

# The Only Trustworthy Scripture

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Of all the prophets representing various religions, only one dared to say that He will prove who He is by rising from the dead three days after His burial; He did exactly as He predicted, and it was also one of the fulfillments of the many prophecies in the Tanakh concerning the coming MeshiYah (e.g., Isaiah 53). Till today, globally, most Christians in ignorance celebrate His resurrection. **All the prophets representing various religions all died and never rose their dead body from their tomb, only YahShua (Jesus) rose His body from the tomb exactly as He said He would before He gave His life to cover my imperfections. No other religion or faith has this.**

Critics of some Old Testament predictions claim these prophecies must have been written after the facts occurred. When you meet such critics, ask them: “How about the Book of Revelation?” The Book of Revelation was written around 90 AD/CE, long before the Jewish nation was brought back from the death of Hitler’s ovens. Before 1948, world intelligence and its followers laughed at certain parts of the Book of Revelation because it reveals that the Jews will again inhabit Israel (in the last days), and that major world events will take place in Jerusalem, Israel. **Keep in mind that for about 2000 years, Israel was practically non-existent (70 AD to 1948), but as the Book of Revelation foretold, Israel now exists again as a nation. This is also foretold in the Tanakh (Old Testament).**

Revelation 11 was written long before the invention of satellite live T.V., and instant communications of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It foretold that the world will simultaneously see an event as it takes place in Jerusalem for three and half days, and that the world will communicate instantly with each other about that event.

11:7-13 “When they [two Jewish preachers] finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. **Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. After the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they ascended to Heaven in a cloud, and**

**their enemies saw them.** In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of Heaven.”

Revelation 13 was written long before the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century microchip and Biometrics. 13:16-18 “he [fake-Christ’s assistant] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and **that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name ... it is the number of a man ... 666.**” Today, everything needed for Revelation 13 to take place are set and ready to be used. They are only waiting for God to allow them to begin according to the set-time in the final years of human government which is the time when God will begin the cleansing of the earth by fiery judgments which will bring the restoration of the earth back to God’s Eden. The mark or number of the fake-Christ may **not** come with a microchip. It could be in any form. One must take physical death and not the mark or number of the fake-Christ. Those who accept the fake-Christ will do so because they **love or fear that world system**, or because they **love the basic necessities of earthly life more than obeying the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament).**

Long before modern science, Hebrews 11:3 declared: “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that **the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.**” Invisible Atoms were created by the **invisible** Word of God.

YishaYah 44:6-7 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and Israel’s Redeemer, YAH of hosts: I am the First and I am the Last, besides Me there is no God. And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them.” 45:21-22 “Tell and bring forth your case; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Saviour; there is none besides Me. Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” 46:9-10 “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure’”

Whenever i say “Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament)”, i’m excluding Song of Solomon because clearly Song of Solomon is **not** of God. It is immoral (pornographic) and idolatrous.

Along with other things/fields that show the trustworthiness of the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament), its **fulfilled prophecies** and the ones yet to be fulfilled (for which we see global events moving towards) are the major proof that must silence every doubt concerning the trustworthiness of the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament). Lately, a Christian ministry has been offering proofs against Atheism/Evolution; in its June 09 newsletter, their writer narrated:

About 150 years ago, the King of Sweden had troubling doubts about whether the Bible was really true ... He asked Count von Zinzendorf, bishop of the Moravian Church, to give him proof that the Bible was truly inspired of God. The King had set aside 10 hours to hear what might be said. To his majesty's surprise, Zinzendorf informed him that the time allotted was far too much. He only needed to say one word. Astonished, the King asked what that could be. The Count replied, "Jews." (<http://www.thebereancall.org/node/7745>)

If you don't understand the above quote. Please listen.

Thirty percent of the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament) is comprised of predictions. Unlike vague/general predictions, many of these are overwhelmingly precise. In this writing, my purpose is to bring some of those precise prophecies to your attention. The Jews call the Old Testament: **Tanakh**. The first five books of the Tanakh is the Torah (the books of Moses).

About 40 years before Titus-Vespasian (in 70 AD/CE) ordered his troops to destroy Judea, Jesus foretold: "Judea will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into **all nations**. And Jerusalem will be trampled by the nations until the times of the nations are fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). About 1,900 years later, the Jews were allowed to return to their land (1948), yet to this day, the U.N. refuses to recognize Israel's ownership of its capital, YeruShalem. Exactly as Jesus foretold "... Jerusalem will be trampled by the nations **until the times of the nations are fulfilled**" The mosques there, makes Jerusalem appear as an Islamic city rather than the Jewish capital. False Christianity has idolatrous temples there. The U.N. condemns Israel for having its government (Knesset) in Jerusalem. In the 1967 war, Israel regained the Temple Mount but later assigned it to Islamic control. The U.N. constantly forces the Knesset to make false and deadly peace with its neighbors (Islam) which constantly swear to kill every Jew as commanded by the Qur'an. Surely, Jerusalem is being trampled by the nations just as Jesus foretold. But the time is coming when all that hatred and bias will be ended. The expiration of "the times of the nations" is drawing near. On that Day (when Jesus returns), the international community will no more have any say in the affairs of Jerusalem (YAH's city). In

that day, the Jewish King, Yah'Shua will reign from Jerusalem over all the earth.

Romans 11:25-27 "... blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob, for this is **My covenant with them**, when I take away their sins." Psalm 110:5-6 "... He [the Messiah] shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries." Zakhariyah 12:8-11 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of YAH before them. It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 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 bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo". Weeping bitterly because they will finally realize that the One **whom they pierced** in crucifixion is the One that has now returned as their Saviour/King.

No Jew (or Gentile) could accept the Tanakh prophecies in YishaYah 53: Israel's leadership will reject his coming MeshiYah? and kill Him? **Why did the Jewish prophets foretell such a thing?** Centuries later, Jesus came and said "Now is the judgment of this world, now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself". This He said, signifying by what death He would die. The people answered Him: We have heard from the law that **the Christ remains forever, how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?**" (John 12:31-34). Yes, the Messiah remains forever because He will rise from the dead and will one day return to destroy the fake-Christ and the enemies of the Jews, and rule from Jerusalem over all the earth, but the Tanakh also foretold that He will suffer and bear Punishment for our sins. However, as the Jews waited for MeshiYah to come, they ignored those parts of the Tanakh which foretold Messiah's death. No Jew (or Gentile) could accept the prophecies of Psalm 22: Israel's leadership will reject and kill the King of Israel? God will be treated shamefully by people? tortured and killed? How can that be? No one could ever believe such a thing. **Why did the Jewish prophets foretell such a thing?**

There are many prophecies in the Tanakh (Old Testament) that foretold the fact that Babylon will come and destroy Judah and take the Jews away to Babylon. God even foretold the number of years the Jews would be there: 70 years.

YirmiYah 25:11-12 “And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then it will come to pass, when **seventy years are completed**, that I will punish the king of Babylon and the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says YAH, and I will make it a perpetual desolation.” 29:4-11 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: ... After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says YAH, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Judah and the first Jewish Temple was destroyed in 586 BC; later, the Jews returned and the second Jewish Temple was completed in 516 BC (the gap is 70 years). Also, 605 BC to 535 BC is 70 years of captivity.

Ezra 1:1-3 “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, ‘Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of YAH God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem.’”

Around 538 BC, the Mede-Persian kingdom (Darius and Cyrus) took the Babylonian Empire. Around 535 BC when Cyrus began ruling alone, he made a proclamation that set the Jews free from Babylon and commanded the **rebuilding of the Temple** in Jerusalem. Cyrus was born around 570 BC. More than a century before Cyrus was born, the God of the Jewish Scripture foretold the following and **announced the name of the one** who will conquer Babylonia (YishaYah 45:1-6, **written around 700 BC**) “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, **to Cyrus**, whose right hand I have held-- to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, **so that the gates will not be shut: I will go before you** and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, YAH, **who call you by your name**, am the God of Israel. For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; **I have named you**, though you have not known Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am YAH, and there is no other” 44:26-28 “... [the LORD] who says to YeruShalem, ‘You shall be inhabited,’ to the cities of Judah,

‘You shall be built,’ and I will raise up her waste places; **who says to the deep, ‘Be dry! and I will dry up your rivers’**; who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure, saying to Jerusalem, ‘You shall be built,’ and to the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”

Around 541 BC when Belshazzar the Babylonian was ruling with his father, the prophecies in Daniel 8 were given to DaniEl. Those prophecies were first revealed to DaniEl in chapter 2 during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar (around 580 BC). Daniel 8 “In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me ... Then i lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river [Ulai, in west Iran], was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him, nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great. And as i was considering, suddenly a male goat came **from the West**, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground, and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which i had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. And i saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him, and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand. Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.”

An angel explained the symbolic vision (8:20-22): “The ram which you saw, having the two horns--they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.” Those who know history know that after the Babylonians, the Mede-Persians reigned, then Greece conquered the Mede-Persian Empire, and after the Grecian king died, it split into four kingdoms.

YirmiYah 23:7-8 “... the days are coming, says the LORD, that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel **from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.**’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”

**YisraEl, Re-established In 1948. Will Be Re-established Again After Armageddon.**

Ezekiel 39:23-28 “The nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Yakob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name-- after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid. When I have brought them back from the nations and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am YAH their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.”

After their Babylonian captivity, the Jews dwelt in Israel as a very weak nation. At that time (500 BC), God foretold what we now know as history (20<sup>th</sup> century Israel: 1948 Re-establishment of the Jewish nation and the immediate attack by Islamic nations. 1967: The Six Day War. 1973: Yom Kippur War, and today’s anti-Jewish feelings). ZekharYah 12:2-6 “I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding nations, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for **all nations**; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. ... In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding nations on the right and on the left, but YeruShalem shall be inhabited again in her own place--YeruShalem.”

Although the Jews face so much international pressure, they now dwell in their land after 1,900 years of being scattered to all nations of the earth (as the Tanakh foretold).

Around 400 BC, the God of the Jews spoke through Malakhi: “From the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the nations; in every place incense [prayer] shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering, for My name shall be great among the nations, says YAH of hosts” (Malakhi 1:11). This has happened through MeshiYah who took the Punishment for our sins and rose from the dead.

Centuries before Moses was born, God met with Abraham: “Then God said to Abram, ‘I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans [Babylon],

to give you this land [Canaan] to inherit it.’ And Abram said, ‘Lord GOD, how shall i know that i will inherit it? ... when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then God said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years [in Egypt]. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ... in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete. ... On the same day, the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants [**who will come out of Egyptian bondage**] I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates” (Genesis 15:7-18).

Long before modern astronomy, Isaiah 40:22-23, “It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, **who stretches out the heavens** like a curtain, and **spreads them out** like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless”. Jeremiah 10:12, “He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and **has stretched out the heavens (space) at His discretion**”. Job 26:7-14, “**God stretches out the north over empty space, He hangs the earth on nothing** ... He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, at the boundary of light and darkness. The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at His rebuke. He stirs up the sea with His power, and by His understanding He breaks up the storm. By His Spirit He adorned the heavens (space), His hand pierced the fleeing serpent. Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?”

Around 33 AD/CE, Jesus said “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars, and on the earth **distress of nations, with perplexity**, the sea and the waves roaring, men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, **for the powers of the heavens will be shaken**” (Luke 21:25-26). In verse 33, Jesus said: “**Heaven and earth [space and earth] will pass away**, but My Words will by no means pass away.”

2Peter 3:9-13 “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which **the heavens [space] will pass away with a great noise, and the elements [Nitrogen, Hydrogen, etc.] will melt with fervent heat, both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up**. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the



coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and **the elements will melt with fervent heat**. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Around 500 BC, angel GabriEl was sent to reveal the following to DaniEl: “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street [the open square] shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself, and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood [diaspora], and till the end of the war desolations are determined” (Daniel 9:25-26). The translation “weeks” is actually “sevens” (i.e., 7 sevens and 62 sevens). Note: The command that was given by King Cyrus was for the rebuilding of **the Temple**, not Jerusalem which mostly remained in ruins until the command to restore Jerusalem as a whole was given by Artaxerxes, as recorded in Nehemiah 2:1-8.

Angel Gabriel said: Counting from the moment the command is given to restore/rebuild Jerusalem, Messiah’s first coming will be 7 sevens and 62 sevens (i.e., 69 sevens) which is 483 years. Nehemiah 2:1-8 contains the record of when that command was given: “... **in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes [of Persia]** ... Now i had never been sad in his presence before. Therefore the king said to me, ‘Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.’ So i became dreadfully afraid, and said to the king, ‘May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when **the city**, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire? Then the king said to me, ‘What do you request?’ So i prayed to the God of Heaven. And i said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, i ask that you send me to Judah, to **the city** of my fathers’ tombs, that i may rebuild it.’ ... So it pleased the king to send me, and i set him a time. Furthermore i said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till i come to Judah, and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that i will occupy.’ And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.”

In his book (*How Close Are We?*) Dave Hunt explained:

There was more than one Artaxerxes, but only one whose monarchy exceeded 20 years. He was Artaxerxes Longimanus and his reign began in

465 B.C. Thus the twentieth year of his rule would have been during 445 B.C. That Nehemiah did not specify another day in the month indicates, as was the custom, that he was referring to Nisan 1, 445 B.C. Counting 483 years (69 times 7) of 360 days each, the Hebrew and Babylonian calendar of that time (173,880 days), from that date brings us exactly to April 6, A.D. 32. That was the very day when Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem!

Daniel 9:25-26 "... there shall be **7 sevens** and sixty-two sevens; the street [the open square] shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two sevens Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself, and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood [diaspora], and till the end of the war desolations are determined."

**7 sevens = 49 years.** From the time King Artaxerxes of Persia gave the command (in 445 BC), to the last Old Testament prophet (Malakhi, around 400 BC) is a period of **49 years (7 sevens)**. Within that period, the street (the open square -- Jerusalem) was built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. As the Jews rebuilt Jerusalem, the troubles and challenges they faced during that period are recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah.

On schedule, Jesus was certainly in Israel 483 years after King Artaxerxes of Persia gave the command in 445 BC. Daniel 9:25-26 "... there shall be 7 sevens and sixty-two sevens; ... after the sixty-two sevens Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself [**He died for our sins**], and the people of the prince who is to come [**the Romans**] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary [**destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD/CE**]. The end of it shall be with a flood [**135 AD/CE Jewish diaspora**], and till the end of the war desolations are determined [**Jewish sufferings and the trampling of Jerusalem by the nations until MeshiYah comes again**]." This astronomic revelation ends with Daniel 9:27 where Daniel was told that a coming world ruler (the prince who is to come) will establish a covenant with many for one week (**one seven**) and in the middle of that seven years he will commit abomination against the Jews and their last days temple; he (the fake-Christ) will be destroyed by the second coming of the true Saviour of the Jews.

The following prophecy was given around 500 BC: 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 young of a donkey.**" This prophecy along with others (that spoke of a lowly/humble Messiah that will allow Himself to be killed) was ignored for centuries until the Messiah came and fulfilled them. As Messiah's first coming drew near, the Jews focused only on the verses that show Messiah as the

mighty warrior who will destroy Israel's enemies, and lead Israel governmentally/politically. However, when Jesus came, it was clear that He was **not** fighting the Roman powers, rather, He sought to cleanse Israel **spiritually** (deliverance from sin). The Tanakh definitely show that Messiah will destroy the enemies of the Jews and reign from Jerusalem over all the earth. However, like many people of this generation, the Jews of that time failed to understand that Messiah must first come humbly (as the Lamb of God) to die for our sins and then **later** come to reign from Jerusalem, over all the earth for 1000 years, after which that glorious earthly reign will be transferred into a **new** universe in which the New Jerusalem will be forever. This present universe will melt and disappear after Christ's 1000-year reign (see 2Peter 3:12-13, Revelation 20, Revelation 21:1-2).

Around 700 BC, Messiah's birthplace was foretold (Mikah 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.**" Luke 2:1-7 tells us **the fulfillment of that prophecy**. In those days Mary was living in Galilee (Northern Israel), **not** Bethlehem. Her fiancé was living in Galilee too. Caesar Augustus gave a command that everyone should go to his/her place of origin to be registered/counted, therefore Mary had to travel to Bethlehem (Southern Israel). While there, she gave birth to the MeshiYah, in fulfillment of Mikah 5:2. Amazing!!

John 19:23-24 -- Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part ... Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. Therefore they said among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be" **that the Scripture might be fulfilled** which says: They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. Therefore the soldiers did these things. -- They didn't realize they were fulfilling portions of Psalm 22 written around 980 BC. YishaYah 53 also foretold some amazing details concerning the Messiah, it was written around 700 BC.

Three days after His death, **YAH'Shua** appeared to two of His disciples as they were lamenting and walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:25-27) "Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Messiah 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 Tanakh**] the things concerning Himself." 24:44-48 "Then Jesus said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures [**the**

**Old Testament]**. Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.’”

Paul made the following statements at one of his trials (Acts 26:6-7) “And now i stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. To this promise **our twelve tribes**, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, i am accused by the Jews [**Leadership**, not all the Jews].” 26:21-23 “For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. Therefore, having obtained help from God to this day i stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which **the Prophets and Moses said would come--** that the Messiah 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.”

Three Days and Three Nights: The world is wrong; counting from a Friday-crucifixion to Sunday-resurrection doesn't give anyone three days and three nights. For full explanation read my article “Three Days And Three Nights.” Passover (a Jewish feast) is always on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan (Abib). In the year Messiah died for our sins, it had to be a **Thursday, not Friday**, because the accounts show that Jesus said “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.” Those words are faithful and true.

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