife Elizabeth... they were childless... both very old. While burning incense in the temple an angel of the Lord appeared and said to him: "Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John… he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah…to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zacharias asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this?... Angel Gabriel said, "And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zacharias and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple… After this, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant, in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary and told her she would have a son named Jesus who will be called the Son of the Most High.	Gabriel also told Mary that her elderly relative, Elizabeth was six months pregnant. Mary hurriedly made the trip to visit her. [28 miles from Nazareth to Ein Karem, outside Jerusalem.] When she [Mary] entered Zacharias's home and greeted Elizabeth, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice Elizabeth exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" [The Holy Spirit was prophesizing through Elizabeth.] **SUPERNATURAL EVENTS AFTER BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST** **Luke 1:59-66** , When Elizabeth's baby was born, "[59]they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name. "So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So, they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "**What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.**

BORN IN BETHLEHEM **Micah 5:2** But you, ***Bethlehem*** Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet ***out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel***, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. **1 Samuel 16:** The Lord sent Samuel to ***Bethlehem*** to anoint one of Jesse's sons [the youngest, David] as the next king. [Shows Bethlehem was the birthplace of David.] ***Note****: It was an unusual circumstance that led to Jesus being born in Bethlehem.* *The area where Israel is located was recently brought under control by the Roman Empire.* *Quirinius, who was placed as governor, decreed that everyone had to be registered for a census, with the goal of exacting a property tax on them.* *Since Joseph was a descendant of King David, who was born in Bethlehem, Joseph was required to register for the census in Bethlehem.* ********** ***Note: What are the odds the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?*** *Estimated Jewish Population when Jesus born:* *1. Galilee, Judea: 500-600,000* *2. Bethlehem: 2-3000* *3. That number drops about half because the baby has to be a male.* *4. Chance of the mother, who lives in Nazareth, about to give birth, to walk 93 miles to Bethlehem where she has no friends or relatives to stay with.*	**Matthew 2:1-11** Now ***after Jesus was born in Bethlehem***... wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him... Herod inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In ***Bethlehem of Judea***, for thus it is written by the prophet..." [***quotes Micah 5:2***] **Luke 2:1-7**: And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called ***Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David***, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:11** (An angel to shepherds) For there is ***born to you this day in the city of David*** a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **John 7:42** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes ***from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem***, where David was?
MINISTRY BASED IN CAPERNAUM **Isaiah 9:1-2** Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed ***the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,*** and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.	**Matthew 4:12-16** Now when Jesus heard that John (the Baptist) had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And ***leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali***, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ***quotes Isaiah 9:1-2***

SHEPHERDS AS WITNESSES OF BIRTH *Note: There are a lot of OT scriptures referring to the Messiah as a Shepherd.* *(See "Lamb of God/Shepherd" section)* *In His parables, Jesus often referred to himself as a shepherd and his followers as sheep.* *King David's first career was as a shepherd.* *The basic theme around sheep has to do with being meek and humble.* *Jesus as a Shepherd is a big theme in His ministry. It's only fitting that the first witnesses to His birth would be shepherds.*	**Luke 2:8-18** Now there were in the same country *shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night*. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "***Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."*** And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
A STAR **Numbers 24:17** ***A star*** shall come out of Jacob	**Matthew 2:2** Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen ***His star*** in the East and have come to worship Him.
KING OF KINGS **Psalm 72:10-11** The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. Yes, ***all kings shall fall down before Him***; ***all nations shall serve Him***. **Psalm 89:27** Also I will make him My firstborn, ***The highest of the kings of the earth***. **Psalm 138:4** For You have magnified Your word above all Your name... ***All the kings of the earth shall praise You***, O Lord, when they hear the words of Your mouth. **Isaiah 60:3** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And ***kings to the brightness of your rising***. *Note: Some prophecies describe the Messiah as being humble, others he would be the king of kings. His first visitors, called by God, represents shepherds, which was a humble, lowly job and kings.*	**Matthew 2:1-11** Now after Jesus was born... wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "***Where is He who has been born King of the Jews***? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him... And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." **Revelation 1:5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ***ruler over the kings of the earth***. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. **Revelation 17:14** These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and ***King of kings***; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

BABY JESUS RECOGNIZED AS THE MESSIAH **Daniel 9:24-26** Prophesies the date the Messiah will be killed, 483 years before the event. View the explanation of this prophecy at the end of this document, "The Seventy Weeks Prophecy" When Daniel wrote Chapter 9, he was the highest-ranking chief administrator in Babylon, stationed directly under the king. Having been thoroughly educated decades earlier in the elite Babylonian schools of wisdom—which included astrology, astronomy, and deep esoteric sciences—Daniel eventually became the chief of all the realm's wise men. Given this immense authority and intellect, his meticulous prophecy of the "Seventy Weeks" outlining the exact timeline for the Hebrew Messiah was heavily preserved among the eastern scholarly guilds. It is highly probable that the Magi from the East were trained in Daniel's specific calculations, allowing them centuries later to recognize the celestial signs and know exactly when to look for the newborn King of the Jews.	*** Luke 2:22-35** Now when the days of her [Mary's] purification according to the law of Moses were completed [around 40 days], they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord... And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the ***Consolation of Israel***, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ***And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ***. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your ***salvation*** which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a ***light to bring revelation to the Gentiles***, and the glory of Your people Israel." **Luke 2:36-38** Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. *And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for* ***redemption in Jerusalem.***
OUT OF EGYPT **Hosea 11:1** ***And out of Egypt I called My son.*** Note: Historical records show that Herod was obsessed about losing his role as King of Judea. He was appointed this role by the Romans. He killed off the Jewish family who had legal rights to the title. And Herod also killed his own sons. The Bible states that he ordered the deaths of all boys under the age of two in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. This came as a result of the wise men who had come to Herod seeking to visit the baby, calling him King of the Jews, who was born in Bethlehem. There is no definitive historical evidence that this massacre took place, but I wouldn't be surprised if archaeologists uncover something.	**Matthew 2:13-15** Now when they [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."
WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE **Isaiah 11:2** The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the ***Spirit of wisdom*** and understanding, the ***Spirit of counsel*** and might, the ***Spirit of knowledge*** and of the fear of the Lord. **Isaiah 53:11** By ***His knowledge*** My righteous Servant shall justify many	**Luke 2:41-55** His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it… So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem… after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ***And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers***…

	And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. **Matthew 7:29** for ***He taught*** them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **Matthew 13:54** When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "***Where did this Man get this wisdom*** and these mighty works?" **Colossians 2:3** the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of ***wisdom and knowledge*****.**
TO DO GOD'S WILL **Psalm 40:6-8** Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight ***to do Your will, O my God***, ***And Your law is within my heart."*** **Isaiah 50:5** ***I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away***	**Hebrews 10:9** Jesus is quoted as saying, ***"Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God."*** Along with the quote from ***Psalm 40:6-8***] **John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "***My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work***."

JOHN THE BAPTIST
VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Isaiah 40:3-4 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness ***prepare the way for the Lord***; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Malachi 3:1 "Behold, ***I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me***. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty

Isaiah 40:9 You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. ***You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"***

Zacharias' Prophecy about John being forerunner for the Messiah

Luke 1:67-80 Now his [John's], father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David"

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He swore to our father Abraham: to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." So the child [John] grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Matthew 3: 1-2 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the ***wilderness*** of Judea, and saying, "***Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*** [***quotes Isaiah 40:3-4***]
Matthew 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27
[***quotes Malachi 3***]

John 1:6-9 There was a ***man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light***, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

John1:19-27 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

He [John] said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

JESUS BAPTISM / THE SPIRIT OF GOD /

Isaiah 11:2 ***The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him***, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the *Spirit* of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 42:1 I have ***put my Spirit upon Him***

Isaiah 44:3 I will ***pour my Spirit*** upon your [Jacob's] descendants.

Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:33 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. "Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and ***He saw the Spirit of God***

Old Testament Precursor to Baptism **Ezekiel 36:24-27** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ***Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you***; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.	***descending like a dove and alighting upon Him***. And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **Acts 10:38** ***God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit*** and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
SON OF GOD **Psalm 2:7** I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, '***You are My Son, today I have begotten You***. **Psalm 2:12** ***Kiss the Son***, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. **Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, ***unto us a Son is given***; And the government will be upon His shoulder. ***And His name will be called*** *Wonderful, Counselor*, ***Mighty God***, ***Everlasting Father***, *Prince of Peace*. **Isaiah 40:9** O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, **"*Behold your God*!"**	**JESUS CALLS HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD AROUND 65 TIMES** **Acts 13:33** [***quotes Psalm 2:7***] **Matthew 3:17; John 1:33** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water...; and suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "***This is My beloved Son***, in whom I am well pleased." **Matthew 26:63-64** And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: ***Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said***." **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave ***His only begotten Son***, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 10:30** ***I and my Father are One*** **John 17:1-5** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "***Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You"*** **John 20:31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, ***the Son of God***, and that believing you may have life in His name. **Romans 1:4:** and ***declared to be the Son of God*** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. **1 John 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. ***For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.***
JESUS 40 DAY MESSIAH'S ANGELIC PROTECTION **Psalm 91:11-12** For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.	**Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:10-11** Jesus was fasting in the wilderness for 40 days after His baptism. Satan shows up to tempt and mock him, saying ,*If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written…"* ***then Satan quotes Psalm 91:11***

JESUS SAYS SCRIPTURE WRITTEN ABOUT HIM *NOTE: Jesus' ministry began with His focus on teaching the Jewish people.* *Then Jesus was put to death by the elders of the Jewish, those who had the most knowledge of the prophecies He was fulfilling.* **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound	**Luke 4:16-23** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written… and he read (**Isaiah 61:1-2**)**…** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "***Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing***." So, all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" Matthew 5:17-18 ***Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. ***John 1:41*** He [Andrew] first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found ***the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ)***. **John 4:25** Samaritan woman at well mentions the *Messiah is coming,* Jesus responds, "**I who speak to you am He."** **John 5:46** ***If you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about me.*** **John 5:39** ***You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me****.* **Acts 3:24** ***Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days***.
WALKS ON WATER **Job 9:8** He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.	**Matthew 14:25-26,33** Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. [26] When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear... [33]Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

JESUS' MINISTRY 1. PREACH THE GOSPEL / GOOD NEWS 2. HEAL THE SICK *42 mentions of physical healing* *Raised three from the dead* 3. CAST OUT DEMONS *Mentioned casting out demons 55 times* **Isaiah 35:5-6** He will come and save you. Then the ***eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.*** **Isaiah 29:14** Therefore, behold, I will again do a ***marvelous work*** among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.	**Matthew 8:16-17** [***quotes Isa 35:5***] **Matthew 9:27** Jesus *healed two blind men* ***Matthew 9:32-34*** *healed mute man* **Mark 7:31-35** *healed deaf man* **John 5:1-29** *healed lame man* **Matthew 13:54** When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "***Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works***?" **John 3:2** Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, you are a teacher from God, ***no one can do these signs unless God is with him"*** **Matthew 11:2-6** ***And when John [the Baptist] had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"*** Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."
TEACHES WITH PARABLES **Psalm 78:1-2** Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ***I will open my mouth in a parable***; I will utter dark sayings of old. **Isaiah 6:9-10** And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.'" **Isaiah 50:4** The Lord has given Me the tongue of the learned, ***how to speak.***	**Matthew 13:34-35** All these things ***Jesus spoke to the multitude*** **in parables**; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: [***quotes Psalm 78:1-2***] **Matthew 13:13-15** Therefore ***I speak to them in parables***, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: [***quotes Isa 6:9-10***] **Acts 28:25-28** Paul solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. Some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed, then Paul ***quotes Isaiah 6:9-10***
Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news	**Matthew 15:29** Jesus went on the mountain, then a great multitude came to Him.
TEMPLE A DEN OF THIEVES **Jeremiah 7:11 "**Has this house, which is called by My name, become ***a den of thieves*** in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the Lord. **Psalm 69:9** Because ***zeal for Your house*** has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.	**Matthew 21:13-13** Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple... And He said to them, "***It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.***'" [***Jeremiah 7:11***] **John 2:14-17** He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" *Then His disciples remembered that it was written,* ***"Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." [Psalm 69:9]***

*** A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES**

Isaiah 9:1-2 *By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;* those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

Isaiah 42:1 *Behold! My Servant* whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; *He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.*

Isaiah 42:6 I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You ***as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles.***

Amos 9:12 "That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and ***all the Gentiles who are called by My name***," says the Lord who does this thing.

Hosea 1:10 and it shall come to pass, that in the place ***where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people (Gentiles), there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God***

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the ***Gentiles shall seek Him***, and His resting place shall be glorious.

Isaiah 49:6 Indeed He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as ***a light to the Gentiles***, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 56:8 ***The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,*** says, "Yet *I will gather to him others* besides those who are gathered to him."

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ***The Gentiles shall come to your light***, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Note: According to the Law, Gentiles (non-Jewish people) were not allowed to even enter the Jewish temple or synagogues. That included the offspring of Jews who had "forbidden unions" with Gentiles.

Deuteronomy 23:2 states that no one born of a forbidden union, or any of their descendants, may enter the assembly of the Lord**, *even to the tenth generation*.***"

Then here comes Jesus, claiming to be the "Elect One," which was blasphemy. Besides that, many Jews began to follow Jesus and they were mingling with the hated Gentiles.

That did not sit well with the Jewish religious leaders, even though the scriptures prophesied it. The ones who knew the Law the best, were also the most blind and deaf, just like the scriptures stated. They were the ones that had Jesus nailed to the cross.

Luke 4:43 but He [Jesus] said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

Matthew 4:12-17 Jesus preached to ***Galilee Gentiles*** to fulfill Isaiah 9:1

Matthew 12:35 [***quotes Isaiah 42:1***]

Acts 13:47 [***quotes Isa 42:6***]

Acts 15:17 [***quotes Amos 9:11–12***]

Romans 9:25 [***quotes Hosea 1:10***]

Romans 15:12 [***quotes Isaiah 11:10***]

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "*I am the light of the world*. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Galatians 3:28 ***There is neither Jew nor Greek***, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; ***for you are all one in Christ Jesus.***

1 Timothy 3:16 God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, ***preached among the Gentiles***, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Acts 26:23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light *to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.*

ALL NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED

Isaiah 54:13 ***All your children*** shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.

Genesis26:4 Isaac, I will make you ***a great nation***

Genesis 28:14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and ***in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed***.

Psalm 22:27-28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and ***He rules over the nations.***

Psalm 71:17 His name shall endure forever, ***all nations shall call Him blessed*****;** blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Psalm 72:17 His name shall endure forever;
His name shall continue as long as the sun. and men shall be blessed in Him;
All nations shall call Him blessed.

Isaiah 55:5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and ***nations who do not know you*** shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.

Isaiah 56:7 For My house shall be called a house of prayer for ***all nations***.

Matthew 21:43 *Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.*

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and ***make disciples of all nations****,* baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 11:17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer ***for all nations****?"* But you have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 13:10 ***And the gospel must first be preached to all nations****.*

Luke 2:29-32 Simeon's blessing on the infant, Jesus, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of **all nations**: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "***In you all the nations shall be blessed****."*

John 6:45 Jesus responds to the grumblings of the Jews around him, then [***quotes Isa 54:13]***

John 11:52 and ***not for that nation only***, but also that He would *gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad*.

Luke 24:47 ***preached in His name to all nations***, beginning at Jerusalem.

MESSIAH IS ETERNAL

Psalm 102:25-27 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your ***years will have no end.***

Psalm 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore, God has ***blessed You forever***.

Proverb 8:23 I have been established from everlasting, ***From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.***

Hebrews 1:10-12 [***quotes Psalm 102:25-27***]

John 1:1 ***In the beginning*** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have ***everlasting life***.

John 17:5 Jesus speaks, "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the ***glory which I had with You before the world was*****."**

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him ***before the foundation of the world***

Colossians 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the ***firstborn over all creation***. For by Him all things were created... All things were created through Him and for Him. And ***He is before all things***, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the ***Omega, the Beginning and the End***," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

HIGH PRIEST

Psalm 110:4 The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are ***a priest forever*** According to the order of Melchizedek." (Read entire psalm at end of document.)

Genesis 14:18 Then ***Melchizedek*** king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the ***priest*** of God Most High.

Hebrews 6:20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become ***High Priest*** forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a ***High Priest*** who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses

Hebrews 8:1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a ***High Priest***, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens

EVERLASTING KING

Psalm 45:6 Your throne, O God, is ***forever and ever***; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of ***Your kingdom***.

1 Samuel 2:10 The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength ***to His king***, and exalt the horn of His anointed.

Psalm 2:6 Yet I have ***set My King*** on My holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 22:27-28 For the ***kingdom*** is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations.

Psalm 45:17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore, the people shall praise ***You forever and ever***.

Psalm 89:3-4 I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: Your seed I will establish forever, and ***build up your throne to all generations***.

Psalm 89:36-37 His seed shall endure forever, ***And his throne*** as the sun before Me;
It shall be ***established forever*** like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky.

Psalm 132:11-12 The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I shall teach them, their sons also shall ***sit upon your throne forevermore.***

1 Chronicles 17:11-12 And it shall be, when your [David] days are fulfilled, I will set up your seed and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me a house, and I will establish ***his throne forever***.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, ***upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.*** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Daniel 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and ***a kingdom***, ***His dominion would be everlasting.***

Hebrews 1:8-9 ***But to the Son He says***: [***quotes Psalm 45:6***]

Luke 1:31-35 Then the angel said to Mary, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of ***His kingdom there will be no end***.

Matthew 2:1-11 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem... wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, where is He who has been born ***King of the Jews***? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him... (See the section "Baby Jesus Recognized as the Messiah" for additional information about the wise men and how it ties in with the article "The Seventy Weeks Prophecy" at the end of this document.

Matthew 21:5 Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, ***your King*** is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Mark 15:2 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the ***King of the Jews***?" He answered and said to him, "It is as you say."

Luke 19:38 saying: "***Blessed is the King*** who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Romans 6:9 knowing that Christ, ***having been raised from the dead, dies no more***. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Ephesians 1:20-22 which He worked in Christ when ***He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places***, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, ***not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*** And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church

Revelation 5:13 Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, ***forever and ever!***

PROPHET, WITNESS **Deuteronomy 18:15-16** God speaking to Moses "I will raise up for them a ***prophet*** like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth." **Isaiah 55:2-5** Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you— the sure mercies of David. ***Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people.*** Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.	**Acts 3:22, 7:37** For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a ***Prophet*** like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. [***quotes Deu 18:15-16***] **Matthew 13:57; Mark 6:4** But Jesus said to them, "A ***prophet is not without honor*** except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." **Luke 13:33** Jesus speaking, "Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a ***prophet*** should perish outside of Jerusalem." **John 6:14** loaves and fish miracle: This is truly the ***Prophet*** who is to come into this world
LAMB OF GOD, SHEPHERD **Zechariah 13:7** ***Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered***; then I will turn My hand against the little ones. **Isaiah 40:11** He will feed His flock ***like a shepherd***; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. **Isaiah 53:6** All ***we like sheep have gone astray***; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **Ezekiel 34:23-30** "***I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David.*** He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken... Thus, they shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says the Lord God. **Psalm 23:1** ***the Lord is my shepherd*** ***Psalm 80:1*** *Give ear,* ***O Shepherd of Israel****,* *You who lead Joseph like a flock;* *You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!*	**Luke 2** Angels come to shepherds announcing the birth of Christ the Lord. [Jesus' first visitors.] **Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27** Jesus ***quotes Zec 13:7*** **Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 6:3-4** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, ***like sheep having no shepherd.*** **John 1:29-30,36** **29** The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "***Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*** **30** This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" **John 10:11** Jesus says, ***I am the good shepherd***. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **John 10:14** ***I am the good shepherd and my sheep know me.*** **John 10:16** And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and ***they will hear My voice***; and there will be ***one flock and one shepherd.*** **Hebrews 13:20** Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our ***Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep.*** **1 Peter 2:25** For you were like sheep going astray, but have now ***returned to the Shepherd*** and Overseer of your souls. **1 Peter 5:4** And ***when the Chief Shepherd appears***, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

SAVIOR, REDEEMER

Numbers 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, ***he lived***.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim ***liberty to the captives***, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

Isaiah 48:16-17 Thus says ***the Lord, your Redeemer,*** The Holy One of Israel: "I *am* the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go."

Isaiah 12:2 Yah, the Lord has become ***my salvation***

Isaiah 25:9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and ***He will save us***. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in ***His salvation***."

Isaiah 35:4 He will come and ***save you***

Isaiah 53:11 By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. And He bore the sin of many, and ***made intercession for the transgressors***.

Isaiah 59:16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was ***no intercessor; Therefore, His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.***

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim ***liberty to the captives***, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound

Jeremiah 23:5-6, 33:14 ***Judah will be saved***, Israel will dwell safely, He called The Lord Our Righteousness, Judah

Jeremiah 31:34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For ***I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more***.

Zechariah 9:9 Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and ***having salvation***

John 3:14-18 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness [***Numbers 21:9***], even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should ***not perish*** but have eternal life.

Luke 4:16-21 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written [***Isaiah 61:1***]:.. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Matthew 1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for ***He will save His people*** from their sins. [The name Jesus means "God is salvation."]

Luke 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a ***Savior***, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 19:10 Jesus says "for the Son of Man has come to seek and ***to save*** that which was lost."

Luke 24:47 that ***repentance and remission*** of sins should be preached in His name to all

John 8:31-36 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and ***the truth shall make you free…*** Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ***Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed***."

Acts 4:12 Nor is there ***salvation*** in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must ***be saved***.

Romans 5:8-9 But, God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, ***Christ died for us***. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Galatians 1:3-5 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who ***gave Himself for our sins***, that He might deliver us from this present evil age

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ***to redeem*** those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

1 Peter 3:18, 4:6 For Christ also ***suffered once for sins***, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit

Revelation 5:9 You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for ***You were slain, and have redeemed us*** to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation

MESSIAH AS A SERVANT **Isaiah 42:1** ***Behold! My Servant*** whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles **Isaiah 49:7** Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to ***the Servant of rulers*** **Isaiah 52:13** Behold, ***My Servant*** shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. **Isaiah 53:11** By His knowledge ***My righteous Servant*** shall justify many	**Acts 3:13** The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified ***His Servant Jesus***, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. **Acts 4:27** And the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ. For truly against Your ***holy Servant Jesus***, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. **Philippians 2:7-8** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the ***very nature of a servant***, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death
BRANCH **Isaiah 11:1** There shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a ***Branch*** shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.	***JOHN 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches***. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
DONKEY **Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and ***riding on a donkey,*** ***A colt, the foal of a donkey***.	**Matthew 21:5-10; John 12:15** Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find ***a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me***. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them’ and immediately he will send them. All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: [***Zech 9:9***]”
COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD **Psalm 118:26** Blessed is he who ***comes in the name of the Lord!*** We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.	**Matthew 23:39** for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who ***comes in the name of the Lord***!’ (***Psalm 118:26***) **Matthew 21:9** Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who ***comes in the name of the Lord***!’ Hosanna in the highest!”
OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES **Psalm 8:2** Out of the ***mouth of babes*** and nursing infants you have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.	**Matthew 21:16** But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and ***the children crying*** out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read [***Psalm 8:2***], ‘***Out of the mouth of babes*** and nursing infants you have perfected praise’?”

JUDAS, THE TRAITOR **1. Zechariah 11:12** Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain. So, they weighed out for my wages ***thirty pieces of silver***." Note: The whole book of Zechariah is pointing to God's plan for restoration that would come in the future. **2. Psalm 41:9** Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has ***lifted up his heel*** against me. **3.Prov 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the ***kisses of an enemy are deceitful***. **4. Zechariah 11:13** So ***I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord*** **5. Psalm 109:8** ***Let his days be few*** **6. Zechariah 11:13** And the Lord said to me, "***Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me***." **7**. **Psalm 109:8** *and* ***let another take his office.***	**1. Matthew 26:14-15** Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him ***thirty pieces of silver***. So, from that he sought opportunity to betray him. [4 months wages] **2. John 13:18-19** I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, "He who eats bread with Me has ***lifted up his heel against Me***. Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He." **3. Luke 22:47-48** And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "***Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?***" **4. Matthew 27:3-5** Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" Then he ***threw down the pieces of silver in the temple.*** ***5. Matthew 27:5*** Then Judas departed, and went and hanged himself. **6. Matthew 27:6-8** But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." And they consulted together and ***bought with them the potter's field***, to bury strangers in. Therefore, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. **7. Acts 1:16-19 [**Peter speaking to disciples after Jesus death about **voting another disciple to replace Judas says]**, "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." [refers to Psalm 109:8] They cast lots and Matthias was chosen.
REMAINED SILENT **Isaiah 42:2** ***He will not cry out, nor raise His voice*** **Isaiah 53:7** Yet ***He opened not His mouth***; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, ***And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,*** ***So He opened not His mouth***.	**Matthew 27:12-14; Mark 14:61; John 19:9** And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" ***But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.***

SORROW, COMPASSION *Messiah has human emotions* **Isaiah 53:3-4** He is despised and rejected by men, ***a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief***. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely ***He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows*** **Isaiah 53:10-12** Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; ***He has put Him to grief***. **Psalm 69:20** ***My soul is exceeding sorrowful*** **Psalm 112:4** Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and ***full of compassion***, and righteous.	**Matthew 8:16-17** [***quotes Isaiah 53:4***] **Matthew 9:36** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved ***with compassion*** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. **John 11:35 J*esus wept*.** **Luke 19:41** Now as He drew near, He saw the city and ***wept over it*** **Matthew 26:37-39,** Then He said to them, "***My soul is exceedingly sorrowful,*** even to death." He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, ***not as I will, but as You will.***" **John 12:27** Now ***My soul is troubled***, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose, I came to this hour. **Luke 22:44** Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And ***being in agony***, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
CORNERSTONE, STUMBLING ROCK **Isaiah 29:13** Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but ***have removed their hearts far from Me***, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men" **Psalm 2:1-3** Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the ***rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed,*** saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." **Psalm 118:22** The stone which the builders ***rejected has become the chief cornerstone***. **Isaiah 53:1** Lord, ***who has believed our report***? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **Isaiah 8:14** He will be as a sanctuary, but ***a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense*** to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. **Isaiah 28:16** Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, ***a precious cornerstone***, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily."	**Matthew 15:7-9** Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: [***quotes 29:3***] **Acts 4:25-28** [***quotes Psalm 2:1-3***], then says, "***For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus***, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done." **Matthew 21:44; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:8** Jesus ***quotes Psalm 118:22***, ***rejected cornerstone***, whoever falls on it will be broken **John 12:37-38** But although He had done so many signs before them, they ***did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah [53:1] the prophet might be fulfilled,*** which he spoke: **1 Corinthians 3:11** For no other ***foundation*** can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 2:20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the ***chief cornerstone,***

HATED WITHOUT A CAUSE **Psalm 35:19** Let them not rejoice over me who are ***wrongfully my enemies***; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause. **Psalm 69:4** Those who ***hate me without a cause*** Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, Being my enemies wrongfully; though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it. **Psalm 109:3-5** They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. ***In return for my love they are my accusers,*** But I give myself to prayer. Thus, they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love. **Isaiah 49:7** Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him ***whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors***,	**John 15:25** But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They ***hated Me without a cause***.'[***Psalm 35:19; 69:4; 109:3***] **Mark 14:1** After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might ***take Him by trickery and put Him to death.*** **Matthew 26:66** They answered and said, "***He is deserving of death."*** **Matthew 27:20-23** chief priests and elders persuaded multitudes ***to destroy Jesus*** instead of Barabbas **John 11:53** Then, from that day on, ***they plotted to put Him to death.***
TORMENTED **Psalm 31:14-15** I trust in You, O Lord... You are my God. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from ***those who persecute me***. **Isaiah 53:5** But He was ***wounded*** for our transgressions, He was ***bruised for our iniquities***; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And ***by His stripes we are healed***. **Isaiah 50:6** ***I gave my back to those who struck Me***, and my cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; ***I did not hide My face from shame and spitting*** **Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed and He was ***afflicted***	**Matthew 26:67,** Then they spat in His face and ***beat Him***; and others ***struck Him*** with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" **Matthew 27-31** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a ***crown of thorns***, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him, and ***took the reed and struck Him on the head***. And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. **1 Peter 2:24** ***by whose stripes you were healed***
NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS **Isaiah 53:12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and ***he was numbered with the transgressors***; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors	**Mark 15:27-28** ***They crucified two rebels with him***, one on his right and one on his left. **Luke 22:37** Jesus says... For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: '*And He was* ***numbered with*** **the transgressors**.' For the things concerning Me have an end.

*** CRUCIFIXION** **Daniel 9:25-26** This prophecy records a specific historical event that counts down 483 years to the date the Messiah would be killed. These verses have offered enough proof to convict many that Jesus indeed is the Messiah. Due to its importance and length to explain, I have added a summary at the end of this document, "The Seventy Weeks Prophecy." Note: Psalm 22 is like an eyewitness account of Jesus last hours. Yet written 1000 years prior. **1. Psalm 22:7-8** All those who see Me ***ridicule Me***; they shoot out the lip, they ***shake the head***, saying, "***He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him***!" **2. Psalm 22:16-17 A** pack of villains encircles me; ***they pierced My hands and My feet***; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. **3. Psalm 22:18** ***They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*** **4. Psalm 22:14-15** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My ***tongue clings to My jaws***; you have brought Me to the dust of death. **5. Psalm 69:21** They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me ***vinegar to drink***. **6. Psalm 22:1** ***My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me***? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?	**1. Matthew 27:39-44** And those who passed by ***blasphemed Him, wagging their heads*** and saying… "If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise, the chief priests also, ***mocking*** with the scribes and elders, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. ***He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.***' Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. **2. John 19:34** [They pierced his hands and feet to hang him.] One of the soldiers ***pierced Jesus' side*** with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. **3. John 19:23-24** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, *took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part,* and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but ***cast lots*** for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: [quotes Psalm 22:18] **4. John 19:28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "***I thirst***!" **5. Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:36** they gave Him sour ***wine mingled with gall to drink***. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. **6. Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23, John 19** And about the ninth hour [around 3-4 pm] Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying… "***My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me***?"
PASSOVER LAMB, MALE, NO BLEMISH **Exodus 12:2-5** [2]***This month*** (Nisan) is the beginning of months of months for you; it shall be the first month of your year. [3]Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the 10th day of this month, each man must select a lamb for his family, one for each household... [5]***Your lamb must be an unblemished year-old male, you may take it from the sheep or the goats***.	**JESUS WAS WITHOUT BLEMISH (NO SIN)** **1 Peter 1:18-19** [18] For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, [19] but with ***the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect***. In the Bible, Jesus is compared to a Passover lamb and compared as the atonement scapegoat.
PASSOVER LAMB SLAUGHTERED, NISAN 14 ***Exodus 12:6*** You must care for it until ***the 14th day of the month (Nisan)***, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will slaughter the animal at twilight. Twilight is the short period of time after the sunsets and before dark. The Jewish new day begins at sunset.	**JESUS DIED ON PASSOVER, NISAN 14** Luke 3:1-4 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea... He (John) went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [4] As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:(quotes Isaiah 40:3-5)

Thus, the mandate is to kill the animal at the end of Nisan 13, just before dark.

There is conjecture regarding the unusual mandate to bring the lamb into the house. The most reasonable explanation to me is that by doing so, the whole family would become attached to it. Thus, making the killing and eating of the sacrifice even harder.

Perhaps this was a harbinger of a personal relationship with the Messiah. Jesus repeats that we are to symbolically eat his flesh and drink his blood to obtain eternal life.

Tiberius was Emperor of Rome 14-37 AD.
15th year = 29 AD

Pontius Pilate was governor 26-36 AD

Enough time had to pass for John's ministry to gather momentum and for Jesus's ministry to complete, which included 3-4 Passovers.

Jesus died on Nisan 14, the Passover, a Friday: Matthew 27:72, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, John 19:14, 31,42

Read "The Last Supper: Aligning the 4 Gospel Accounts" at end of this document.

PASSOVER LAMB SLAUGHTER BEGINS 3 PM

In the original Exodus 12 mandate, each family was to slaughter the Passover lamb at twilight in their home. At sunset, the date Nisan 14 began.

However, once the Israelites had a temple, all animal sacrifices, including Passover, were to be slaughtered only by the priests and only at the temple in Jerusalem. That meant at the time of Jesus, thousands of families were making the trek to Jerusalem to offer their Passover sacrifice.

The priests slaughtered the animals and offered the blood on the temple altar. Then the priest returned the carcass to the family. In turn, they would roast it right away. Then eat it with the Passover meal after sunset, which according to the original mandate would be the beginning of Nisan 14.

Once the temple was built, there was no way that thousands of animals could be sacrificed in the short time between twilight and sunset, when the new day began.

Josephus, in his work *War of the Jews*, states concerning the Passover, that ***"they slay their sacrifices from the ninth hour to the eleventh."***

This was 3-5 pm. Jesus died at 3 pm.

By the time of Jesus, in order to accommodate their centralized temple Passover celebration which extended throughout the 14th (instead of the beginning of the 14th), they interpreted "at twilight" or "between the evenings," to mean between 3-6 pm. So, they were killing the Passover lambs on the 14th and eating the Passover meal later in the evening which would be on the 15th. Jesus did not do this. He ate the Passover meal with His disciples on the 14th when it began at evening time. Read "The Last Supper" at end of doc.

JESUS DIES AS LAMB SACRIFICE AT 3 PM

Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:33

Luke 23:44-46 *44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until* ***three in the afternoon****, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* ***When he had said this, he breathed his last."***

The following is significant and can only be described as the ingenuity of God. Jesus' death on the cross is a metaphor of him being the sacrificial Passover lamb. At the moment of his death, the priests are beginning to slaughter the sacrifices for the people in the temple. That alone is quite significant and not a coincidence.

Once slaughtered, the carcasses were given back, so they could roast it for the evening meal, which according to the Exodus 12 mandate would be eaten after sunset, the beginning of Nisan 14. This is what Jesus and his disciples did.

At the time of Jesus, the Jews were not observing the original mandate and eating the Passover meal after sunset, the beginning of Nisan 14.

John 18:28 records the Jewish leaders had not eaten the Passover meal yet, whereas Jesus and the disciples had eaten it the night before.

28 Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

Thus, Jesus, was following the original law, whereas the people were not. That too is significant, for the Messiah was without blemish, which meant he followed the Law perfectly.

*** COMMITTED NO SINS** In OT Law, sacrificial animals had to be perfect without any blemishes **1. Isaiah 53:7** ***He was led as a lamb to the slaughter*** *[innocent]* **2. Isaiah 53:9** ***He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth***. **3. Isaiah 52:15** *So* ***shall He sprinkle many nations***. [blood sacrifice for all]	**1. John 18:38** he [Pilate] went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "***I find no fault in Him at all***." **2a. 1 Peter 2:22** ***Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth*** **2b. Hebrews 4:15** We have a high priest who was tempted in every point like we are, ***yet without sin***. **3. 2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who ***knew no sin to be sin for us***, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN, JUDGEMENT FOR OTHERS **Exodus 12:12** ***[12]On that same night (Nisan 14,) I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn*** of both people and animals, and I will ***bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt***. I am the Lord.	**DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN, JUDGEMENT FOR OTHERS** **Matthew 26:57, Mark 14:43, Luke 22:54, John 18:12-14** Jesus, the ***firstborn*** of God, ***was arrested around midnight to 2 am (Nisan 14) and crucified later that day (Nisan 14), taking on the judgment of all people.***
LAMB'S BLOOD SAVES FROM GOD'S WRATH **Exodus 12:21-23** [21]Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and ***slaughter the Passover lamb.*** [22] Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. [23] When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see ***the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."***	**JESUS' BLOOD SAVES FROM GOD'S WRATH** **Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; Romans 3:24-25; Hebrews 9:11-14,22,28;10:19-22;12:24; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; 12:11** **Matthew 26:27-28** Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ***This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*** **Ephesians 1:7** ***In him we have redemption through his blood,*** the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. **Romans 5:8-9** ***[9]Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!***
NO BONES BROKEN **Exodus 12:43-46** [43] The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover meal: No foreigner may eat it.. [46] It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. ***Do not break any of the bones***." **Numbers 9:12** ***Not a bone of the Lamb to be broken*** **Psalm 34:20** ***He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken***	**John 19:31-36** [31]Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, ***they asked Pilate to have the legs broken*** and the bodies taken down. [32] The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. [33]But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, ***they did not break his legs.*** [34] Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ***[36] These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken."***
NEW TOMB WITH THE RICH	**Matthew 27:57** Now when evening had come, there came a *rich man* from Arimathea, named Joseph..

Isaiah 53:9 And they made ***His grave*** with the wicked— but ***with the rich*** at His death	he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and ***laid it in his new tomb*** **John 19:41** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and ***in the garden a new tomb*** in which no one had yet been laid.
RAISE UP, THIRD DAY **Jonah 1:17** Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. ***And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights*.** **Hosea 6:1-2** Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the ***third day He will raise us up***, that we may live in His sight. **Psalm 30:3** O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; ***You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit***. **Psalm 118:17-18** I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has chastened me severely, ***But He has not given me over to death.***	**Matthew 12:38-40** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ***For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*** **Matthew 16:21** From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be ***raised the third day.*** **John 2:19** Jesus answered and said to them, "***Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*** **Luke 24:5-7** Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and ***the third day rise again.***
*** RECORDED SIGHTINGS OF JESUS FOR 40 DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION** **1. Mark 16:9-11** ***Now when He [Jesus] rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene,*** out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. **2. 1 Cor 15:5** ***He was seen by Cephas [Simon Peter], then by the twelve.*** **3. Luke 24:13-33** ***That same day, two men were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus***. This was a seven-mile trip. Jesus started walking with them, but they didn't recognize him. Jesus asks them what they are talking about and why they are sad. So, they were telling Him about Jesus and all the events that week, up to that morning when the women found his tomb empty. And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. When they arrived at Emmaus… their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road,	As they were telling them their story, Jesus appeared in the room, saying "Peace to you." They were terrified, thinking they were seeing a spirit. Jesus showed him his hands and feet, to show them he was in flesh and bones. **4. John 20:26-29** Eight days later, Jesus shows up again where the ***disciples were gathered and tells Thomas*** to touch his hands and side where he was pierced. And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **5. John 21:1-14** After these things ***Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:*** Simon Peter was with six other disciples. They had been out fishing all night… Jesus stood on the shore but they didn't recognize Him. He told them to cast their nets on the side of the boat and the nets filled with 153 large fish. Then they recognized it was Jesus and ate fish and bread with him. **6. 1 Cor.15:3-8** 20 years later, Paul gives added information. "*After that He was seen by over 500*

and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So, they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem [another seven mile jaunt], and ***found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together.***	*brethren* of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen (died). ***"[7]After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also"*** [Paul is referring to his conversion in Acts 9:3-6 as he was heading to Damascus to kill and torment more Christians.]
ASCENDED **Psalm 68:18** You have ***ascended on high***, you have led captivity captive; you have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell there. **Psalm 97:9** For You, Lord, are ***most high above*** all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.	**Ephesians 4:7-16** Paul ***quotes Psalm 68:18*** "When He ***ascended on high***, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men…He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, ***that He might fill all things.)"*** **Luke 24:51** Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and ***carried up into heaven.*** **Acts 1:9-11 W**hile they watched, ***He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight***. Behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken ***up from you into heaven***, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
SITS AT RIGHT HAND OF GOD **Psalm 16:8-13** I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at ***my right hand*** I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. ***For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption***. You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; ***At Your right hand*** are pleasures forevermore. **Psalm 110:1** The Lord said to my Lord, "***Sit at My right hand***, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (Read entire psalm at end of document.)	**Acts 13:35-36** Therefore He also says in another *Psalm [**16:10**]: "**You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption."*** For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption **Mark 16:19** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at ***the right hand of God***. **Ephesians 1:19-22** That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and ***seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms***, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything
GIVEN ALL AUTHORITY **Isaiah 22:22-23** *I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.* **Psalm 8:5-6** You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; ***You have put all things under his feet***	**Revelation 3:7** *written about 60 yrs after the resurrection* [***quotes Isaiah 22:22***] **Matthew 28:18** *After his resurrection* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "***All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."***

* NEW COVENANT	Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20
Jeremiah 31:31 the days are coming... ***I will make a new covenant*** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah **Isaiah 42:6-7** I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and ***give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles to open eyes that are blind,*** to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. **Isaiah 42:9** Behold, ***the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare***; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.	At the Last Supper with the disciples before His death. **"**[19]As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. ***For this is My blood of the new covenant***, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'" **Hebrews 10:9-10** ***He takes away the first that He may establish the second.*** *By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* **John 1:17** ***For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***
ANNUAL SIN ATONEMENT, FOR JEWS	**JESUS SIN ATONEMENT, ONCE FOR ALL**
Leviticus 7:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.** **Leviticus 16:9-10, 34** [9] Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering. [10] But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat. [34] This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: ***Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.***	**Hebrews 9:28** ***so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many*****;** and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. **Hebrews 10:9-10** He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will ***we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*** **1 John 2:2** ***He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.***

The following scriptures accurately describe events of the coming Messiah, hundreds of years before Jesus was born!

PSALM 110
Amazing Prophecy when Jesus Returns
High Priest, Right Hand of God

1 The LORD (Yahweh) says to my lord (adoni) (the Messiah) : "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 The LORD (Yahweh) will extend the rod of Your strength out of Zion, to rule in the midst of Your enemies!"
3 Your people shall be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn, to You belongs the dew of Your youth.

4 The LORD (Yahweh) has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

5 The LORD (Adonai) is at your right hand; he shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations. He shall fill the places with dead bodies. He shall execute the heads of many countries. 7Therefore, He shall drink of the brook by the wayside. Thus, He shall lift His head high."

ISAIAH 52:13-15 through 53:1-12

The Sin-Bearing Messiah

52:13 See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.**14** Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness -**15** so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked— but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM 2

Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom

1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, **3** "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. **5** Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:
6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me,
'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. **8** ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. **11** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

PSALM 22
Messiah's Suffering, Praise, and Posterity

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb, You have been My God. 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it has melted within Me.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

16 For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.
21 Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.

25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the Lord. let your heart live forever!

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.

30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, 31 they will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.

The Last Supper: Aligning the 4 Gospel Accounts

Jesus institutes the New Covenant during the Passover meal on Thursday.
It is fitting that Jesus dies at the moment the Passover lambs
were being slaughtered at the Temple on Friday.

But how can Jesus eat the Passover meal a day before the Passover lambs are slaughtered?

Read on to see how God's plan was perfectly fulfilled.

The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) present the Last Supper as a Passover meal eaten on Thursday evening (Nisan 14), whereas the Gospel of John appears to place Jesus' crucifixion on the "Preparation Day of the Passover" before the meal had taken place, with Jewish leaders avoiding Pilate's hall so they could still eat the Passover.

The Apparent Discrepancy Between Gospels

- **The Synoptic Gospels** (Matthew 26:17, Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7): Jesus instructs His disciples to prepare the "Passover," and they eat the Last Supper together on Thursday evening.
- **The Gospel of John** (John 18:28, John 19:14): John notes that early on Friday morning, the Jewish leaders refuse to enter the Praetorium (Pilate's judgment hall) "because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover." Later, John 19:14 refers to Friday noon as "it was the day of Preparation of the Passover."
- **The Thematic Link:** John uniquely emphasizes Jesus as the ultimate Lamb of God (John 1:29) who dies on the cross right around the time the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the temple courts on Nisan 14.

Why Jesus Died When the Lambs Were Slaughtered

- According to Exodus 12, the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the afternoon of Nisan 14 (between the evenings) and eaten after sunset as Nisan 15 began.
- John's timeline aligns the death of Jesus with the exact historical window when the temple priests began sacrificing the Passover lambs.
- In this theological framing, Jesus is sacrificed on the cross concurrently with the temple lambs, fulfilling the typology of Passover (as noted in John 19:36, where His bones are not broken, mirroring Exodus 12:46).

Day of Preparation for the Sabbath vs. Day of Preparation for Passover

- **"Preparation Day" (Greek: *Paraskevi*):** In standard first-century Jewish usage, *Paraskevi* ("Preparation Day") was the regular weekly term for Friday—the day of preparation for the weekly Sabbath (Saturday). This term is still used today in Jewish circles.

- **Overlapping Festivals:** The Passover meal (eaten at the start of Nisan 15) was immediately followed by the 7-day Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot), and the entire week was often loosely labeled "Passover" by first-century Jews. This practice still continues today.
- **John 18:28 Explanation:** When the Jewish leaders avoided entering Pilate's palace so they could "eat the Passover," many scholars and traditional commentators note that "Passover" here refers not just to the initial Seder lamb, but to eating the festive Chagigah offerings or participating in the purity requirements of the broader week-long festival.

Differing Calendars: Galilean (pre-Exile) vs. Judean (post-Exile)

The differences between the Galilean and Judean day-reckoning methods lie in how each group defined the start and end of a 24-hour calendar day. Because of these distinct systems, Jesus (a Galilean) and the Judean religious leaders could observe the exact same calendar date on entirely different evenings.

Here is a breakdown of how both systems operated in first-century Israel:

Galilean Reckoning: Sunrise to Sunrise

Before the Babylonian Exile, ancient Israelites measured the 24-hour day from sunrise to sunrise. When the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and exiled the southern elite, the remaining northern populations (including ancestors of the Galileans, Samaritans, and certain sects like the Essenes) retained this original calendar. Consequently, for Jesus and His Galilean disciples, the Passover day (Nisan 14) began at sunrise on Thursday morning and ended at sunrise on Friday morning.

• The Schedule: A new calendar day began at dawn (around 6:00 AM) and concluded at dawn the following morning.

• The Effect on Nisan 14: For a Galilean, the Day of Preparation for Passover (Nisan 14) commenced at sunrise on Thursday morning. It extended all through Thursday day, through Thursday night, and officially concluded at sunrise on Friday morning.

• The Passover Meal: Because the day ended at sunrise, Thursday night was still considered part of Nisan 14. Therefore, when Jesus and His disciples slaughtered the lamb on Thursday afternoon and ate it Thursday evening after sunset, they were perfectly tracking with Nisan 14 under Galilean timekeeping. This Passover meal was legitimately observed on Thursday evening on Nisan 14 allowing the true Lamb of God to establish the New Covenant before His final trials began.

Judean Reckoning: Sunset to Sunset

During the Babylonian Exile, the Judean priestly elite adopted the official Babylonian method of reckoning days from sunset to sunset. When they returned to rebuild the Temple, this became the official Judean and Sadducees' calendar. For Judeans during the time of Jesus, Nisan 14 did not begin until Friday evening.

• The Schedule: A new calendar day began the moment the sun went down (around 6:00 PM) and three stars became visible in the night sky.

• The Effect on Nisan 14: For a Judean, Thursday daytime was actually the end of Nisan 13. The moment the sun set on Thursday evening, Thursday night became the official start of Friday—Nisan 14.

• The Passover Meal: Because the Judean Nisan 14 did not start until Thursday night, they spent Friday daytime preparing and slaughtering their lambs. They would not actually eat their Passover meal until Friday evening after sunset, which marked the transition into Nisan 15.

How the Two Methods Converge at the Crucifixion

When these two historical systems are overlaid, the apparent chronological contradiction between the Synoptic Gospels and John disappears, revealing a flawless historical timeline.

• Thursday Night: Under the Galilean system, it is the night of Nisan 14. Jesus eats the true Passover Seder with His disciples. Under the Judean system, it is the beginning of Friday, Nisan 14. The Judean leaders arrest Jesus, keeping their purity intact because their own meal isn't until the following evening.

• Friday Afternoon: Under the Judean system, it is the daytime of Nisan 14. The temple priests begin slaughtering the Judean Passover lambs. At this exact hour (3 pm), Jesus is crucified.

By utilizing both regional systems, Jesus legitimately ate the Passover meal as a Galilean on Thursday evening, yet died on the cross at the precise moment the Judean lambs were being sacrificed on Friday afternoon—fulfilling both the law and the prophetic typology perfectly.

Why Jesus Followed the "Galilean" Timeline for Sacrifices

While the standard civil and calendar day for ancient Judea and modern Judaism starts at sunset (dusk-to-dusk), the Levitical laws *regarding sacrifices* strictly operate on a sunrise-to-sunrise model.

The Sacrificial Law: "Until Morning"

In the Torah, the primary law dictating that a day resets at sunrise appears in Leviticus 7:15, which details the rules for eating fellowship and thanksgiving offerings:

"The meat of their fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered; they must leave none of it until morning."

Under this sacrificial framework, the "day" given to eat the offering includes the daylight hours and continues through the entire night until the rise of dawn or sunrise, at which point a new legal day begins. If any meat is left past sunrise, it is considered a violation of the law for that day.

This same "until morning" boundary applies to several key sacrificial laws:

The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:10; 23:18): None of the Passover offering could remain "until morning".

The Daily Burnt Offerings (Leviticus 6:9): The offerings remained on the altar hearth all night "until morning."

The Thanksgiving Sacrifices (Leviticus 22:30): Must be eaten on the same day, leaving none "until morning".

How Jesus Used This Model

In the New Testament Gospels, Jesus and the writers utilize two overlapping systems of time:

1. The Civic/Sabbath Day (Sunset to Sunset): For weekly rest and holy days (like the Sabbath or Yom Kippur), the law mandated tracking time "from evening to evening" (Leviticus 23:32). The Gospels reflect this when Jesus' body had to be quickly buried before sunset because the Sabbath day was about to arrive.
2. The Daylight/Working Day (Sunrise to Sunset): In John 11:9, Jesus famously says, *"Are there not twelve hours in the day?"* This refers to the Judean method of dividing the daylight portion of a natural day into 12 dynamic hours starting at dawn. The Roman and Jewish execution of Jesus follows this daylight clock, marking the "third hour" (9:00 AM) as the time of crucifixion and the "ninth hour" (3:00 PM) as the time of His death.

The Climax on the Day of Preparation (for the Sabbath observed by the Galileans, not their Passover)

The events that followed hours later, after Jesus ate the Passover meal, culminated in the crucifixion, which lasted through the afternoon of that same Friday. As evening approached once again, the urgency to bury Jesus grew intense. Luke 23:54 records the moment Joseph of Arimathea took down the body of Jesus from the cross: "*It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin*."

Understanding the Day of Preparation

To understand the timing of the crucifixion, it helps to look at how Jewish communities structured their week:

- **The Weekly Practice:** Fridays were traditionally called the Day of Preparation (*Paraskevi*), meaning the specific period dedicated to cooking, cleaning, and preparing all necessary provisions for the holy weekly Sabbath (Saturday), during which no work could be done.
- **An Enduring Tradition:** This designation and rhythm of preparing on Friday for the Sabbath began in antiquity and still continues today in Jewish practice around the world.
- **The Double Sabbath:** Because Passover week was an annual high holy time, the Day of Preparation before this specific Sabbath carried an even greater weight, weaving together the weekly day of readiness with the ultimate sacrifice of the Passover

Can we know the date Jesus died?

While historians and biblical scholars focus on either Friday, April 7, AD 30 or Friday, April 3, AD 33, the case for AD 33 is significantly stronger based on gospel chronology, Roman political history, and astronomy.

1. The Timeline of Jesus' Ministry (The Multiple Passovers)

The Problem with AD 30: Luke 3:1 states that John the Baptist began his ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar, which maps firmly to AD 28–29. Jesus began His own ministry shortly after. If Jesus was crucified in AD 30, His ministry would have lasted barely a year.

The Johannine Evidence: The Gospel of John explicitly mentions three distinct Passovers during Jesus' ministry (John 2:13, John 6:4, and John 11:55). A ministry spanning at least three Passovers requires a minimum of two full years, mathematically knocking out AD 30 and pointing directly to a crucifixion in **AD 33**.

2. The Roman Political Context (The Vulnerability of Pilate)

The Factor of Sejanus: Lucius Aelius Sejanus, the fiercely anti-Semitic commander of the Praetorian Guard who appointed Pontius Pilate, was executed for treason by Tiberius in October of AD 31.

Pilate's Fear: In AD 30, Pilate enjoyed total backing from Sejanus and routinely defied Jewish leadership without fear. However, by AD 33, anyone associated with Sejanus was under intense scrutiny by Rome.

"Friend of Caesar": This perfectly explains the psychological dynamic in the Gospels. When the Jewish leaders threaten Pilate in John 19:12, saying, *"If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar,"* Pilate instantly folds. In AD 33, that threat carried lethal political weight; in AD 30, it would have meant nothing to him.

3. Astronomical and Calendrical Alignment

The Friday Constraint: For the Gospels to align, Passover (Nisan 14/15) had to land on a Friday. According to historical reconstructions of the Jewish lunar calendar, Nisan 14 fell on a Friday in both AD 30 and AD 33.

The "Blood Moon" Eclipse: In a peer-reviewed study famously published in *Nature*, scientists used advanced lunar models to map historical eclipses. They confirmed that on Friday, April 3, AD 33, a partial lunar eclipse was visible from Jerusalem right at moonrise. This provides a direct, verifiable astronomical anchor to the statement Peter makes shortly after Pentecost in Acts 2:20: *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood"*. No such eclipse occurred during the Passover week of AD 30.

Daniel 9: 25-26 *" [25]Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until the Messiah, the Prince, there will be seven weeks (49 yrs) and sixty-two weeks (434 yrs). It will be rebuilt with a plaza and a trench, but in times of distress. [26] "Then after the sixty-two weeks (434 yrs), the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing, and the people of the prince (Antichrist from chap 8,) who is to come, will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations have been decreed."*

There are varying debates regarding the starting and ending date of this prophecy. The following appears to be most accurately follow the biblical account.

The prophecy in Daniel 9 outlines a timeline of **70 "sevens" (490 years)** measured in **360-day Hebrew prophetic years**, leading to the arrival and violent death ("cutting off") of the Messiah.

Starting Date of the Daniel 9:25 Prophecy

Start Date: March 14, 445 BC: The decree issued by King Artaxerxes I to Nehemiah to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem and its walls. Notice that Daniel 9:25 mentions the decree to restore the city of Jerusalem. This matches the decree in Nehemiah 9:1-10. Thus, this does not support those who believe that the starting date of Daniel is related to an earlier decree to rebuild the Temple and reinstate the associated religious laws.

Nehemiah 9:1-10 *"[1]In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, [2]so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, [3] but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"*

[4] The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, [5] and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

[6] Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

[7] I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? [8] And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. [9] So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

[10] When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites." Verse 10 mentions the beginning rumblings mentioned in Daniel 9:25 "the city will be rebuilt "*but in times of distress."*

The First Seven Weeks (49 Years Milestone)

Most scholars agree that the "weeks" represent "years." Computing the "weeks" as single days or weeks comprised of seven days make no sense. However, when the "weeks" are computed as years, following the Hebrew 360 day prophetic calendar, we see remarkable accuracy in fulfillment of the prophecy.

First Time Frame Milestone
(Daniel 9:25 *"there will be seven weeks")*

The first 7 weeks represent 49 years (7 x 7 weeks/years = 49 years).

49 years x 360 days = 17,640 days

End Date: This first milestone covers the rebuilding of Jerusalem, its streets, and its walls through "times of distress." The main work was completed around 396 BC when the city's civic and defensive structures were restored.

Second Time Frame Milestone
(Daniel 9:25 "*seven weeks and sixty-two weeks)*

(7 x 7 weeks/years = 49 years) (7 x 62 weeks/years = 434 years)

7 years + 62 years = 69 years

69 years x 7 years – 483 years
(This excludes the last week/year which is addressed in Daniel 9:27.)

483 years x 360 days = 173,880 days
(The Hebrew prophetic/lunar calendar year is comprised of 360 days.)

End Date: Counting forward 173,880 days from Artaxerxes' decree on March 14, 445 BC lands on **March 30, 33 AD** which aligns with Jesus' triumphal return to Jerusalem.

Third Time Frame Milestone

Daniel 9:26 *"Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be cut off"*

On Friday, April 3, 33 AD, at the moment of the sacrificing of the Passover lamb in the Temple, Jesus was "cut off" (crucified). His crime was for publicly declaring himself to be the long-awaited Messiah.

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Fourth Time Frame Milestone

"[27] And he (Antichrist)$_1$ will confirm a covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing (of the temple) will come the abomination that causes desolation, until the decreed destruction (to stun, stupefy) is poured out upon him."

The final **70th week** of Daniel 9 is one of the most studied and debated timelines in biblical chronology. Because the crucifixion of Jesus ("*Messiah cut off*") occurred after the end of the 69th week, scholars and theologians generally interpret the **remaining 1 week (7 prophetic years)** in one of two major ways. The **Continuous View** proposes that the final week (seven years) continued after the death of Jesus. This period marked the early apostolic preaching strictly to Israel, ending with the stoning of Stephen and the subsequent transition of the Gospel message to the Gentile nations. However, there are several flaws which leads me to accept the **Futurist View**, see those arguments follow below.

The Futurist / Dispensational View (The Prophetic "Gap" Theory)

This is the most widespread view in modern evangelical prophecy. It argues that a **prophetic time-gap** (the Church Age) exists between the 69th and 70th weeks.

- **The Premise:** When Israel rejected Jesus as the Messiah, God's prophetic clock for the Jewish nation paused. The 69th week ended in AD 33, but the 70th week remains a **future 7-year period,** know as the "Great Tribulation."
- **The Antichrist's Covenant:** According to Daniel 9:27, *"He shall confirm a covenant with many for one week."* In this view, "He" refers to the Antichrist (the "prince who is to come" from verse 26). He will forge a 7-year peace treaty or security framework with Israel, officially starting the countdown of the final week.
- **The Mid-Week Betrayal:** After exactly 3.5 years (42 months or 1,260 days), the Antichrist will break the treaty. He will halt temple sacrifices and commit the **"***abomination that causes desolation***"** by demanding worship in a rebuilt Jerusalem temple. This initiates the final 3.5 years of catastrophic global judgment, the Great Tribulation**,** ending with the Second Coming of Christ.

The Historical / Continuous View (The Completed Covenant)

This view rejects a future time gap and asserts that all 70 weeks were **fulfilled consecutively in the 1st century.**

- **The Premise:** The timeline did not pause. The 70th week followed the 69th week immediately, mapping directly to the earthly ministry of Jesus and the early Church.
- **Christ Confirms the Covenant:** In this framework, the "He" who confirms the covenant in verse 27 is Jesus Christ, reinforcing the New Covenant with the Jewish people.
- **Ending Sacrifices:** The "middle of the week" (3.5 years into His ministry) represents the exact moment Jesus was crucified. By offering Himself as the ultimate sacrifice, He rendering all temple animal sacrifices and offerings spiritually obsolete.
- **The Final 3.5 Years:** The remaining half of the week (the final 3.5 years) concluded around AD 34–37. This period marked the early apostolic preaching strictly to Israel, ending with the stoning of Stephen and the subsequent transition of the Gospel message to the Gentile nations.

Main arguments against the Continuous View of the Final Week (7 years)

1. The Literal Fulfillment of the Six Decrees

Opponents argue that the six prophetic goals outlined in Daniel 9:24 ("*to finish transgression, put an end to sin, atone for wickedness, bring in everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy Place*") were not fully or literally consummated during Jesus's earthly ministry or in 70 AD.

The Argument: While continuists claim these were legally or spiritually fulfilled at the cross, critics argue that "everlasting righteousness" and the "end of sin" require a visible, geopolitical, and universal reality. They argue these conditions will only be met at the Second Coming of Christ, meaning the timeline must remain open or paused.

2. Grammatical and Chronological Ruptures in Verses 26–27

Critics point out that the text itself breaks the 70 weeks into distinct segments (7, 62 , and 1) and explicitly places major events *after* the 69th week but *before* the action of the 70th week is detailed.

The Argument: Daniel 9:26 states that *after* the 62 weeks (which followed the initial 7 weeks, totaling 69 weeks), the Messiah will be cut off and the city and sanctuary will be destroyed. Critics argue that the destruction of Jerusalem occurred in 70 AD—nearly 40 years after the crucifixion (33 AD). If both events happen *after* the 69th week but before the covenant-making of the 70th week in verse 27, a strict chronological "continuation" is historically impossible without stretching the final "week" of 7 years into many decades.

3. The Identity of the Covenant Maker

In Daniel 9:27, an individual "confirms a covenant with many for one week." Continuists identify this person as Jesus Christ establishing the New Covenant. Critics strongly reject this based on the rules of Hebrew grammar and context.

The Argument: The nearest preceding antecedent for the pronoun "he" in verse 27 is "the prince who is to come" from verse 26, whose armies destroy the city. Critics argue it is textually jarring to switch back to the Messiah when the immediate context is discussing the destructive prince. Therefore, they argue the verse refers to a malicious figure (the Antichrist) making a political treaty, not Christ establishing redemption.

4. The "Middle of the Week" Discrepancy

Daniel 9:27 states that in the middle of the 70th week, this figure "*will put an end to sacrifice and offering*." Continuists argue this was fulfilled when Jesus died on the cross, rendering temple sacrifices spiritually obsolete.

The Argument: Opponents argue that temple sacrifices did not actually cease when Jesus died; they continued uninterrupted for several decades until the Roman army physically stopped them by destroying the Temple in 70 AD. Critics argue that "*putting an end*" to sacrifice implies a forced, literal cessation via desecration (such as "*the abomination that causes desolation*" in vs 7), rather than a theological fulfillment.

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CHAPTER 3 THE CHRIST OF PROPHECY

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me - John 5:39.

THE WORD "Scriptures" in this passage refers to the Old Testament. Christ is saying that in the Old Testament we will find the prophecies referring to Himself. It is therefore in these prophecies, and their fulfillment, that we may look if we wish to find evidence that Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, the saviour of mankind, and everything else which was prophesied of Him, and which He claimed to be.

If we find these prophecies to be fulfilled in Christ, we will establish not only that Christ is the Messiah predicted in the Old Testament, but that those prophecies were given by God Himself. For if they were not given by God, no man would have fulfilled any number of them, as will be evident later in this chapter.

In order to evaluate our evidence we shall use the same principle of probability which was stated and used in the preceding chapter.

In evaluating these prophecies, we shall have to answer this question regarding each prophecy: One man in how many men has fulfilled this prophecy? I realize that some will object to this question, saying that these prophecies were made with respect to Christ, and no other man has, or even can, fulfill them. This, of course, is true when you consider the mass of prophecies regarding Christ, but it is not true of all individual prophecies. It was prophesied, for example, that Christ would be born in Bethlehem; certainly other persons have been born in Bethlehem. It was prophesied that Christ would be crucified; other men have been crucified. I certainly am not trying to be sacrilegious in asking these questions; but I am trying to look at the evidence entirely unbiased, that I may the better give a clear argument.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at Pasadena City College sponsored a class in Christian evidences. One section of the work of this class was to consider the evidence produced by the fulfilled prophecies referring to the first advent of Christ. The students were asked to be very conservative in their probability estimates. They discussed each prophecy at length, bringing out various conditions which might affect the probability of any man fulfilling it.

After discussion, the students agreed unanimously on a definite estimate as being both reasonable and conservative. At the end of the evaluations the students expressed their feelings thus: If anyone were able to enter into the discussions and help in placing the estimates, as they had done, that person would certainly agree that the estimates were conservative. The estimates used in this chapter are a combination of the estimates given by this class on Christian evidences combined with estimates given me later by some twelve different classes of college students, representing more than 600 students. I have carefully weighed the estimates and have changed some to make them more conservative. If the reader does not agree with the estimates given, he may make his own estimates and then carry them through to their logical conclusions.

We considered the following eight prophecies:

1. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

This prophecy predicts that the Christ is to be born in Bethlehem. Since this is the first prophecy to be considered there are no previously set restrictions, so our question is: One man in how many, the world over, has been born in Bethlehem?

The best estimate which we can make of this comes from the attempt to find out the average population of Bethlehem, from Micah down to the present time, and divide it by the average population of the earth during the same period. One member of the class was an assistant in the library so he was assigned to get this information. He reported at the next meeting that the best determination of the ratio that he could determine was one to 280,000. Since the probable population of the earth has averaged less than two billion, the population of Bethlehem has averaged less than 7,150. Our answer may be expressed in the form that one man in 7,150/2,000,000,000 or one man in 2.8×10^5 was born in Bethlehem.

2. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me" (Mal. 3:1).

Our question here is: Of the men who have been born in Bethlehem, one man in how many has had a forerunner to prepare his way? John the Baptist, of course, was the forerunner of Christ. But since there appears to be no material difference between the people born in Bethlehem and those born any other place in the world, the question can just as well be general: One man in how many, the world over, has had a forerunner to prepare his way?

The students said that the prophecy apparently referred to a special messenger of God, whose one duty was to prepare the way for the work of Christ, so there is a further restriction added. The students finally agreed on one in 1,000 as being extremely conservative. Most of the members thought the estimate should be much larger. We will use the estimate as 1 in 10^3.

3. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation: lowly, and riding upon ... a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9).

Our question then is: One man in how many, who was born in Bethlehem and had a forerunner, did enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a colt the foal of an ass? This becomes so restrictive that we should consider an equivalent question: One man in how many, who has entered Jerusalem as a ruler, has entered riding on a colt the foal of an ass?

The students said that this was a very hard thing to place an estimate on. They knew of no one but Christ who had so entered. The students thought that at least in more modern times any one entering Jerusalem as a king would use a more dignified means of transportation. They agreed to place an estimate of 1 in 10^4. We will use 1 in 10^2.

4. "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends"(Zech. 13:6).

Christ was betrayed by Judas, one of His disciples, causing Him to be put to death, wounds being made in His hands.

There seems to be no relation between the fulfillment of this prophecy and those which we have previously considered. We may then ask the question: One man in how many, the world over, has been betrayed by a friend, and that betrayal has resulted in his being wounded in his hands?

The students said that it was very rare to be betrayed by a friend, and still rarer for the betrayal to involve wounding in the hands. One in 1.000 was finally agreed upon, though most of the students would have preferred a larger number. So we will use the 1 in 10^3.

5. "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" (Zech. 11:12).

The question here is very simple: Of the people who have been betrayed, one in how many has been betrayed for exactly thirty pieces of silver?

The students thought this would be extremely rare and set their estimate as one in 10,000, or 1 in 10^4. We will us 1 in 10^3.

6. "And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord" (Zech. 11:13).

This is extremely specific. All thirty pieces of silver are not to be returned. They are to be cast down in the house of the Lord, and they are to go to the potter. You will recall that Judas in remorse tried to return the thirty pieces of silver, cut the chief priest would not accept them. So, Judas threw them down on the floor of the temple and went and hanged himself. The chief priest then took the money and bought a field of the potter to bury strangers in. Our question is: One man in how many, after receiving a bribe for the betrayal of a friend, had returned the money, had it refused, had thrown it on the floor in the house of the Lord, and then had it used to purchase a field from the potter?

The students said they doubted if there has ever been another incident involving all of these items, but they agreed on an estimate of one in 100,000. They were very sure that this was conservative. So we use the estimate as 1 in 10^5.

7. "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

One man in how many, after fulfilling the above prophecies, when he is oppressed and afflicted and is on trial for his life, though innocent, will make no defense for himself? Again, my students said they did not know that this had ever happened in any case other than Christ's. At least it is extremely rare, so they placed their estimate as one in 10,000 or 1 in 10^4. We will use 1 in 10^3.

8. "For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet"(Ps. 22:16).

The Jews are still looking for the coming of Christ; in fact, He might have come any time after these prophecies were written up to the present time, or even on into the future. So our question is: One man in how many, from the time of David on, has been crucified?

After studying the methods of execution down through the ages and their frequency, the students agreed to estimate this probability at one in 10,000 or 1 in 10^4, which we will use.

If these estimates are considered fair, one man in how many men, the world over, will fulfill all eight prophecies? This question can be answered by applying our principles of probability. In other words, by multiplying all of our estimates together, or 1 in 2.8 x 10^5 x 10^3 x 10^2 x 10^3 x 10^3 x 10^5 x 10^3 x 10^4. This gives 1 in 2.8 x 10^{28}, where 28 means that we have 28 ciphers following the 2.8. Let us simplify and reduce the number by calling it 1 in 10^{28}. Written out this number is 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

This is the answer to the question: One man in how many men has fulfilled these eight prophecies? But we are really concerned with the answer to the question: What is the chance that any man might have lived from the day of these prophecies down to the present time and have fulfilled all of the eight prophecies? We can answer this question by dividing our 10^{28} by the total number of people who have lived since the time of these prophecies. The best information available indicates the number to be about 88 billion or 8.8 x 10^{10}.

To simplify the computation let us call the number 10^{11}. By dividing these two numbers we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17}.

Editor's note: It is probable that 88 billion or 8.8 x 10^{10} assumes a growth rate for the earth's population which is much too small - that most of the people who have ever lived are still alive today - suggesting that this number may be too large by a factor of ten. If so, this will affect the final result by the same factor of ten; ten times fewer total people who might have fulfilled these prophecies means only one tenth the chance that one of them might have done it by accident. Our number would become 10^{18} instead of 10^{17}. The number used in this book is very conservative.

Let us try to visualize this chance. If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all of the tickets in a hat, and thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that we take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far s he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote using their own wisdom.

Now these prophecies were either given by inspiration of God or the prophets just wrote them as they thought they should be. In such a case the prophets had just one chance in 10^{17} of having them come true in any man, but they all came true in Christ.

This means that the fulfillment of these eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of those prophecies to a definiteness which lacks only one change in 10^{17} of being absolute.

Sometimes we weigh our chances in the business world, and say if an investment has nine chances in ten of being profitable, and only one chance in ten of being a failure, it is safe enough for us to make the investment. Whoever heard of an investment that had only one chance in 10^{17} of failure? The business world has no conception of such an investment. Yet we are offered this investment by God.

By the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Savior we know, from only these eight prophecies which lack only 1 chance in 10^{17} of being an absolute proof, that that investment will yield the wonderful dividend of eternal life with Christ. Can anyone be so unreasonable as to reject Jesus Christ and pin his hope of eternal life on such a slim chance as finding the right silver dollar among this great mass, covering the whole state of Texas two feet deep? It does not seem possible, yet every man who rejects Christ is doing just that.

More than three hundred prophecies from the Old Testament which deal with the first advent of Christ have been listed. Every one of them was completely fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Let us see what happens when we take more than eight prophecies.

Suppose we add eight more prophecies to our list, and assume that their chance of fulfillment is the same as the eight just considered. The chance that one man would fulfill all sixteen is $1 \times 10^{28} \times 10^{17}$ or 1 in 10^{45}.

Let us try to visualize this as we did before. Take this number of silver dollars. If you make these into a solid ball, you will have a great sphere with a center at the earth, and extending in all directions more than 30 times as far as from the earth to the sun. (If a train had started from the earth at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed, and had traveled steadily toward the sun at the rate of sixty miles per hour, day and night, it would be about reaching its destination today. But remember that our ball of silver dollars extends thirty times that far in all directions.)

If you can imagine the marking of one silver dollar, and then thoroughly stirring it into this great ball, and blindfolding a man and telling him to pick out one dollar, and expect it to be the marked one, you have somewhat of a picture of how absolutely the fulfillment of sixteen prophecies referring to Jesus Christ proves both that He is the Son of God and that our Bible is inspired. Certainly, God directed the writing of His Word.

In order to extend this consideration beyond all bounds of human comprehension, let us consider forty-eight prophecies, similar in their human chance of fulfillment to the eight which we originally considered, using a much more conservative number, 1 in 10^{21}. Applying the same principle of probability used so far, we find the chance that any one man fulfilled all forty-eight prophecies to be 1 in 10^{157}.

This is really a large number and it represents an extremely small chance. Let us try to visualize it. The silver dollar, which we have been using, is entirely too large. We must select a smaller object. The electron is about as small an object as we know of. It is so small that it will take 2.5×10^{15} of them laid side by side to make a line, single file, one inch long. If we were going to count the electrons in this line one inch long, and counted 250 each minute, and if we counted day and night, it would take us 19,000,000 years to count just the one-inch line of electrons. If we had a cubic inch of these electrons and we tried to count them, it would take us 1.2×10^{38} years (2×10^{28} times the 6 billion years back to the creation of the solar system).

With this introduction, let us go back to our chance of 1 in 10^{157}. Let us suppose that we are taking this number of electrons, marking one, and thoroughly stirring it into the whole mass, then blindfolding a man and letting him try to find the right one. What chance has he of finding the right one? What kind of a pile will this number of electrons make? They make an inconceivably large volume.

The distance from our system of stars, or galaxy, to the next nearest one is nearly 1,500,000 light-years; that is the distance that light will travel in 1,500,000 years going 186,000 miles each and every second. This distance is so great that if every man, woman and child in the United States, 200,000,000 of them, had a library of 65,000 volumes, and you collected every book in all of these libraries and them started on this journey of 1,500,000 light-years, and decided to place one letter from one of the books on each mile (e.g., if "the" was the first word in the first book you would put "t" on the first mile, "h" on the second mile, and "e" on the third mile; then leave a mile blank without a letter and start the next word in the same manner, etc.), before you complete your journey you will use up every letter in every book of every one of the libraries and have to call for more.

Space, by some authorities, is supposed to extend in all directions to the distance, not of 1,500,000 light-years. but more than 4,000 times that far or 6,000,000,000 light-years. Let us make a solid ball of electrons, extending in all directions from the earth to the distance of six billion light-years. Have we used up our 10^{157} electrons? No, we have made such a small hole in the mass that we cannot see it. We can make this solid ball of electrons, extending in all directions to the distance of six billion light-years 6×10^{28} times.

Suppose again that we had this great amount of electrons, 10^{157} of them, and we were able to make 500 of these tremendous balls, six billion light-years in radius, each minute. If we worked day and night it would take us 10^{10} times the 6 billion years back to creation to use up our supply of electrons. Now, one of these electrons was marked and thoroughly stirred into the whole mass; blindfold your man and ask him to find the marked electron.

No man could in any way look over this mass of electrons, blindfolded or not blindfolded, and pick out any one electron, let alone the one that had been marked. (The electron, in fact, is so small that it cannot be seen with powerful microscope.)

To the extent, then, that we know this blindfolded man cannot pick out the marked electron, we know that the Bible is inspired. This is not merely evidence. It is proof of the Bible's inspiration by God--proof so definite that the universe is not large enough to hold the evidence. Some will say that our estimates of the probability of the fulfillment of these prophecies are too large and the numbers should be reduced. Ask a man to submit his own estimates, and if they are smaller than those we have used, we shall add a few more prophecies to be evaluated and this same number will be reestablished or perhaps exceeded.

Our Bible students claim that there are more than three hundred prophecies dealing with Christ's first advent. If this number is correct, and it no doubt is, you could set your estimates ridiculously low on the whole three hundred prophecies and still obtain tremendous evidence of inspiration.

For example, you may place all of your estimates at one in four. You may say that one man in four has been born in Bethlehem: that one of these children in four was taken to Egypt, to avoid slaughter; that one in four of these came back and made his home in Nazareth; that one in four of these was a carpenter; that one in four of these was betrayed for thirty pieces of silver; that one in four of these has been crucified on a cross; that one in four was then buried in a rich man's tomb; yes, even that one in four rose from the dead on the third day; and so on for all of the three hundred prophecies and from them I will build a number much larger than the one we obtained from the forty-eight prophecies.

Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world.