

Is
Jesus of Nazareth
The True Messiah
?

By What SIGNS May We Know?

(John 6: 30)

For it is written:

“Ask thee a **sign** of the Lord thy God” . . . and “the Lord Himself will give you a **sign.**”

(Isa. 7: 11, 14)



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There was a time when many people thought and said: "No such person as Jesus Christ ever lived."

But that time is past; at least as far as anyone of intelligence and honesty is concerned.

However, many sincere truth seekers continue to look for the solution of this important problem: "Who are right,—the Christians, who believe that **the God-promised Messiah has come**, or the Jews, who after so many long weary centuries still wait for His coming?

Before going further, let us ask this question: If a man should appear tomorrow and claim to be **the TRUE Messiah**,* how could we know whether he really is or not?

As the answer to that question is found only in "The Book of the Lord," we urge all who can do so to get a Bible "and read" for themselves what it has to say, while they still have the opportunity (Isaiah 34: 16a).

For those unable to have that privilege, this tract has been written to present briefly some of the major Messianic prophecies which the only true God of Israel has caused to be recorded in the Old Testament Scriptures for the enlightenment and protection of all who really want His truth and present and eternal help and blessing.**

* Messiah is the Hebrew name for Saviour or Redeemer.

** All Bible verses and references used in this tract are found in the King James or Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures, of which English translation the edition called "Scofield Reference Bible" is most valuable for general Bible study. (Reviser's note)

The Bible Record

Our compassionate Creator, seeing the corruption and consequent lost condition into which Satan and sin had brought mankind, promised to send a Saviour who would "save His people from their sins," and knowing that many **false Messiahs*** would arise, He described or pictured **the real Savior**** with the most detailed care, so that when He did finally come every really interested person might recognize His without difficulty, because our very life,—that is, our eternal happiness,—depends upon this recognition.

Perhaps an experience of my own will help to illustrate the point. In 1911 I prepared to leave Russia for the United States. Though at that time I had no relatives in America, my wife had an uncle who had gone there while she was very young, but from whom they had heard only once or twice. After searching among old papers, we found his address and decided that I should write and ask him to meet me upon my arrival. In the letter we enclosed a family picture in which I, the new member, was included. Soon as possible after landing in this country I wired him, and about three hours later, while watching hundreds of men and women meeting their relatives, I finally saw—moving slowly through the crowd—a lady accompanied by a man who held in his hand a picture.

As they drew near I eagerly cried out, "Uncle, here I am; I am the one you are looking for!"

Calmly they approached, looking first at the picture and then at me, to make sure of my identity. And that picture together with my knowledge of family secrets soon proved to them that I was indeed the one for whom they looked.

* Jewish history has amply verified the New Testament prophecies (found in John 5: 43 & Matthew 24: 11, 24) that many FALSE Messiahs would come and deceive many, to their terrible loss. Since 33 A. D. no less than 24 such Jewish impostors have arisen at various times.

** Genesis 3: 15; Psalm 49: 1, 2, 6-8, 15; Isa. 45: 21.

Now, reader, think! If I, tho knowing little, nevertheless had sense enough to so prepare to meet my relatives that they would not have to reject me as an impostor, but could easily recognize and accept me in kindness and love,—how much more carefully would the all-wise God describe the Messiah, who was coming to “save that which was lost,”* so all who truly seek might surely find Him.**

Praise the Lord, He did do just that! In His album,—the Bible,—He has put so perfect a picture of the TRUE Messiah, that “the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err” in regard to it.

As Messiah Himself says:

“In the volume of the Book it is written of Me” (Psa. 40: 7).

And that there are many Bible prophecies concerning Messiah’s coming, no Jew will deny. Rabbi Johanan writes: “All the prophets prophesied only unto the days of the Messiah. . . . The world was created only for the Messiah” (Berach 34b; Shabb 63a).†

Again in the Jalkut Isaiah 26-296—we find this statement: “in the time to come God will expound a new Torah‡ which He is to give through the Messiah.” Moreover, Rabbi Joseph said: “in the time to come all the ceremonial laws will be abrogated” (Niddah 61b).

As that is what our older Hebrew prophets always taught, the final question is then just this: were their predictions fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth?

In considering whether the Old Testament Messianic prophecies were indeed fulfilled in and by Him let us for the sake of clearness classify them under different heads such as time, place, family, etc., and speak of them as “SIGNS.”

* Foretold in Jer. 50:1,6,7; Eze. 34:5-12,16,23; Gen. 49:24.

** Isa. 55:4-6; Jer. 29:13; Luke 19:9,10; John 10:9-30.

† Both The Old and New Testaments speak of two earthly comings of the TRUE Messiah, 1st as Savior, and 2nd as final Judge and King of all things. See Sign VIII.

‡ Sign V, page 10 discusses this NEW TORAH.

Sign I

THE TRUE MESSIAH’S FIRST COMING

Must Be in the Time of the Second Temple

This is clearly marked out in prophecy,—for our father Jacob, when blessing the tribes, said:.

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh* come, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be” (Genesis 49:10).

Again, centuries after that, the prophet Haggai, while encouraging the builders of the second temple, gave them the following God-inspired message:

“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, . . . and the desire of all the nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts” (Haggai 2:3-9).

Then later on, the prophet Zechariah exaltingly exclaimed:

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold thy King cometh unto thee; . . . just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon the foal of an ass,” etc. (Zech. 9:9-12).

And, finally, the Holy One of Israel declared through Malachi:

“Behold, I will send my messenger (the forerunner!), and he shall prepare the way before me; and (then) the Lord whom ye seek (look for, desire) shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the (everlasting) Covenant, whom ye delight in! Behold He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts” (Mal. 3:1).

That these four Messianic prophecies had literal fulfillment between the years 33 and 70 A. D. (Gentile reckoning) and that their fulfillment centered around the Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is proven by the following historical facts:

1st, He was born in the time of the second temple.

*That “Shiloh” refers to Messiah, is admitted by many Jewish scholars. For example read Sanhed 98b, also Onkelos, and the two Jerusalem Targums, etc., etc. Compare also Ezek. 21:26,27 with Gen. 49:10. Perhaps a better translation of “Shiloh” might be “Sheloi.”

2nd, soon after the year 33 A. D. (or thereabouts) He literally fulfilled the prophecy of Zech. 9:9 by riding up to the city of Jerusalem on the colt of an ass.* And the New Testament account of that ride also says:

"And all this was done that that might be fulfilled which was spoken of by the prophet" (Matthew 21:1-9).

3rd, until He (Jesus of Nazareth) appeared to Israel, though the ten tribes were scattered, Judah continued to be a people and had control of the (Jewish) government. But not long after Christ's death and resurrection, the **second** temple and the city of Jerusalem were destroyed and all the Jews were driven from their own homeland (Palestine) and dispersed among the Gentiles, where the vast majority of them have ever since lived.**

Furthermore, it is very important to know that this last destruction and long dispersion was foretold not only by the Old Testament prophets† but also by Christ Himself, for it is recorded in the New Testament (in Luke 19:41-44) that when on one occasion He went up to Jerusalem—

"He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying: If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come when thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, . . . and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another, because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation!"

And certainly no Jew can deny the literal fulfillment of **that** prediction, for every child in Israel knows that in 70 A. D. (just a few years after the crucifixion of Christ), the Roman general Titus came with his (Roman) army and completely

* Gen. 49:10,11 shows that Jacob knew of this peculiar Messianic Sign mentioned in Zech. 9:9.

** This tract was first published in the Summer of 1918, —since which time a remnant of the Jewish nation has been returning to and rebuilding Palestine as foretold in The Old Testament. See Sign VIII.

† Read Deut. 18:17-19; Micah 5:2,1,3; Zech. 13:7; (Gen. 49:24; Psalm 23:1); Hosea 7:13 & 5:15 & 3:4,5; Luke 21:24; Jer. 31:10,1-9; Isaiah 52:8; Acts 15:14-18; Romans 1:16 & 11:25,26 & 13:11,12; Psalm 147:1,2.

devastated the temple and city as already stated.

If therefore Shiloh (Messiah) did not come before those tragic events took place, He can never come within the time limits marked out by the foregoing Scripture prophecies.

Many of the Jews living a century or so after Christ's death, not only believed the time for the coming of the Messiah was past, but even fixed the exact period.

For instance, Rav Hillel (not the elder) says: "Israel need not expect any Messiah; for they had Him already in the days of Hezekiah." (Meaning that the prophecies concerning Him had reference to that time.)

"May the Lord forgive Rav Hillel!" exclaimed Rav Joseph; "for did not Hezekiah flourish during the first temple, and did not Zechariah prophesy during the SECOND temple: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; behold thy King cometh unto thee: just, and having salvation!" etc. (Sanhed 99a)

Again, there is that tradition of the school of Elijah which says: "The world is to stand 6000 years. Two thousand of confusion, two thousand the law, and two thousand the days of Messiah" (Sanhedrin fol. 97, col 1). Upon which Rashi remarks: "After the two thousand years of the law, according to the decree, Messiah ought to have come and the wicked should have been destroyed, and Israel's estate of servitude should have ended."

Here then it is expressly stated that the Messiah ought to have come after the 4000 years.

And that is the very time when Jesus of Nazareth did appear!

We do not quote this tradition because we believe that it really is a saying of Elijah, but just to show the opinion of the more ancient Jews.

Sign II

MESSIAH'S BIRTH PLACE

Must Be in Bethlehem of Judea

For the Old Testament prophecy, found in Micah 5:2, reads as follows:

"But thou, Bethlchem Ephrath, though thou be little

among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be the Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

This passage therefore clearly proves that the true Messiah would be born in the little town of Bethlehem of Judea. And that is the very place in which Jesus of Nazareth was born! For in Luke's Gospel (New Testament) it is recorded that in the reign of the Roman ruler, Caesar Augustus, (when Cyrenius governed Syria) he decreed that all the world should be taxed. And as every one was required to pay this tax in their ancestral city, in order to obey the decree, a Jewish man named Joseph, with his young espoused wife, Mary—

Went up from Nazareth, in Galilee, unto Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he (like his wife) was of the house and lineage of David. And it came to pass that while they were there (in Bethlehem) she brought forth her first-born Son . . . and they named Him "JESUS" as the angel of God had said He should be named, even before He was conceived (Luke 2: 1-21 & 1: 25-45).*

*"And when they (Joseph and Mary) had performed all things according to the law of the Lord** they returned unto Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth," in which place the child (Jesus of Nazareth) grew up to manhood (Luke 2: 39 & 4: 16).*

Sign III

MESSIAH'S FAMILY

Paternity, Maternity and Ancestry

According to the Old Testament prophecies the true Messiah must be a Jew and yet in a very special way a Son of God; that is, He must be Deity incarnate—with God-given power to be man's almighty and perfectly holy and eternal Redeemer

* "Jesus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Jehoshua," both names meaning "Saviour."

** These particular "laws of the Lord" were circumcision, registration and dedication of the child and the purification of the mother as commanded in Gen. 17: 9, 10, 12; Exodus 13: 1, 2 & 22: 29; Deut. 23: 2; Leviticus 12: 2-8; Numbers 3: 40; 1 Chronicles 9: 1, 9. And in Luke 1: 46-50, 54, 55, 70 & 2: 21-33 we find why and how these laws were all obeyed by the Hebrew virgin Mary. (Reviser's note)

and Righteousness. To make this possible Messiah must be supernaturally conceived by the Spirit of God and born of a Hebrew virgin,* that He might be the promised "seed of the woman" (not of man) and yet strong enough to bruise (crush) the head of Satan, the father of all sin, suffering, sorrow, death and separation from God.

(Gen. 3: 15; Isa. 59: 20 & 45: 11, 13 & 7: 14; Zech. 4: 6, 7; Psalms 2: 7 & 89: 19, 27-29).

Thus from His Father, the Almighty God alone, Messiah receives His all-wise, powerful and perfectly sinless spirit, mind and heart.

While from His entirely human Hebrew mother He receives only His human body and required Jewish ancestry, for He must be directly descended from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the ruling tribe of Judah and the royal line of David.

(Genesis 12: 1-3 & 26: 1-5 & 28: 1-4, 14; Psa. 78: 68)

Notice, For Example, These Prophecies

"A Star shall come out of Jacob and a Sceptre out of Israel . . . (even) He that shall have dominion." (Num. 24:17).

"I (the Lord) will bring a seed out of Jacob and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountain." (Isaiah 65:9).

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord, in which I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and (then) a King shall reign and prosper, and execute justice and righteousness in the earth . . . and this is the name whereby He shall be called: Javeh, Zidkenu—THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." (Jeremiah 23: 5, 6).

"The Lord Himself Will Give A Sign:"

"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel," (which name means God with us,—God with man. Isaiah 7: 14)"

* For the exact meaning of the Hebrew word 'alma' (which means 'virgin') a study of Isaiah 7:14 with Genesis 24: 16, 43; Exodus 2: 7, 8; Psa. 68: 25 (Hebrew text 26) and Song of Solomon 1: 3—shows that all these Scripture verses refer to the same thing—unmarried and entirely undefiled young womanhood.

Sign IV

MESSIANIC CHARACTERISTICS

The **true** Messiah must be perfect in the keeping of all God's laws;—lowly, gentle, wise, just, and all-powerful; able to control beasts and the elements as well as unruly humans; able to work miracles.

(Isaiah 11: 1-5 & 42: 1-4, 21 & 52: 13; Zech. 9: 9-12; Psalms 8: 1, 4-8 & 89: 9 & 40: 7, 8)

Isaiah prophesied that He would open the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf, feed the hungry, set free the captives, make the lame to walk, the dumb to sing, and even give life to the dead.

(Isa. 42: 5-7, 16 & 35: 3-6 & 40: 11 & 45: 13 & 25: 8, 9).

Just how fully **all these Old Testament Messianic prophecies were fulfilled in and by Jesus of Nazareth** is shown in the New Testament Scriptures which not only contain the geneological records necessary to prove His direct descent on His mother's side* from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David, but which also give an account of as many of His marvelous words and works as are needful to reveal and prove the beauty and power of His more than human Personality (Isa. 53: 2).

Sign V

MESSIAH'S PURPOSES AND PREOGATIVES

The **true** Messiah must be the Messenger and Mediator of a New and Everlasting Covenant which includes Gentiles as well as Jews.

(Deut. 18: 17-19; Jer. 31: 31, 32 & 33: 14, 15 & 32: 40; Zech. 3: 8 & 9: 9-12; Mal. 3: 1; Isa. 49: 6).

He must also unite in Himself all the God-ordained offices that exist in Israel, being a prophet (lawgiver and leader) like Moses, a High Priest and Mediator like Melchizedek, and a King like David, besides being the Savior and Lord of all that ever will be saved.

(Deut. 18: 15; Isa. 55: 4 & 33: 22; Psa. 110: 1, 4; Zech. 6: 12, 13; Jer. 33: 14-18).

* In Luke 3: 23-38 Christ's human ancestry is traced back to Abraham through Heli, the father of Mary. The Bible does not mention Mary's mother but says plainly (in John 1: 14) that Christ is "the only begotten" child of God. (Reviser's note)

Sign VI

The TRUE Messiah Must Be Rejected by the Jews

NATIONALLY But Received by the Gentiles

"For thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel—to Him whom man despiseth, to Him whom THE NATION abhorreth... Kings shall see (understand) and arise; princes also shall worship because of the Lord that is faithful, (the Lord who keeps His promises), and He will choose Thee! and I will ... also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles that Thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49: 7, 6).

And, "the Gentiles shall come to Thy light," "and kings to the brightness of Thy rising." "Princes shall come out of Egypt and Ethiopia shall ... stretch out her hands unto God." "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; ... and to Him shall be given the gold of Sheba. Prayer also shall be made for Him continually and daily shall He be praised; ... men shall be blessed in Him, and (eventually) all nations shall call Him blessed."

(Isaiah 60: 3; Psalms 68: 31 & 72: 9-19).

Of This Prophecy Messiah Himself Says:

"Behold, I and the children ... the Lord hath given me are for SIGNS and wonders in Israel from the Lord." (Isaiah 8: 18, 16).

In but one Person,—Jesus Christ of Nazareth,—has this remarkable Messianic sign had fulfillment. Of all the Messiahs that, since 33 A. D., have arisen out of Israel (and all the world) He alone has been (to date)* rejected by His own people **nationally*** while at the same time an ever-increasing number of Gentiles in every nation have found in Him the complete embodiment of all that the Hebrew prophets said the **true** Messiah alone could and would be,—namely, the **"Savior" whose name is "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace,"** the LORD, their Righteousness, and their only hope, help and peace both present and eternal.

(Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 & 61: 10 & 25: 4 & 41: 14; Jer. 17: 7)

* Though to date the Jews, as a nation, have been unable to recognize and receive Jesus of Nazareth as their God-promised Messiah, it must never be forgotten that since about 30 A. D. (Christian reckoning) countless thousands of individual Jews have so received Him. All the first Christians were Jews, and until about the year 300 A. D. comparatively few Gentiles knew and believed in His gospel. Moreover, until Christ returns to this world as Judge and King, *no nation* on earth will become entirely and truly Christian. See Sign VIII. (Reviser's note)

Sign VII

MESSIAH'S REDEMPTIVE WORK AND POWER

The **true** Messiah must be the Redeemer of man's spirit, soul (mind) and body.

(Job 19: 25, 26; Psalms 16: 9-11 & 17: 15 & 31: 5, 19 & 72: 14, 13; Isa. 26: 19).

For this purpose He must come voluntarily into this world, in the flesh, and give Himself freely to be cut off (slain) to make reconciliation for our iniquities, and bring in everlasting righteousness as a free gift from God to all humans who put their trust in Him as their own and only Redeemer and Righteousness.

(Daniel 9: 24-26; Isa. 59: 20 & 45: 13 & 50: 6; Psalms 40: 6-8 & 2: 10-12).

He must be hated without a cause, and betrayed by a supposed friend; sold for thirty pieces of silver, imprisoned, judged, falsely accused, terribly beaten with rods, then crucified.

(Psalms 69: 4 & 35: 11 & 41: 9; Zech. 11: 13 & 13: 7, 6; Micah 5: 1; Isaiah 53: 8 & 52: 14 & 25: 11 & 22: 23).

His hands and feet must be pierced, but not a bone of Him broken. He must be reviled, mocked, given vinegar and gall to drink; His garments divided among His murderers; and even while dying in agony He must not rail or curse, but make intercession for those who hate, torture and slay Him.

(Psalms 22: 7, 8, 13, 16-18 & 34: 20 & 35: 16 & 69: 21; Zech 12: 10 & 13: 6; Isaiah 49: 16 & 53: 12).

He must be put to death with transgressors, buried among the rich, His body must not see corruption but be quickly raised, for He must live to be worshipped and extolled; ascend back to Heaven (His rightful home) and sit down at the right hand of the Majesty on High as man's ever living Savior and great High Priest, man's only Mediator and Advocate with the Mighty God, His (Messiah's) Father.

(Isaiah 53: 9 & 22: 21, 22; Psalms 16: 10 & 71: 20 & 72: 8-15 & 110: 1, 4 & 68: 18-20; Hosea 5: 15; Dan. 7: 13, 14).

The Old Testament Picture

Such, reader, is the detailed picture of the **TRUE** Messiah and His first earthly coming, which the Creator of Israel and all other things (Ex. 20: 11) has given to mankind through the inspired pages of the Old Testament Scriptures.

And after reminding you that in the exact time, place and way specified, all the foregoing **Messianic Signs** (along with many others not mentioned herein) must have complete fulfillment in and by one Person alone, we now with utmost confidence assert that **Jesus of Nazareth is that super-natural Being**,—even Messiah, the Prince, of whom Moses in the Law and David in the Psalms, and all the Old Testament prophets wrote,—the **WORD** of God (Messianic promises) who was made flesh and dwelt among men! (John 1: 29, 45, 1, 14).

By the destruction of the **second** temple in 70 A. D. the Almighty Himself has both proved that fact and at the same time made it impossible for anyone else to fulfill all the Messianic requirements.

However, other historic happenings since 70 A. D. together with the contents of the New Testament records, help to prove beyond doubt to any sincere truth-seeker that only Jesus of Nazareth could be the Sinbearer and Saviour of Whom it is written—

In the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah —

"He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid (as it were) our faces from Him . . . and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, afflicted, and smitten of God! But He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed; (for) all we like sheep have gone astray and the Lord laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet opened not His mouth. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep is dumb before the shearers, so He opened not His mouth. Taken from prison and from judgment . . . He was cut off from the land of the living; (and) for the transgres-

sion of my people was He stricken. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him . . . (and) put Him to grief; (for) when Thou (the Lord) shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed; . . . (yea) He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied. By His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities; . . . and He shall divide the spoil with the strong because He hath poured out His soul unto death! He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bare the sin of many and (yet He) made intercession for the transgressors."

Moreover the Lord Has Also Said

"How long will this (Jewish) people provoke Me? How long will it be ere they believe Me for ALL THE SIGNS which I have showed among them? . . . But as truly as I live, all the earth shall (yet) be filled with the glory of the Lord," (Numbers 14: 11, 21)

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, until He comes whose right it is (to have world wide power, dominion, glory and honor) and I will give it to Him" (Ezekiel 21: 27)

"In the last days it shall come to pass. . . And He shall judge among many people . . . and reign over them in Mount Zion . . . even forever." (Micah 4: 1-10)

Sign VIII

The True Messiah Must Therefore Return To Judge and Reign Over the Whole World

All the Old Testament writers prophesied of this stupendous event, Moses being the first to speak of it, as follows:

"The Lord came from Sinai—with ten thousands of saints!" (Deut. 33: 2).

And centuries after that David and the later prophets also said:

"When the Lord shall build up Zion He shall appear in His glory;" "our God shall come" (Psalms 102: 16 & 50: 3) and all His saints with Him, (Zech. 14: 3-5). "I will return saith the Lord (Jer. 12: 15). and will tread upon the high places of the earth" (Micah 1: 3-4). "Then shall the glory of the Lord be revealed and all flesh shall see it together," (Isaiah 40: 1-5, 10)

And of This Christ Also Said:

"I am He" (the Messiah) "I am come that they (who believe) might have life," . . . and "I will come again" . . . "to execute judgment."

(John 4: 26 & 7: 33 & 10: 10 & 14: 1-3 & 5: 22-27).

"In such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man cometh" "in the clouds of Heaven, with power and great glory" (Matthew 24: 26-44).

HOWEVER

Before this promised SECOND coming of the TRUE Messiah as final Judge, Rewarder and Ruler over all earthly things, the following world-shaking "end-time" Bible prophecies must be fulfilled:

1st. The vast majority of professing Christians will turn away from the true Christian faith and practice, to follow after many false religions, and other worldly things; the Gentile nations will become increasingly pagan—wicked, war-mad and destructive; and a small remnant of the Jewish people will have returned to Palestine, and rebuilt it to a large degree. These 3 groups will unite under a last world dictator, Antichrist.

(Matt. 24: 3-42; Luke 21: 24-36; Jer. 31: 10 & 32: 43, 44; 2 Tim. 3: 1-17; Deut. 8: 23-25; Rev. 13: 1-18)

2nd. The Almighty will then "do His act—His strange act"! He will suddenly and miraculously remove from the world (even as He removed Enoch and Elijah) every human who really believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the true Messiah and their own personal Savior and Lord! And then He will permit the hosts of Hell to take control of the whole earth for a short season—to bring upon all that is in it then—as well as upon the Jews—"the time of Jacob's (greatest) trouble"—"the great tribulation."

(Psalm 50: 3-6; Isa. 30: 27, 28 & 28: 21 & 26: 19-21; Daniel 12: 1-4; 1 Cor. 15: 51, 52, 23; John 14: 6, 1-3; Rev. 7: 1-3; Isa. 14: 29, 9; Jer. 30: 1-11 & 51: 1-7; Mal. 4: 1-6; Dan. 11: 20-45 & 12: 8-13; Matthew 24: 15-34; Rev. 12th through 18th chapters).

3rd. At that time, the True Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, will return in great power and glory to destroy "the man of sin," the final Antichrist, and his armies, and to save the little remnant of repentant Jews still alive in Palestine.

(2 Thess. 2: 1-11; Jer. 50: 31-38 & 51: 5; Joel 3: 1, 2, 9-16 & 2: 32; Isa. 19: 1, 19, 20; Zech. 14: 1-9; Rev. 19).

Then, AS MESSIAH ALSO FORETELLS,

"They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and shall mourn" . . . for they will recog-

nize His identity by the wound marks in His forehead and hands and feet, and realize what He went through to save them. Whereupon they will at last believe in and receive Him as their long-expected Messiah, King and Lord; and at that time the Jewish nation (all that is left of it) will be converted to Christ (born again) in one day, and thus become "in one day" the first whole Christian nation this world is ever to see.

(Zech. 12: 10 & 13: 6; Isa. 49: 16-26 & 66: 5-23)

IN THAT DAY

Messiah will take upon **His own** shoulders the government of the whole earth, and will "plant the Jews upon their own land" (Palestine) and establish "the peace of Jerusalem," and for 1000 years He Himself

"Shall reign there before His ancients gloriously"!

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, Amen."

(Isaiah 9: 6, 7 & 16: 5 & 24: 23 & 2: 2-4; Amos 9: 11-15; Revelation 1: 7, 8, 18 & 22: 6-21; Psalm 122: 6).

Reader: If you have not already done so, won't you without further delay heed and obey the loving invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ to "come" unto Him and learn of Him and find rest, eternal rest and bliss, for your soul? (Matthew 11: 25-30)

"As ambassadors for Christ, we beseech you" for the eternal welfare of your loved ones as well as yourself—"receive God's Son"! (Psalm 2nd)

For it is written

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house," (Acts 16: 30, 31) while *"Whosoever believeth not . . . the wrath (or curse) of God* (Deut. 27: 26) *abideth on them."* (John 3: 16, 36)

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