

What is the purpose of prophecy? One purpose of prophecy is to tell us in advance what's going to happen so that when it happens we build confidence in the one who prophesied. In other words, when God says He's going to do something, He's going to do it so that we come to completely trust Him.

In this booklet we're going to discuss 37 prophecies about the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ --- all of which were fulfilled exactly as God prophesied they would be. My prayer is that you will completely TRUST GOD TO FULFILL ALL FUTURE PROPHECY exactly as He says He will because you know that in the past ... God Said It and God Did It!

Before we delve into the 37 prophecies about the first coming of Yeshua ha Messiah, let's hear from His own mouth what is one of the purposes of prophecy. John 13:18-19 "I know whom I have chosen: but {one of you will betray me so} that the scripture may be fulfilled: "he that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me." *Now I'm telling you before it happens so that when it comes to pass you will believe that I am He.*" John 14:28-29 "You have heard how I said to you, I go away, and will come again to you. *I have told you before it comes to pass so that when it does come to pass you will believe.*"

So now let's start with the first prophecy in the Bible concerning the first coming of Jesus. I'll first quote the prophecy, and afterwards give the scriptures that fulfilled the prophecy.

- 1. Seed of a *woman* = Gen 3:15 "And I [God] will put hostility between you [Satan] and the *woman*, and between your seed [demons; persecutors] and her seed [Christians]; it [Jesus / Yeshua] shall bruise your head, and you [Satan] shall bruise his [Christ / Messiah] heel."
- Gal 4:4-5 "When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his Son, made of a *woman*, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law [we have no more sins, and therefore no more is the death penalty hanging over us because our Savior paid for our freedom with His own life], so that we might receive the adoption of sons."
- Heb 2:14 "Just like we are made of flesh and blood, Jesus also became flesh and blood, that through death [temporarily, because He was resurrected] He might DESTROY HIM --- the devil --- that <u>had</u> the power of death [the wages of sin is death]."
- 2. Seed of Abraham = Gen 12:1-3 "Now the LORD had said to Abraham, Leave your country, and go to a land that I will show you: I will make of you a great nation, and *in your {seed}* shall all families of the earth be blessed." [Note: see Gen 26:4 for comparable rendering].
- Gal 3:8, 16 "The scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel to Abraham, saying, *In {your seed}* shall all nations be blessed. Now to *Abraham and his seed* were the promises made. God does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to **your seed, which is Christ.**" Mat 1:1 "This is the book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."
- 3. Seed of Isaac = Gen 26:1-4 "There was a famine in the land ... And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines. And the LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Don't go down to Egypt; dwell in the land I'm going to tell you about, for it is there that I will be with you. And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven; and *in your seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.""

Gal 3:8, 16 (ditto); Mt 1:2 "Abraham begat Isaac".

4. Seed of Jacob = Gen 28:13-14 God is speaking to Jacob when He says, "I am the LORD God of your fathers Abraham and Isaac: the land wherein you dwell, to you will I give it: and in you and *in your seed* shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Num 24:17-19 "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel. Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remains of the city."

Gal 3:8, 16 (ditto); Mt 1:2 "Isaac begat Jacob".

- 5. From the tribe of Judah = Gen 49:10 "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and to him shall the gathering of the people be."
- Rev 5:2-5 "I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and loose the seals?" I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed to open the book and loose the seven seals."
- 2 Cor 5:19-20 "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, continuing the plea to be reconciled to God." Eph 2:11-19 "Please remember that you were in times past Gentiles in the flesh. You were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now you are made near by the blood of Christ so that He might reconcile both Jews & Gentiles to God in one body by the cross. Therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."
- 6. Heir to the throne of David = Isa 9:6-7 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now on. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."
- Luke 1:30-33 "The angel said to Mary, "Fear not: for you have found favor with God." "You shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."
- 7. Born in Bethlehem = Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come to Me He that is ordained to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
- Mat 2:1-6 "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled. So he gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together and demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, "Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of you shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."""

Just think about the numerous events that God had to engineer in order to make this happen. Luke 2:1-7 "Caesar Augustus sent out a decree stating that all the world should be taxed. So all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. Joseph left Galilee and went with his fiance' Mary to Bethlehem, which is called the city of David. They went there to be taxed because he was of the house and lineage of David. While they were there Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

8. Born of a virgin = Isa 7:14 "The Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."

Mat 1:18-23 "The birth of Jesus Christ was arranged this way: Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they consummated the marriage, she got pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Then her husband Joseph, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, decided to put her away secretly. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, fear not to take Mary as your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.""

In 2 Cor 5:7 it says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." What does that mean in relation to prophecy? Well, if it's future prophecy it means that since God said it, God will do it. If it's fulfilled prophecy it means that since God said it, God did it. We don't need to see it to believe it. We just need to hear about it to believe it.

9. Slaughter of children = Jer 31:15 "The LORD said, "A voice was heard in Ramah: lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they were not."

In Mat 2 we have recorded the story of Herod the king feeling threatened by the birth of Jesus, "King of the Jews". Let's pick up the account in v. 12 after Herod dispatches the wise men and unhatches a plan to kill young Jesus. "Being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, the wise men departed into their own country another way. After they departed the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and flee with the young child and his mother into Egypt; stay there until I tell you to leave: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." So Joseph, Mary and Jesus were in Egypt until the death of Herod. When Herod realized that he was mocked of the wise men he went into a rage and ordered that all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all of the surrounding coasts, from two years old and under, be slaughtered. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning; Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they were not.""

10. Called out of Egypt = Hos 11:1 "When Israel was a child, then I loved him; and I called my son out of Egypt."

Mat 2:13-15 "When the wise men were gone, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and flee with the young child and his mother into Egypt; stay there until I tell you to leave: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." So Joseph, Mary and Jesus were in Egypt until the death of Herod so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt have I called my son.""

- 11. Preceded by a messenger = Mal 3:1 "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in."
- Mark 1:2-4 "As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, which shall prepare your way before you." The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." John {the Baptizer} baptized in the wilderness, and preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."
- 12. Galilean ministry = Isa 9:1-2 "Nevertheless, concerning the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations, the dimness that they suffered in their time of light and heavy affliction will disappear. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined."

Mat 4:12-17 "When Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he went to Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim. This was done so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""

Did you know that there is only one prophecy in all of the Bible that foretells the TIMING of the coming of the Messiah? There are 37 prophecies in the Bible concerning the first coming of Messiah. 36 talked about events that would occur, but only

one talked about WHEN the event in question would occur. Wouldn't you like to know the timing of the second coming of our Anointed Savior, Christ Jesus? Christians have been wondering that for nearly 2000 years. Did you know that the Hebrew people, for nearly 2000 years, wondered about the timing of Messiah's first coming? Well, unlike Christians, God did give the Jewish nation a prophecy revealing the timing of the Messiah's first coming. Do you know what prophecy that is? It is the "70 Weeks" prophecy spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.

13. Time of ministry predicted = Dan 9:24-27

v.24 "70 weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

A prophetic week: 7 days = 7 years according to the "day for a year" principle found in Ezek 4:4-6. "Lay on your left side; this represents the iniquity I will lay upon the house of Israel according to the number of the days that you lie there. For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days --- 390 days. After you have accomplished them, turn over and lay on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah 40 days: I have appointed you each day for a year." There are 7 days in a week; therefore, a day for a year equals 7 years, or one prophetic week. 70 weeks = $70 \times 7 = 490 \times 10^{-5}$ years.

490 years covers the time in which six things would happen to Jews ("your people") and Jerusalem ("your holy city"). What six things were to happen?

- Finish the transgression = restrain the nation from rebellion against God through a change of heart
- Make an end of sins = forgive and forget sins, thus eliminating the destruction and death
- Make reconciliation for iniquity = bring nation into union with God
- Bring in everlasting righteousness = create a holy nation ruled by God
- Anoint the most Holy = Messiah is recognized as The Prophet, The Priest and The King. (We'll talk more about these titles in a future program).
- Seal up the vision and prophecy = God Said it; God did it! And it was done in the Messiah.

Heb 8:8-12 "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, says the Lord. This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

2 Cor 5:17-21 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be reconciled to God. For God has made Jesus to be sin for us, though Jesus never sinned; this was done so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Jesus."

"Luke 4:18-21 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. As Jesus closed the book and gave it to the minister, He said to the crowd, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.""

Acts 10:36-38 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, was published throughout all Judaea. It's obvious that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: after all, He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."

Messiah means anointed. Christ means anointed. The Messiah is The Christ (Jn. 1:41).

Acts 3:19-26 "Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And God shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brethren, like to me; him shall

you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say to you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Truly, all the prophets from Samuel until now, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant that God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "In your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent Him to you FIRST to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

When Jesus proclaimed on the cross, "It is FINISHED", it meant that the Messiah had completed everything --- and He did it in 69 weeks! So why is there a 70th week? I'll have more to say about that in our booklet entitled "Future Prophecies".

Please turn to Dan 9:24-25. Verse 24 says, "70 weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." In our last program we covered "finishing the transgression, making an end of sins, making reconciliation for iniquity, bringing in everlasting righteousness, sealing up the vision and prophecy, and anointing the most Holy." So today let's concentrate on the "70 Weeks".

A prophetic week: 7 days = 7 years according to the "day for a year" principle found in Ezek 4:4-6. "Lay on your left side; this represents the iniquity I will lay upon the house of Israel according to the number of the days that you lie there. For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days --- 390 days. After you have accomplished them, turn over and lay on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah 40 days: I have appointed you each day for a year." There are 7 days in a week; therefore, a day for a year equals 7 years, or one prophetic week. 70 weeks = $70 \times 7 = 490 \times 10^{-5}$ years. Now that we know how long 70 Weeks are, we have to ask the question, when did the clock start ticking and when did it ... or might I say ... when will it stop?

v.25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to [re]build Jerusalem until the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks $\{7w \times 7d = 49yrs\}$, and sixty two weeks $\{62w \times 7d = 434yrs\} = \{69w \text{ or } 483yrs\}$: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

The clock started ticking from the "going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem". It would continue clicking for 69 weeks or 483 years "until the Messiah". Verse 25 doesn't say anything about the 70th week, so the clock didn't stop in verse 25 with the life and death of the Messiah.

God told Daniel to "know and understand" this prophecy. So this is something God wanted Daniel to reveal to all who read this prophecy. Therefore, let's look at the scriptures and other historical records to see the WHO, WHEN and WHAT of the "going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem".

WHO = Artaxerxes is the king who issued the decree, as mentioned in Ezra 7:11-13; "Now this is the copy of the letter that king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest: "From Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest and scribe of the law of the God of heaven ... to you be perfect peace. I make a decree, that all of the people of Israel that are in my realm, if they chose, they can go with you to Jerusalem.""

WHEN = Ezra 7:1 "Now after these things ...". Let's pause here a moment and go to Ezra 6:14-15. "And the elders of the Jews built [the Temple], and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai and Zechariah. And they finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandments of Cyrus and Darius, kings of Persia, the 3rd day of the month Adar, in the 6th year of the reign of Darius the king." Most biblical scholars fix the 6th year of Darius' reign as 516 B.C. So, "after these things" has to be after 516 B.C. when the Temple was completed and dedicated.

Ezra 7:1,6 "Now after these things, in the 7th year of the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra ... went up from Babylon to Jerusalem; the LORD God of Israel and the king granted him all his request because the good hand of God was upon him." Most biblical scholars fix the 7th year of Artaxerxes' reign as 454 B.C. Please keep in mind this date: 454 B.C.

WHAT = Ezra 7:13-27 "I make a decree, that all of the people of Israel that are in my realm, if they chose, they can go with you to Jerusalem. Also take with you all the silver and gold that you can find in all the province of Babylon so that you can make offerings to God in the Temple, or buy animals to sacrifice upon the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem. I, King Artaxerxes, do make a decree that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of God in heaven, shall require of you, do it speedily. Ezra, after the wisdom of your God that is in you, set magistrates and judges, such as know the laws of your God, to teach and govern the people. And whosoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him speedily, whether it be to death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment." Then

Ezra responded, "Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which has put these things in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.""

Now let me summarize what we've learned so far.

Dan 9:25 says that the 70 Weeks prophecy clock would start ticking from the "going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem", and would continue clicking for 69 weeks or 483 years "until the Messiah". We saw that king Artaxerxes, in 454 B.C., in the 7th year of his reign, issued a decree to send Ezra and the Jews to Jerusalem to restore a religious and judicial system.

Now let's count forward 483 years from 454 B.C. 454 - 483 = 29 + 1 since there's no zero year = 30 A.D.

Do you know what happened in 30 A.D.?

Dan 9:26 "After 62 [prophetic]Weeks $\{434 \text{ yrs} = 62 \text{ x 7}\}$ shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself."

You might be saying to yourself, "now wait a minute, I thought you said that from the decree to restore & rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah was 69 Weeks / 483 Years. Now you're saying it was 62 Weeks / 434 Years. Which one is it?" To answer that question, let's turn back to v. 25 to see that there are two time periods listed. "From the decree to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah the Prince shall be 7 weeks, and then 62 weeks."

The first time period of 7 Weeks = 49 years (7 x 7). The second time period of 62 Weeks = 434 years (62 x 7). 454 B.C. -49 years = 405 B.C.; 405 B.C. -434 years = 29 A.D.; since there's no year zero the date is 30 A.D.

My friends, when you let the Bible interpret itself you'll see that there's no contradiction or confusion with God. So we see in v 25 that it would be 69 Weeks / 483 years from the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah. Then in verse 26 we have God interpreting the phrase "until the Messiah" as the time when the Messiah would be cut off, but not for Himself. So now we're back to our original question: what happened in 30 A.D.? The answer is Jesus was crucified on the cross! The Messiah died! But not for Himself, in other words --- not for His own sins. Jesus the Christ died for our sins!!! Gal 3:13 "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law {which is death}, being made a curse for us {He died for our sins}: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree." 2 Cor 5:21 "God made Messiah to be sin for us, though He didn't sin Himself, so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ." Rom 5:6,8 "For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

There you have it: God perfectly fulfilled His prophecy. Just like always. God said it, and God did it! And the fact that there was a definite starting point and a definite duration described in the prophecy, leaves no excuse for people who were alive during Jesus' earthly ministry, to deny that Jesus was the Messiah! How amazing it is that the Hebrew people, for nearly 2000 years, waited for the Messiah's coming? Yet, because of the hardness of their hearts, when they saw the Messiah they didn't recognize Him. What about us? Humanity has now been waiting for nearly 2000 years for Messiah's second coming. Again, many will not recognize Him. Why? Believe it or not, the answer is found in the last week of the 70 Weeks prophecy.

We left off at the end of the 69th Week when Messiah was cut off / died for our sins. But what about the 70th Week? Let's turn back to Dan 9:26 "After 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: {right in the middle of the sentence the focus changes to the end-time Antichrist} and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and to the end of the war desolations are determined."

Remember that after the Jews were released from Babylonian captivity by king Cyrus in 536 B.C., the city --- Jerusalem, and the Sanctuary --- the Temple, had been rebuilt and restored as a result of decrees by Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes. True, the Temple was destroyed again, but it was rebuilt again --- for the 3rd time, prior to Messiah's first coming. And the Temple and the city were still standing when Messiah died. So when v. 26 says "the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary", this must be talking of a prince that shall come after the death of Messiah The PRINCE. The conclusion is that this "prince that shall come" is an imposter prince --- the Antichrist. For further proof, let's do a quick analysis of v. 27.

v. 27 "And he $\{the\ people\ of\ the\ prince\ that\ shall\ come\}$ shall confirm the covenant with many for one week $\{7\ yrs\}$: and in the middle of the week $\{3\ \%\ yrs\}$ he shall cause the

sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Notice that this prince of darkness will destroy, desolate and desecrate the city and the sanctuary through deception and war. The Prince of Light, the Messiah, warned us of this by prophesying that there "shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. **Behold, I have told you before**." "When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, let whoever reads this understand" (Mt 24:21-25, 15). The abomination of desolation, besides being talked about in this 9th chapter of Daniel, is also talked about in chapters 11 and 12 of Daniel.

But since this booklet is about prophecies of the Messiah first coming, we'll talk in a different booklet about "the abomination of desolation", and "the people of the prince that shall come", and the 70th Week of the "70 Weeks" prophecy.

This world is filled with false gods offering its worshippers false hopes. Whether it's the god of evolution offering nothing more than the mantra "the strongest survive" ... and then die; or the god of health and wealth offering nothing more than the slogan "live for today" ... for tomorrow you'll die; or the pagan god of false religions offering nothing more than a pie in the sky heavenly high ... knowing all will die. None of these fake fulfillers of fantasies can deliver on their promises. They are powerless to provide the promises!

But there is ONE TRUE GOD who has made promises in the past and delivered the product to perfection! That one true God is Elohim, Creator of the Heavens and Earth and all that dwell therein. That one true God --- whose words are true --- is the God of the Bible. Every one of them came true exactly as promised. God Said It and God Did It! Therefore, all prophecies concerning the Messiah's 2nd coming will also come to pass. God said it, and God will do it!

14. Declared the Son of God = Ps 2:7 "I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you."

Notice that this prophecy was fulfilled in two ways.

Mat 3:16-17 "Jesus, when he was baptized, saw the Spirit of God descending from heaven like a dove, and landing upon him: And He heard a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The first way Jesus was declared a Son was through Baptism.

Acts 13:32-33 "We declare to you glad tidings, how that <u>the promise</u> which was made to the fathers, **God has fulfilled**, in that he has raised up Jesus again; as it is written in the 2nd Psalm, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you." The second way Jesus was declared a Son was through Resurrection --- which is like Baptism: they both a Birth!

Heb 1:1-5 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, being made so much better than the angels. For to which of the angels did the Father say at any time, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

15. Declared a Prophet = Deut 18:15 *Moses said*, "The LORD your God will raise up a Prophet like me from your midst: to Him you shall hearken." V. 18 *God said*, "I will raise up a Prophet from among their brethren, like Moses, and will put my words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him."

Some of the people in Jesus' day clearly understood that He was the fulfillment of the prophesied "Prophet".

John 6:10-14 Jesus said to His disciples, Make the 5,000 men sit down. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples to give to them that were seated. When they were full, he said to his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Twelve baskets full were left over. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, **This is of a truth that Prophet that was prophesied to come into the world.**

John 7:37-40 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

The Apostles testified to the fact the Yeshua was the prophesied Prophet.

Acts 3:18-24 Everything which God had spoken by the mouth of all His prophets concerning Christ's suffering, He has fulfilled. Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. For Moses truly said to the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brethren, like to me; him shall you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say to you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. All the prophets from Samuel until now, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. And he shall send Jesus Christ again: but for now heaven must receive him until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

16. Declared a Priest after the order of Melchizedek = Ps 110:4 "The LORD has sworn, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Heb 5:1-10 Every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. But no man takes this honor to himself, he has to be called of God, as was Aaron. Neither did Christ glorify himself to be made a high priest; it is the Father who declared, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all that obey him.

Heb 7:11-25 If perfection came by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? Since the priesthood was changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident that this Priest is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. The Levitical priests were many because each one eventually died: But this man, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is able also to save them that come to God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them. The Levitical priests were made without an oath; but Jesus was made a priest with an oath by him that said to him, The Lord swore and will not change, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

17. Declared a Preacher = Isa 61:1-2 "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn."

Luke 4:18-21 Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say to them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears**."

Mat 11:2-5 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said to him, Are you he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said to them, Go and show John again those things which

you do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, 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. Some specific examples can be found in (Mat 11:28-30; 14:14-21; John 8:31-36; 9:1-7).

18. Declared a King = Zech 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes to you: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon a donkey, alongside a colt."

Mat 21:1-9 When they drew near to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples, Saying to them, Go into the village and you shall find a donkey tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them to me. And if any man asks, you shall say, The Lord has need of them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek, and sitting upon a donkey, alongside a colt. The disciples did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and set Jesus thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and placed them in the way. And the multitudes yelled, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

You can always count on God to keep His word. Remember, God Said It and God Did It.

Some of you are going through difficult times right now. Please turn to your Savior to be comforted. Jesus suffered like you and I. Messiah felt the pain of Rejection, Betrayal and False Accusations. It was prophesied to happen. And since God Said It, God Did It!

19. Rejected by His own = Isa 53:3 "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

Jn 1:11 "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him."

Luke 23:14-25 Pilate "said to them, "You have brought this man to me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him." And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas. Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spoke again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said to them the third time, Why, what evil has he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released to them Barabbas even though he was in prison for sedition and murder. But Pilate delivered Jesus as they desired."

20. Hated without a cause = Ps 35:19 "Don't let them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them hate me without a cause."

John 15:18-25 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you: but because you are not of the world they will also persecute you. But all these things will they do to you for my name's sake, because they don't know the One that sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, and done among them the works which no other man did then they would not have their sins counted against them: but now they have no cloak for their sin. But this comes to pass so that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

21. Sold for 30 pieces of silver = Zech 11:12 "I said to them, If you think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."

Mat 26:14-16 "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said to them, What will you give me if I will deliver Jesus to you? And they struck a deal with him for 30 pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him."

Mat 27:1-10 "When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see you to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, to this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

22. Betrayed by a friend = Ps. 41:9 "My own friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, he has lifted up his heel against me."

Mat 26:18-25, 45-50 "Jesus said, Go into the city to such a man, and say to him, The Master says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, one of you shall betray me. And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and began every one of them to say to him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, He that dips his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goes as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said to him, You have said." "Then Jesus came to his disciples, and said to them, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. And while he yet spoke, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is the one you should apprehend. So Judas came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said to him, Friend, why have you come? Then they laid hands on Jesus, and took him."

In 13:18-19 "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am he."

Mark 14:16-21, 41-45 "And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said to them: and they made ready the Passover. And in the evening he came with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say to you, One of you which eats with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said to them, It is one of the twelve, that dips with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goes, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born." "And he came the third time, and says to them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrays me is at hand. And immediately, while he yet spoke, came Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goes straightway to him, and says, Master, master; and kissed him."

Luke 22:1-23, 47-48 "Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. But, behold, the hand of him that betrays me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goes, as it was determined: but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing." "And while he yet spoke, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near to Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said to him, Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss?

John 13:1-2, 10-11, 18-30; 18:1-5 "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them to the end. And

supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him." "Jesus says to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and you are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, You are not all clean." "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say to you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say to you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spoke. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spoke. He then lying on Jesus' breast says to him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus to him, That you doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spoke this to him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said to him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night." "When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus often resorted there with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said to them, Whom seek you? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus says to them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them."

Accused by false witnesses = Ps 35:11-12 "False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul."

Mark 14:55-59 "The chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their witness did not agree together. Finally, two false witnesses came saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together."

Mat 26:59-63 "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said to him, Are you going to answer nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace."

24. Silent before accusers = Isa 53:7 "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 opened not his mouth."

Mark 14:60-61; 15:3-5 "And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Are you not going to answer them? what is it which these witness against you? But he held his peace, and answered nothing." "And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Are you not going to answer them? look how many things they witness against you. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marveled."

God long ago spoke by the mouth of all his prophets that Christ should suffer, and Messiah has fulfilled every word. That's a quote from Acts 3:18. It means that since God Said It, God Did It! Now, let's talk about how Christ suffered.

25. Sacrificed for our sins = Isa 53:5-8 "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 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. 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 opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

Acts 8:26-35 And the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Leave Jerusalem and go southward. As Philip was traveling he met a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, which had come to Jerusalem to worship but was now returning home. Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go and talk with this man. And Philip ran over to him, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you understand what you are reading? The Ethiopian said, How can I, except some man should guide me? So he asked Philip to explain the scriptures. The place of the scripture which they read was this, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth." And the Ethiopian asked Philip, Please tell me of whom does the prophet speak, of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached to him Jesus.

1 Pet 2:21-25 "For this purpose were you called: because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to the Father that judges righteously: Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live to righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but are now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1 Pet 3:18 Christ also has once suffered 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.

Rom 5:6 While we were without strength Christ died for the ungodly. Scarcely will you find someone willing to die for a righteous man. But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree.

2 Cor 5:21 God made Jesus to be sin for us, though Jesus knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

26. Crucified with criminals = Isa 53:12 "I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul to death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Mark 15:25-28 It was the third hour when they crucified the Messiah. And the inscription of his accusation was written on a board over his head, which said, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucified two thieves: one on his right hand and the other on his left hand. So the scripture was fulfilled, which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

God Said It and God Did It!

Notice our Savior's attitude even in the face of scorn, scourging and certain death.

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34).

No matter what sins you've committed, God will forgive you. Jesus paid the price. Accept God's free gift of Salvation.

"You do well to take heed to the **sure** word of prophecy; prophecy is like a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns. Know this before we start talking {about prophecy}: no prophecy of the scripture is of private interpretation. Prophecy never has come by the will of man: but the people of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet 1:19-21).

27. Spit on and smitten = Isa 50:6 "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."

Mat 26:67-68 "Then they spit in his face, and pushed him around; and others slapped him with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophesy to us, you Christ, Who is the one that smote you?

28. Given vinegar and gall = Ps 69:21 "They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

Mat 27:34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

Gall is a poisonous plant. When mixed with vinegar the result is a very nasty drink. More importantly, it is symbolic of punishment heaped upon a person rebellious against God. That's why Jesus refused it.

29. Scorned and mocked = Ps 22:7-8 "All they that see me laugh me to scorn, "he trusted on the LORD that the LORD would deliver him: let the LORD deliver him, seeing he delights in the LORD."

Luke 23:35-39 And the people {Jews}stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers {Gentiles} also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, And saying, If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the criminals which was hanged railed on him, saying, If you are Christ, save yourself and us.

30. Pierced through hands and feet and side = Zech 12:10 "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Psa 22:16 "For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet."

John 19:31-37 The Jews, because it was the preparation day [for the Feast of Unleavened Bread], besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away so that the bodies would not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day). Then came the [Roman] soldiers, and broke the legs of the two which were crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they didn't brake his legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and out came blood and water. This fulfilled the scripture that said "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

John 20:24-29 Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. After eight days Jesus' disciples, including Thomas, were gathered again. Then entered Jesus, even though the doors were shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be to you. Then Jesus said to Thomas, Put your finger into the holes of my hands and side; and from now on stop being faithless, but instead believe. And Thomas answered and said to him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said to Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

I sincerely pray that you believe. The evidence is there. For even more evidence, please continue reading.

God says that in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses a matter is established. As we saw earlier, false witnesses testified against Jesus, causing Him to be condemned to death. But God has given you 30 witnesses to testify that Jesus is the Messiah. Do you believe that to be true? If you do, do you also believe all of God's other prophecies and promises? When it comes to fulfilled prophecy you need to remember this phrase: God Said It and God Did It! When it comes to future prophecy you need to remember this phrase: God Said It & God Will Do It! Now, let's here testimony from 5 more of God's witnesses.

31. Soldiers gambled for His coat = Ps 22:16, 18 "For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

Mat 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

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32. Forsaken by the Father = Psa 22:1 "A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?"

Mat 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

33. Committed His Spirit to God = Ps 31:5 "Into your hand I commit my spirit: you have released me, O LORD God of truth."

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the spirit.

34. No bones broken = Ps 34:19-20 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken."

John 19:32-36 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs. These things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

35. Buried with the rich = Isa 53:9 "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."

Mat 27:57-60 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

Luke 24:12-27 After Peter left the tomb, two others came that same day. And they talked of all the things that had happened recently. While they reasoned together, Jesus himself walked alongside them. But their eyes were closed to the fact that it was Jesus. And Jesus said to them, What are you guys talking about, and why are you sad? Cleopas, answered, you must be a stranger in Jerusalem; that's why you don't know the things that have come to pass in these days. And Jesus said to them, What things? And they said to him, the things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in word and deed before God and all the people: And also how the chief priests and our rulers condemned Him to death, and had Him crucified. But we trusted that Jesus was the one that would have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. On top of that, certain women that went early to the tomb got our hopes up; And when they didn't find His body, all they could do was say that they had seen a vision of angels telling them that Jesus was alive. Finally, some of our other friends went to the tomb, and found it even as the women had said: but they didn't actually see Jesus either. Then Jesus said to them, O fools, you are slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Don't be foolish; be quick to believe all that the prophets have spoken. We've already shown how Jesus fulfilled 35 prophecies concerning Himself during His first coming. If you don't believe by now then you are foolishly being "slow of heart". But you still have a chance to believe because there are two more prophecies I'm going to cover in this booklet.

"Having obtained help from God, I continue to this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light to the people, and to the Gentiles" (Acts 26:22-23). God Said It and God Did It!

36. Resurrected = Ps 16:10 "You will not leave my soul in hell; neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption."

Acts 2:22-32 Men of Israel, hear these words; Yeshua of Nazareth was a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did thru Him --- as you know. This same Jesus, being delivered by the *counsel and foreknowledge of God*, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. This same Jesus has God raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be held of it. For David speaks concerning Him: ... "my flesh shall rest in hope because you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption." Men and brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that from his physical lineage, He would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; David, seeing this in advance, spoke of the resurrection of Messiah, that His soul was not left in hell, neither did His flesh did corruption. This same Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Resurrected after 3 days and 3 nights = Mat 12:40 "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth."

Acts 10:37-43 The word has been published throughout all Judaea about how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power in order to do good, and to heal all that were oppressed of the devil. And we are witnesses of all things which He did, even the part about Him being crucified and hanged on a tree. But God raised Him up the third day, and showed Him openly. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whoever believes in Him shall receive remission of sins.

37. Ascended to God's right hand = Psa 110:1 "A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

Acts 2:34-38 For David has not ascended into the heavens: but he says himself, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right hand, Until I make your foes your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ps 68:18 "You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive: you have received gifts for men that the LORD God might dwell among them."

Eph 4:7-10 But to every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he says, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men that He might fill all things.

Luke 24:44-45 And he said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me**. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

I have tried to open your eyes to understand the scriptures concerning prophecies of the Messiah that Jesus the Christ fulfilled during His first coming. I have called 37 witnesses to testify to you that Jesus is the prophesied Messiah. But you must choose to believe.

John 5:36-39 "The works that the Father has given me to finish, bear witness of me, that the Father has sent me [this is the first witness]. And the Father himself, which has sent me, has borne witness of me [this is the second witness]. You have never seen the Father, neither has He ever talked to audibly. The way that the Father communicates with you is through the scriptures. Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: but these are the very same scriptures that testify of me [this is the third witness]. Yet you don't believe me."

Abraham is called the Father of the Faithful because he believed God. Let's look at one of Abraham's acts of faith.

Rom 4:17-21 God said to Abraham, "As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations." And Abraham believed God because he recognized that God states things that are not as though they were. So Abraham, being strong in faith, didn't see his own body as being dead, though he was about a hundred years old, neither did he consider the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; BUT WAS STRONG IN FAITH, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what God had promised, God was able also to perform.

Concerning fulfilled prophecy we should remember this phrase: God Said It and God Did It. Concerning future prophecy we should remember this phrase: God Said It and God Will Do It! Do <u>YOU</u> believe God?