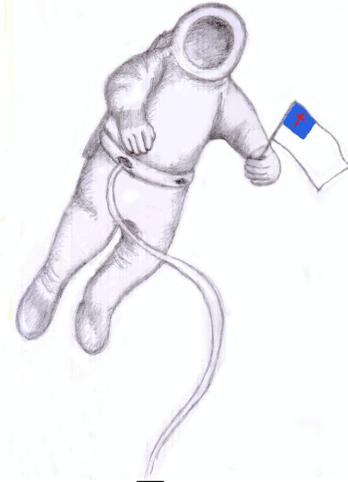


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**THE  
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WHY YOU NEED JESUS**

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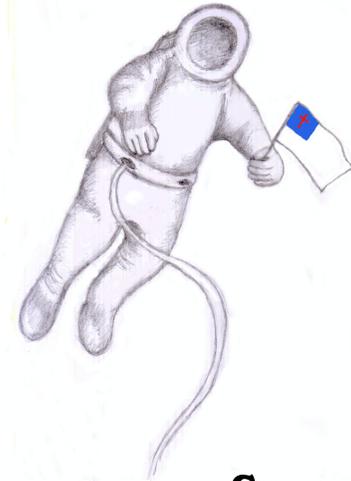


**THIS LITTLE BOOK  
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TO ALL THOSE WHO  
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THE UNIVERSE OF  
GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**HE BREATHED ON THEM,  
AND SAID TO THEM,  
“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

**JOHN 20:22**

# YOU CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN



## WITHOUT A SPACE SUIT

**J**esus said, *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by Me”* (John 14:6). Some respond to Jesus’ absolute declaration by saying that it automatically condemns anyone who is of a different belief system; Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Jews, etc., are all excluded unless they are willing to come to God through the Messiah Jesus. But Jesus also said, *“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved”* (John 3:17).

Every human being on the planet, no matter what race, color, religion or creed, has one thing in common – we are all going to die someday. Human beings are already condemned

to death in a universal pandemic, and the cause of this pandemic is sin. The Bible declares in Romans 3:23 that *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Sin is basically a rebellion against God’s word, which can manifest in many ways, like lesions on a leper’s skin. God has put the antidote to humanities’ loathsome disease of sin in the blood of the Messiah Jesus. It is through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus that this antidote is released to the believer.

A voice suddenly arises from the multitudes in the world who are opposing the Gospel message, and a representative emerges from the crowd and responds, *“We know we have sinned. But God is a merciful God. He will let us into Heaven if we do our best and our good deeds outweigh the bad!”*

To answer this one we must take a journey.

*“Come with me my friend, and I will show you God’s answer.”*

We suddenly find ourselves standing in the magnificent banquet hall of Jesus’ parable found in Matthew chapter twenty-two. Before us is a sumptuous feast ready to be enjoyed by a multitude of people all adorned in glowing white robes.

Jesus is there to greet you, my friend. He looks at you and He says, *“Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?”*

You suddenly find that you are speechless. You thought you were dressed for the occasion. You very carefully picked out your own clothes and it took you many years to assemble an outfit that you thought would make you acceptable to God. You are shocked and horrified to hear Jesus, the King in this parable say to His servants, *“Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

You suddenly find yourself experiencing the horror of being rejected by the Lord and being subjected to the same treatment God has reserved for demons; demons who know the will of God and reject it.

But because you are not dead yet, you still have a chance to repent and God wants you to understand. So, you find yourself standing with Adam and Eve after they had listened to the voice of deception that undermined God's commandment, by telling them that there would be no consequences for their disobedience (Genesis 3: 1-21).

They only had to disobey one commandment to sever their relationship with God, just one.

When they realized they were naked, they also fashioned an outfit of their own making using what materials were available, and we are told in the Genesis account that they covered themselves with leaves; leaves that would eventually dry up and wither away. The prophet Isaiah must have had this incident in mind when he said, *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away"* (Isaiah 64:6).

Then we watch in amazement as an animal is slain and God clothes His shivering children with a work of His hands; and He adorns them with forgiveness in the warm skins of the first sacrifice (Genesis 3:21).

The point of it all is this – man cannot do what can only be done by an act of God. Man cannot make himself acceptable to God, he is incapable of ridding himself of his disease of sin. It must be done for him, by God, God's way according to the pattern and plan He has designed.

Now there is a "spiritually scientific" reason why the redemption of the human race must be accomplished precisely according to God's plan. In order to understand, we must make another journey through time which begins for us

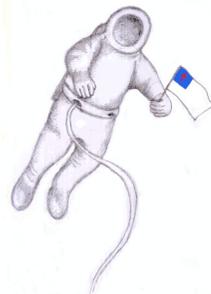
at the gates of fallen Eden.

We watch as God bans Adam and Eve from eating of the tree of life because the fruit from that tree would give them and their offspring the ability to live forever on earth in their fallen state; showing us that human beings were never designed to live forever on earth apart from a provision from God. Yet they were designed in the image of God, which means their souls have eternal properties and will survive the death of the body. This is why we share the Gospel, to save souls from eternal separation from God and spiritual death.

Now this brings us to a vitally important point - human beings were never designed to inhabit Heaven - we were constructed to live forever in the earth realm in a state of perfection, a perfection that could only be maintained by obedience to God, and as we have seen, that obedience was not maintained and the world is enduring the consequences of Adam's original sin. If you don't believe in original sin, my friend, we all have an original sin lurking somewhere in our personal history, we all share Adam and Eve's corrupted DNA; we are all standing on the same feet of clay.

So what we have here is a world full of people that need to be rescued, "saved," so that their souls can be reunited with God after the death of the body and dwell with Him forever in His realm. In order for that to happen, our sin diseased souls need to be "converted," cleansed, and a provision must be made for souls that are designed to live on earth to be able to survive in Heaven's holy atmosphere, in the presence of a holy God.

Imagine an astronaut trying to survive in outer space without a space suit and the necessary oxygen it contains. He would die very quickly because he was not designed by His Creator to live in outer space.



Likewise, in order for our souls to survive in Heaven, we need to be equipped like that astronaut. The antidote for our sin and the equipment we need is provided for us through God's wondrous plan of redemption.

This plan begins to unfold for us as we continue our journey through time in the pages of God's word.

We watch Adam and Eve's two sons bring their offerings to God. The Lord accepts Abel's gift from his flock, which is a symbol of the sacrifice that clothed their parents. But God rejects Cain's offering of the fruits of his labor from ground that God had cursed, and we are reminded again that we cannot please God apart from what He has chosen to make us acceptable to Him.

We proceed to the time of Abraham and we watch in suspense as he is about to sacrifice his beloved son. Then just at the moment when he is about to plunge in the knife, we sigh with relief as an angel intervenes and a ram is substituted for the offering. The boy's life is spared by a sacrifice provided by God.

Our journey continues and we enter Pharaoh's land at the moment when God's judgments against the Egyptian kingdom are coming to their conclusion.

God commands His people to put the blood of a sacrifice upon the doorposts of their houses and the plague of death upon the Egyptians firstborn would pass them by as God said in Exodus 12:13 - *"When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."*

The Israelites obeyed this command and their lives were spared by the blood of the Passover lamb.

Released from Pharaoh's bondage, we follow the Hebrew nation into the wilderness, a place of testing where God gives His laws through His servant Moses.

Now there are Ten Commandments that must be obeyed.

But before Moses even has the chance to present the word of God that had been written in stone, Moses finds to his dismay that his people are dancing around a golden calf, a god that their own hands had made, breaking the first commandment - *"thou shall have no other gods before Me."* In response, Moses breaks the stones containing God's Word before the people showing them and us, that if you break one commandment, you have broken them all.

Moses returns to his mountain of intimacy with the Lord and he is given the commandments again, but this time he is also given the plan and the pattern for the construction of the tabernacle; the place where sacrifices would be made; sacrifices that would be accepted by God for the forgiveness of sins.

This is why the Apostle Paul said in Romans 5:14 that death reigned from Adam to Moses. Why did it stop at Moses? Because provision was made for the forgiveness of sins and the redemption of the people in the tabernacle sacrifices. Paul is telling us that no one can be saved without atonement.

God told Moses in Leviticus 17:11 - *"The life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul."* God has never changed this requirement for the remission of sin. Never.

Does that mean that no one could be saved prior to the tabernacle sacrifices? Revelation thirteen, verse eight tells us that Jesus was *"slain from the foundation of the world."* God considered the atonement of Jesus a completed act even before its actual manifestation. We are shown from Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the rich man found in Luke sixteen that those who believed in God and died prior to the tabernacle sacrifices and Jesus' sacrifice, like Abraham, went to Paradise. Jesus' fulfillment of the atonement on Calvary released those souls from Paradise and enabled their entrance into Heaven

and God's presence.

The instructions for atonement in the tabernacle services were to be followed precisely as God had given them to Moses with absolutely no deviations. When Aaron's sons decided to get creative and invented an offering of their own design, they were immediately fired, literally, and their charred corpses were carried from the tabernacle.

God dealt with them severely because unless God's pattern is followed precisely the result is death – for multitudes; because we cannot be outfitted for Heaven apart from what God has ordained. We can't "wing it" like Aaron's sons and deviate from the pattern. Man cannot add philosophy to God's formula and expect an altered version of God's plan of redemption to be accepted; and from a purely practical, spiritually scientific stand point – it just won't work.

Standing in the doorway of the tabernacle in this journey, we realize that everything we have been shown so far is a foreshadow or a type prefiguring the fulfillment of God's plan to rescue our souls from eternal spiritual death.

As we listen to the sounds of animals being slaughtered to make a temporary atonement for our sins, we look ahead to the fulfillment of the plan in Jesus, the prophesied Messiah, the Redeemer of mankind.

We continue on our journey toward a hill in the distance where the final once for all time sacrifice for our sins is to be made. We hear the prophet Isaiah's words accompanying us along the way. He speaks and his prophecy concerning the purpose of Messiah's coming flows around us like poetry.

*He was wounded for our transgressions, 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. (Isaiah 53:5,6).*

*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief:*

*when Thou shall make His soul an offering for sin (verse 10).*

As the realization of this fact begins to take hold of our hearts, we suddenly find ourselves standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross where Jesus is being crucified.

We watch with the Apostle John as the centurion pierces Jesus' side with his spear, and we see the clear fluid from the heart's pericardial sac flow out with blood from the wound. Jesus' was clearly dead, for when that sac is pierced there can be no hope of resuscitation.

The Passover Lamb has been slain and placed in a tomb.

And here we wait for the prophesied moment to arrive, the new dawn when Jesus returns to life. And in this instant of resurrected victory we know that the plan that God has designed for the redemption of mankind has been victoriously completed.

We stand with the disciples before our resurrected Lord in awe and amazement.

Jesus' sacrifice has cleansed our believing souls and we have received His righteousness upon us. We are now clothed in our wedding garments, the "space suits" that make us acceptable and enables us to be invited into the universe of God's Holy Presence.

Now that we have been cleansed by faith in the atonement, we have been enabled to receive God's Holy Spirit. Then Jesus speaks to us as recorded in John 20:22, "*Receive the Holy Spirit!*" and He breathes into us His Eternal life giving Spirit that will enable our souls to live forever in Heaven's holy atmosphere.

If you still don't understand how all this works, we're going to get a bit technical here.

Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples after His resurrection. The only other time that word "breathed" is used in the Scriptures is when God breathed the breath of life into Adam. In the Hebrew the word "breath" is "neshamah."

The word in Hebrew for the Holy Spirit is “Ruach.”

Therefore, Adam’s life force was not the Ruach, the Holy Spirit. The “breath,” the neshamah that animated Adam’s body does not have the ability to enable the soul to breathe and live eternally in God’s holy environment. Because humans were designed by God to live on earth, the neshamah was not designed to transport the soul into God’s presence after the death of the body. The neshamah is not the oxygen of Heaven, it is designed only to give life to the human body on earth.

Jesus was given life as a man by the Ruach, the Holy Spirit as the scriptures record in Luke 1:35. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary, and God breathed His Spirit into her womb.

Paul notes the distinction between Adam and Jesus in first Corinthians 15:45 – *And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening (or life giving) spirit.*

Jesus was made a life giving spirit.

Jesus said in John 5:26, *“As the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself.”*

The life is in the blood as we have been shown in Leviticus 17:11, and that life in the blood of Jesus, is the Spirit of Eternal life, the Ruach, the Holy Spirit. And as Jesus has said in Matthew 10:20, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father. Jesus is the Son of God.

So you see this is why it is essential that we receive Jesus, and why we need Him; because it is only through faith in God’s plan of redemption, the death and resurrection of the Messiah Jesus, that we can receive the Holy Spirit, and only the Holy Eternal Spirit of the living God gives us the ability to live eternally. It is the oxygen of Heaven and it has been placed by God in the blood of the Messiah to give to us through faith in His death and resurrection – God’s plan for our redemption.

Jesus breathes that life in His blood, His Eternal Spirit, that oxygen we need to survive eternally in Heaven, into us when we believe.

We have reached the end of our journey and we now have learned the “Spiritually Scientific” reason why salvation can only be obtained through God’s plan because the holy oxygen we need for our soul’s survival in Heaven’s holy atmosphere is only found in the blood of Jesus; the blood that is released to us by His sacrifice for our sins that makes us holy and gives us eternal life.

One of the arguments that some people use to attack Christianity is that the worship of Jesus is idolatry. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As we have been shown, God’s Spirit is Jesus’ Spirit (Romans 8:9). God was in the Messiah Jesus reconciling the world to Himself (II Corinthians 5:19). *For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit to the Father (Ephesians 2:18).*

The Apostle Paul affirms in Ephesians 3:21, that God is glorified or worshipped through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is God’s image (Colossians 1:15), and as Jesus said, *“He who has seen Me has seen the Father (John 14:9). I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).* This is how an invisible holy God can have lunch with Abraham in Genesis 18. When Jesus returns in Zechariah 14, He is referred to as God.

The prophet David is used as a similitude of the Messiah, and in I Chronicles 29:20, David is worshipped with God and it is not idolatry.

In the book of Hebrews 1:6, there is a quote from a now extinct Hebrew manuscript that says, *“Let all the angels of God worship him”* - the Messiah.

It is not idolatry to worship the One that God has ordained to represent Him.

Before all of humanity there stands a great mountain. Its

summit is hidden in the clouds of heaven. Each one of us is making a journey up that mountain seeking to obtain the summit where God and eternity resides.

No matter what our religion, we are all one in this endeavor, but as we continue upward, we find that the air is getting thinner, rarer. We discover to our dismay that we cannot continue to the summit for the air in that realm is too rare and holy for us to breathe.

Then out from humanities' multitudes that have been forced to remain behind, emerges a remnant clothed in white, marching upward in triumph and gratitude. These ones continue on to the summit and disappear into the holy mist of God's abode because they have been equipped for the journey by faith and they can breathe the rare air of Heaven.

Will you be among those who are clothed in the garments that only God can provide through faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus?

If you don't as yet have your space suit and the oxygen you need to survive in Heaven, it's easy to obtain. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead as the Scriptures proclaim. Then repent. Admit you have sinned and you need His forgiveness. Ask Him to forgive your sins, then invite Him into your heart to be the Lord of your life. It's as easy as praying and He will give you all the equipment you need for your adventure with Him in eternity.

In this journey we have watched Jesus die on a cross for our sins. We stood before His empty tomb and beheld Him breathing His eternal life giving Spirit into His disciples' souls. If you believe - Jesus is standing before you now and He is asking you to do one thing - "Inhale!"

# MATHEMATICAL ODDS

There are over three hundred prophecies concerning the Messiah interwoven throughout the Old Testament. Some of them are repetitions of the same prophecy. For example, the prophecy concerning Jesus being from the line of David is repeated about fourteen times. The prophecy that tells us that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem is repeated five times. The number of non-repeating distinct prophecies is about one hundred and ninety.

M.B. Bleecker was an engineer who invented a helicopter prototype and the ram jet engine. He was also a Christian who took one hundred and fifty of the remarkable prophecies that Jesus fulfilled and calculated the odds of His fulfilling those prophecies. The odds of one man fulfilling one hundred and fifty prophecies in one lifetime are one in -

1,039,851,278,722,473,896,502,516,467,047,788,121,009,514,090,5  
94,304.

The odds of Jesus fulfilling just eight of them in His lifetime are one in -

100,000,000,000,000,000.

God, The Ultimate Mathematician, has given us the numbers that point the way to the miracle of Jesus, the Messiah.

## A BIRD IN THE HAND

The fourteenth chapter of Leviticus, verses one through seven, is a wonderful example of the typology foreshadowing the Messiah that God has so brilliantly interwoven throughout the Holy Scriptures.

These particular verses in Leviticus describe a ritual for the cleansing of a leper. The priest commands that two birds be taken. One is killed in an earthen vessel over running water. Then a cedar stick with a scarlet cloth and hyssop are dipped in the blood of the bird, and so is the living bird. Then the priest sprinkles the leper with the blood on the cedar scarlet hyssop pole seven times and releases the living bird to freedom. Then the leper is pronounced clean.

I can picture a small child, the son of the priest, perhaps, watching this ceremony with a curious expression on his face. Afterwards, he asks his daddy; "Abba, what does it mean when you kill the bird and let the other go free?"

The priest doesn't really know what it means. He only knows that God has told them to do it that way. He might add in his explanation, that it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul and quote Leviticus 17:11. He doesn't know exactly why. It is the command of God and that is enough. He couldn't know what it all meant in his time, but now the scenario is quite a bit different.

A modern child has read these Scriptures and comes to his father, a pastor, perhaps. The child asks, "Daddy, what does this mean. Why is the one bird killed and the other goes free?"

The father smiles. He knows the answer because the shadows of the past have been unveiled in the light of prophecies fulfilled.

"The first bird is killed in an earthen vessel because someday the Spirit of God would be in a man, the Messiah to

save His creation. He would enter an earthen vessel and be killed and the water of His Holy Spirit would flow. The scarlet hyssop pole is symbolic of the cross He died upon in order to sprinkle His blood upon many nations, cleansing them from the leprosy of their sin. Then covered by the blood of the Messiah, the captive soul is set free and can rise into new eternal life because of the other's sacrifice. Do you understand?"

The child smiles. He understands and recites; "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, because He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our sins." (*John 3:16, Isaiah 53:5*).

There is a flutter of wings outside the window and the child looks up in time to see a bird soaring out into the daylight, free.

# THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

## GENESIS 3:15

The fifteenth verse of the third chapter of Genesis is considered to be the first messianic prophecy in the Bible.

*And I will put enmity (hatred) between you (the devil) and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. - Genesis 3:15.*

Christians see the seed of the woman as a reference to the Messiah Jesus. Hebrew critics argue that this is a misinterpretation. They translate the text somewhat differently, even though other scholars of the Hebrew language disagree. -

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; they shall strike at your head, and you shall strike at their heel."*

The Jews interpret this to mean that the devil will be defeated by the nation of Israel, the seeds. A majority of modern Jews see themselves as the deliverers of mankind. Aside from being a massive ego trip on their part, they are still misinterpreting what this verse is really telling us.

The Hebrew word, "zera" seed, can be translated as an individual seed or "descendants." The "seeds" are an obvious reference to a lineage, which consists of more than one person. What we are being shown is that deliverance will come through the lineage of the woman.

Luke's Gospel contains the lineage of the Virgin Mary (Luke 3:23-38). It was a custom to list the wife's lineage under the name of the husband as they were viewed as one flesh (Genesis 2:24). This is why Joseph's name is mentioned in verse 23. Joseph's lineage is listed in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 1:1-17). It's interesting to note that his lineage is

traced from Abraham up to Joseph. Mary's lineage however, is traced down all the way back to Adam. It has been discovered that the DNA of anyone is carried by the female. Therefore the Bible miraculously records Mary's lineage connecting the DNA from the first Adam to the last Adam, the Messiah Jesus.

The "seeds" contained in Mary's lineage, the individuals that God had chosen to be part of the Messiah's family line, including Abraham, David and Noah, all had a part in helping to defeat the devil by being the seeds through which the Messiah Jesus would be born - the "Seed" of the "seeds."

So we can see that in this sense, deliverance is accomplished by the Jews, solely because their nation was chosen by God to be the womb through which He would birth salvation for everyone through the prophesied Messiah Jesus.

The wording of the Hebrew texts illustrates the continuous warfare between the two lineages, the devil's agents and Eve's offspring. The bondage of death that the devil held was broken by the Messiah's death and victorious resurrection. Faith in Him breathes eternal life on all who believe as promised.

In either case, the seed or seeds of the woman have the same victory in any translation.

# PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY THE MESSIAH JESUS

The first prophecy concerning the Messiah is found in Genesis 3:15.

*And I will put enmity (hatred) between you (the devil) and the woman (Eve), and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

The Messiah would be born through Eve's lineage, (Luke 3:38) and bruised by the devil. And the devil would be defeated by the Messiah.

Galatians 4:4, Revelation 12:5

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Because the Messiah is to come through Abraham's lineage, his lineage is a blessing to all nations. -

*And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed (Genesis 12:3).*

*Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him (Genesis 18:18).*

Therefore the Messiah would also be a descendent of David. -

*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, (Matthew 1:6) and a Branch shall grow out of his roots (Isaiah 11:1).*

John 1:45, Acts 3:25. 13:22,23, Galatians 3:8

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The Bible indicates the time of Messiah's coming. -

*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).*

It was only under Roman rule, that the Jews were deprived of their ability to pass capital sentences. The "scepter" was removed and that is why the Jews had to bring Jesus to Pilate for sentencing. So we are told here the time in history when the Messiah would arrive.

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The Messiah is to be born of a Virgin. -

*Therefore the lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14). -*

The name Immanuel means "God with us." In the original Hebrew the word used for virgin is *almah*, which means a young woman of marriageable age, which would mean a virgin in the Hebrew culture at that time. The same word, *almah*, is used to describe the virgin Rebecca in the Hebrew text of Genesis 25.

The New Testament Scriptures confirm Jesus' virgin birth. -  
Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:26,35, Luke 3:36

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The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. -

*But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting (Micah 5:2).*

Matthew 2:1-6, Luke 2:4, John 7:42

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The Messiah is descended from -

**Shem** - Genesis 9:27, Luke 3:36

**Abraham** - Genesis 12:3, 18:18, Matthew 1:1,2, Luke 3:34, Acts 3:25

**Isaac** - Genesis 17:19, 21:12, Matthew 1:2, Luke 3:34, Romans 9:7

**Jacob** - Genesis 28:14, Numbers 24:17, Matthew 1:2, Luke 3:34

**Of the Tribe of Judah** - Genesis 49:10, Micah 5:2, Matthew 1:2, Revelation 5:5

**Of the house of David** - Isaiah 9:7, Jeremiah 23:5, Matthew 1:1,6, Luke 3:31, John 7:42

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**Prophecies of Jesus' early life, ministry, death and resurrection.** -

Children massacred as the result of His birth - Jeremiah 31:15, Matthew 2:17,18

He would be called out of Egypt - Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:15

He would minister in Galilee - Isaiah 9:1, 2, Matthew 4:15, 16

He would be a priest like Melchizedek - Psalm 110:4, Hebrews 5:6, 6:20, 7: 17, 21

He would cleanse the temple. - Psalm 69:9, John 2:17

The anointing of God would be upon Him - Isaiah 11:2, Psalm 45:2, Luke 4:18

He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey's colt, -Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-10, John 12:14-16

He would be betrayed - Psalm 41:9, Matthew 26:15, Mark 14:10, 21

For thirty pieces of silver - Zechariah 11:12, 13, Mathew 26:15, Mark 14:10, 21

He would be silent before His accusers - Psalm 38:13, Isaiah 53:7, Matthew 26:63, 27: 12-14

He would suffer vicariously- Isaiah 53:4-6, 12, Daniel 9:26, Matthew 8:17, Romans 4:25, I Corinthians 15:3, 4, Hebrews 9:28, I Peter 3:18

**Note:** It was commonly accepted among the early Jews that the Messiah would be a suffering servant. In one of the many ancient manuscripts that record this fact, the Messiah tells God the Father that He would be willing to suffer in order to save them.

He would die with criminals - Isaiah 53:9-12, Matthew 27:38, Luke 23: 39, 40

His hands and feet would be pierced - Psalm 22:16, Zechariah

12:10, John 20:27

He would be insulted and mocked - Psalm 109:25, 22:6,7, Matthew 27: 39, Mark 15:16-20,29

He would drink of vinegar and gall - Psalm 69:21, Matthew 27: 34, 48, John 19:29

Lots would be cast for His clothing - Psalm 22:18, Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, John 19:24

Like the Passover sacrificial lamb, not a bone of His would be broken - Exodus 12:46, Psalm 34:20, John 19:36

He would be buried with the rich - Isaiah 53:9, Matthew 27:57-60

He would rise from the dead - Psalm 16:10, Matthew 27:63, 28:6, Acts 2:27-31 - and "see His seed" after death Isaiah 53:10.

He would ascend into heaven - Psalm 68:18, 110:1, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9, Ephesians 4:8-10, Hebrews 1:3

There are also prophecies concerning the Messiah that have yet to be fulfilled. When we study Scripture it is important to understand that the entire counsel of God's Word must be consulted in order to understand it properly, or misinterpretations can arise. For example, there are prophecies that show us the Messiah is to be a suffering servant (Isaiah 53). At the same time we are shown that He will bring peace to the world (Isaiah 11). And the whole world will be in subjection to Him when He comes supernaturally a second time as recorded in Zechariah 14:4 and prophesied by Jesus (Matthew 24:27-30). So here we see that when all the

Scriptures concerning the Messiah are taken into consideration, we understand that He first comes to give His life for the sins of mankind reconciling them to God, and that He will eventually come a second time, supernaturally as He has said, to bring peace to the earth under His rule.

**SURELY I COME QUICKLY – JESUS  
REVELATION 22:20**

# THE MESSIAH JESUS AND ISAIAH 53

One of the pastors I met had a neighbor who was Jewish. This Jewish man vehemently rejected Jesus being the prophesied Messiah. One day while he was visiting the pastor, and they were having their usual theological discussion, the pastor opened his Bible and said, "I am going to read something from God's word. Tell me if it is from the Old Testament, or the new."

The pastor read him the fifty-third chapter from the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament. When he was finished, the Jewish man promptly exclaimed. "That's obvious. It's from the New Testament. It's all about Jesus." Then the pastor showed him that what he had read was actually from the Old Testament.

The pastor told me that the man's face turned as red as the carpet and he quickly fled the house.

It was sad that he could not remain to honestly and humbly admit that what he had been shown was an accurate prophetic declaration that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Redeemer of mankind.

While Isaiah's prophecy is such an accurate description of the Messiah's suffering for the souls of mankind, the Jews for the most part are taught to believe that Isaiah is actually referring to the nation of Israel as mankind's redeemer. Because of the reference in verse eleven to God's righteous servant, and the fact that Israel is also called God's servant in other places in the Old Testament, the assumption is made without really consulting any other texts. But that was not always the case. The bulk of Jewish scholars recognized that the prophet Isaiah was writing about the Messiah. This correct interpretation is abundant in their writings and was the

accepted interpretation.

In the Talmud (Sanhedrin 98b), it says, "The Rabbis said that Messiah's name is the Suffering Scholar of Rabbi's House (or 'Leper scholar'). For it is written 'Surely He has born our griefs and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted' (Isaiah 53:4).

In a commentary on Genesis, Rabbi Moses (the Preacher, 11<sup>th</sup> century), wrote; - From the beginning God has made a covenant with the Messiah and told Him, "My righteous Messiah, those who are entrusted to you, their sins will bring you into a heavy yoke'...And He answered, 'I gladly accept all these agonies in order that not one of Israel should be lost.' Immediately, the Messiah accepted all agonies with love, as it is written: 'He was oppressed and He was afflicted.'"

There are many other references to the suffering Messiah, but the traditional view began to change when it was noted that the Christians were using Isaiah 53 as an effective tool to bring Jews to the Messiah Jesus. The concept of the nation of Israel being the suffering servant of Isaiah's prophecy began to emerge from the shadows. Then a Rabbi named Rashi (1046-1105) promoted the budding concept that Isaiah was somehow speaking about the nation of Israel as the suffering servant. Many of the Rabbis of his day rejected Rashi's interpretation. One of them, Rabbi Moshe Kohen Ibn Crispin of Cordova, (1350), called it "forced and farfetched." He was absolutely right.

One of the Rabbis who refused to depart from the correct interpretation wisely noted; "Since Messiah bears our iniquities which produce the effect of His being bruised, it follows that whoso will not admit that the Messiah thus suffers for our iniquities, must endure and suffer for them himself." (Rabbi Elijah de Vidas (16<sup>th</sup> century) - Driver and Neubauer pg. 331).

I think that it's important to understand how the Jewish

scholars choose to interpret scripture. They have a concept called "Takenot." This allows them to take a scripture out of context and build an entire doctrine around it. If all the other Rabbis are in agreement with it, then it becomes "law" even if it contradicts the Bible. So we can see why it is easy for them to ignore verse eight in Isaiah's prophecy that contradicts their interpretation that the nation of Israel is the suffering servant of Isaiah 53 and not Jesus.

In verse eight God makes a very definite designation between His people, Israel, and a specific individual, the Messiah: - "...for the transgression of my people (Isaiah's people, Israel) was He stricken."

It is also fairly ludicrous to believe that sinners can atone for the sins of another sinner, when all have sinned. Every human being is standing on the same feet of clay that fell in Eden's garden.

The pattern and means that God established for the remission of sins in the Old Testament, has also been removed or diminished. God stated very clearly that, "*The life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it upon the altar to make atonement for the soul, it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*" - *Leviticus 17:11*. God has never changed or altered this requirement for the remission of sin, which is foreshadowed throughout the Old Testament.

When Jesus declared the Gospel to Nicodemus in John 3:16, He wasn't really stating anything new. The concept of grace, or having one's sins covered by sacrifice had already been established in the book of Genesis when God made the first sacrifice to cover Adam and Eve, showing us that their futile attempts to cover their own sin by self-effort was worthless and could never be accepted by God (Genesis 3:21). In view of this, to say that Israel could be the redeemer of mankind in Isaiah's prophecy, is ludicrous.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all the foreshadows, similitudes

and typologies relating to the Messiah throughout the writings of Moses, the Psalms and the prophets. No else has ever, or will ever duplicate what the Messiah Jesus has fulfilled. Jesus is the prophesied Messiah

# **CONNECTING THE DOTS: THE MESSIAH JESUS FULFILLS HEBREW TRADITIONS**

There are many Hebrew traditions concerning the Messiah that point to Jesus. So far the Jews have not been able to connect the dots. In one of those traditions it was taught that the messiah would come, and then be hidden. It was also recognized that the messiah would be killed. They also know that the scriptures reveal that the messiah would rule and reign in David's throne. Because they could not coordinate what they were being shown, they came up with this explanation: there would have to be two messiahs, one that would be killed and another following after that would reign.

This explanation was accepted, even though their previous writings, prophecies and the Scriptures reveal that there is only one messiah. Unfortunately they failed to see that the Messiah Jesus fulfilled their traditions. He came, was killed and is currently being hidden from them until the time of His return to rule the world from Jerusalem. When we look at the prophecies concerning the messiah in the Old Testament, they all contribute to the same scenario.

While most Jews today see their messiah/messiahs as mere men, the scriptures, however, paint a different picture. We are shown in Zechariah 14:1,2, that Israel will suffer another captivity before Jesus returns. He then arrives supernaturally in verse four, planting His feet on the Mount of Olives, causing a massive earthquake which splits the mount. The text in Zechariah's prophecy also goes on to show us that it is God, YHWH, Himself that is ruling. Jesus has always been God's image, His theophany. Jesus said, "He that has seen Me,

has seen the Father” (John 14:9). This is how a holy, invisible God can have lunch with Abraham (Genesis 18). This same union of God with His Son/image, will fill the throne of David in the proper season and rule the world with righteous judgments.

Let’s not allow ourselves to be deceived by any counterfeits. We are shown very clearly from the scriptures that there would be many false prophets and messiahs that would deceive many (Matthew 24:4,5,11,23,24-27; II Cor. 11:14, I John 4:1-3). Today’s technology can produce what some could misconstrue as “miracles.” Holograms can mislead people into thinking their messiah is coming from the sky. Having a close, personal relationship with the Lord now and reading His word, is the best protection from deception a believer can have. Unfortunately the Jews who have rejected the Messiah Jesus/Yeshua, will not have that protection. Zechariah 11:16, shows us that God will raise up *a shepherd in the land, which will not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that stands still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.*

This is a prophecy of the antichrist that will precede Jesus’ second coming. God will allow the Jews to experience the horrific evil reign of the messiah they have preferred over Jesus. When the Lord returns and eliminates this evil, releasing them from their captivity, they will see the contrast of God’s reign through Jesus of compassion and true justice.

Only at the very end at Jesus’ actual return will they be able to see the Truth. - *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 (The Father) whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, (Jesus, the Son) as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. – Zechariah 12:10*

# WHY JESUS HAS TO BE THE MESSIAH FROM DANIEL 9 AND 11

I was surprised to learn that the Hebrew scholars do not regard Daniel as a prophet; at least he is not included in the same category as the other prophets. The reasons they give is that there can be no prophet during a captivity and Daniel did not receive his instructions directly from God but through intermediaries - angels. Therefore they do not regard Daniel's prophecies on the same level with the other prophets. They ignore the fact that Daniel received visions directly from the Lord and he would have had to hear personally from God in order to interpret dreams, which he did.

I think the real reason Daniel is not taken seriously is because none of his prophecies line up with what the Jews want to believe about their future in the latter days.

The Jews envision their messiah coming and ruling the world with them. It is at this time that the orthodox Jews believe that the Gentiles will be their slaves. I am not making this up, they really believe this. They are currently pushing for the building of the third temple and they believe that the messiah will not come until the temple is erected. Then the messiah, who they see as a mere man, will come and instigate a world peace, the Jews will be exalted and everything will be wonderful. They fail to take into consideration that if their messiah is a mere man, then that perfect world will only last as long as his lifetime. Enjoy it while you can.

There are prophecies of a world healed of its infirmities, but in order to understand how the Bible reveals the fulfillment of a coming utopian future, we must begin by

examining Daniel's prophecies and how they coordinate with the rest of scripture.

One of Daniel's portraits of the future is in the ninth chapter of his prophecy which is known as the "Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks." In this chapter we are shown that Daniel had been reading the prophet Jeremiah and he discovered that Jeremiah had foretold that the captivity would last seventy years. We can imagine Daniel's exhilaration when he realized that their seventy year sentence had reached its conclusion. This knowledge propelled Daniel into a heartfelt and earnest prayer of repentance for his sins and the sins of his people. In response to that prayer, Daniel was visited by an angel who revealed the secrets of the future to this one who was to God "greatly beloved."

Daniel is told that Jerusalem, which had been destroyed would be rebuilt along with the temple. The city would be destroyed again, but before that an anointed one would be killed (Daniel 9:26). Some translations interpret anointed one as Messiah. Now let's stop here and take a look at the history that has already been fulfilled.

After the captivity, the Jews were restored to the holy land. The Persian king Cyrus ordered the city and the temple to be rebuilt. Jesus came before that temple was destroyed, and He prophesied that the city would be annihilated because she "did not know the time of her visitation" (Luke 19:44); that the Messiah had come. Her rejection of the "anointed one" resulted in His being killed. The city and the temple were destroyed by Titus in 70AD, just as the Lord had prophesied. This fulfills Daniel's prophecy perfectly. Even if the Jews did not recognize Jesus as the messiah at that time, they still acknowledge that He did miracles. The secular Jewish historian Josephus also recorded that Jesus did miracles, which certainly would qualify Him as being anointed. So we see in Daniel's prophecy the anointed one killed before the

destruction of the city, forty years after Jesus' death and resurrection from the dead (verse 26). Then the future "prince that is to come" emerges from the people who destroyed the city.

We have to understand at this point, the element of duality in this prophecy in regards to the city's invasion and destruction. It may happen again. Jesus' prophecy in Matthew twenty-four is clearly speaking about another attack on Jerusalem in the generation before He returns.

Today the Jews have returned and are returning to the nation of Israel. They are currently awaiting a "prince that is to come," who they believe will be their long awaited messiah. But Daniel's prophecies do not reveal a benevolent deliverer, but quite the opposite. Another piece to the puzzle is added in Daniel's chapter eleven.

This chapter is in two parts. The first part from verses twenty-one through thirty-one describes the advent of Antiochus Epiphanes, an evil ruler who was dedicated to destroying the Jew's religion. Antiochus was eventually defeated by the Maccabees which is foreshadowed in verses thirty-two through thirty-five of Daniel's prophecy. These verses serve as a bridge that transitions us to the picture of the final prince that is to come, the antichrist, (Daniel 11:36-45) of whom Antiochus is a foreshadow. We can see that this villain will be operating through the great tribulation of the latter days, also prophesied by Jesus which is known as the time of Jacob's trouble (Matthew 24:21, Daniel 12:1). In Daniel's prophecy we see that this time continues until the very end and all history cumulates at the last judgment at the feet of the Ancient of Days, God the Father.

Then we have to ask, where is the Jew's vision of them ruling the world from Jerusalem with their messiah in prophecy? When are those prophecies of a warless world fulfilled?

So far we have seen that the “anointed one” that was killed before the destruction of the second temple was Jesus, who prophesied that He would return as “lightning” (Matthew 24:27). It is here we need to examine Zechariah’s prophecy which was deposited through his pen by the Lord to complete the picture of the future initiated by Daniel.

We see in verses one and two of Zechariah’s message, that Israel is enduring yet another brutal captivity. This correlates to the time of Jacob’s trouble which is the tribulation. This judgment was prophesied by Ezekiel. God would bring Israel’s enemies upon them (Ezekiel 36:16,) and this captivity would continue until the Lord’s return as we are shown in Zechariah’s prophecy.

We see in Zechariah that it is God who descends upon the Mount of Olives, the place from which Jesus also prophesied of this event in His Olivet discourse (Matthew 24:3).

When Jesus, who is God’s image, returns He destroys the world’s oppressors including the antichrist and the beast, the last world empire. He then begins His rule from Jerusalem. The prophecies of the time frame of His rule vary in the accounts in the Apocrypha in II Esdras and the Book of Revelation. Esdras is told by an angel that this time will encompass four hundred years. In Revelation it is one thousand years. In either case this time is far longer than a mere man can live.

Because Jesus is God manifest in human flesh (I Timothy 3:16), Jesus’ reign of peace will last far longer than a man’s average lifetime. This is one reason why Jesus had to come twice, once to be the last sacrifice for the sins of the people fulfilling all the foreshadows of the temple services and the prophecies in the Old Testament. After His resurrection from the dead He ascended and received His resurrected body which would enable Him to live forever and reign on earth for such a long time.

This same Jesus who is the image of God (Colossians 1:15) who dined with Abraham, (Genesis 18) will be the finale of all the Jew's expectations and they will finally be able to "Look upon Me (God the Father) whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him (Jesus the Messiah) as one mourns for his only son." (Zechariah 12:10).

When all the prophecies concerning the messiah in the scriptures are taken into consideration, they only paint one portrait, no matter how many attempts are made to circumvent them. Jesus has to be the messiah because there is no other benevolent "anointed one" that appears in scripture after the destruction of the temple in 70AD. The antichrist, the evil prince that is to come is the false messiah that will deceive the Jews and all those who reject Jesus. According to the notes on Daniel eleven in the Holman Bible, one ancient manuscript describes this "prince that is to come" arriving upon "the wings of horrors."

The Jews will never rule the world from Jerusalem with their "messiah," except for possibly a brief interlude of deception before the antichrist demands to be worshipped in the place of god (I Thessalonians 2:3,4); the "abomination of desolation" (Matthew 24:15, Daniel 9:27).

While the Jew's dream of world domination will never be fulfilled as they have imagined, the repentant survivors of the time of Jacob's trouble, will be privileged to serve under the Anointed One that was killed, resurrected and supernaturally returns to be the true King as He always was and is, the Messiah Jesus.

**ISAIAH 40:12**  
**AND**  
**PROVERBS 30:4**

**Who has**  
*Measured the waters*  
*in the hollow of His hand,*  
*And meted out heaven with the span,*  
*And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,*  
*And weighed the mountains in scales,*  
*And the hills in a balance?*

*Who has*  
*Ascended up into heaven, or descended?*  
*Who has gathered the wind in His fists?*  
*Who has bound the waters in a garment?*  
*Who has established all the ends of the earth?*  
*What is His name,*

*And what is*  
*His Son's name,*  
*If you can tell?*

# HOW TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord – Romans 6:23*

**At** this moment you are a questioning child. God has placed the desire to know Him within your being and He is drawing you to Him. He begins by washing you with His Word, for faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). You must first understand and believe the beautiful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*The Word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach; that if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.*

*For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10).*

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him might be saved (John 3:16, 17).*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Messiah, our Lord (Romans 6:23).*

*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).*

*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 (Isaiah 53:5).*

*For when we were yet without strength, in due time Messiah died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6).*

*Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Jesus: whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, (The Atonement) to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say at this time His righteousness: that He might be just and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus (Romans 3:24-26).*

Now that you have believed, you need to receive, that is repent. You must realize that you have sinned, confess your sins to the Lord and be willing to turn from them, and allow God to begin His sanctifying work to change you into the person He desires you to be. In this, God is no different than any good parent who wants the best for His children.

*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).*

There are several words in the Greek language in the New Testament that describe repentance. The first is Metamelomai which means a change of mind that produces remorse or regret for sin, but does not produce a change of heart. This word is used to describe Judas' repentance. I think we can all do much better than that.

The word metanoeo is used to denote a change of mind and heart after knowledge. This verb is used with the cognate noun metanoia and is utilized to describe a true repentance of a changed life, desires and purpose. This is the repentance that appropriates the atonement through which grace and

forgiveness of sins are imparted, and this is the kind of genuine repentance that God is seeking for in the hearts of those who come to Him. -

*Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:6, 7).*

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out (Acts 3:19).*

Through faith and repentance you have begun a dialogue with God in prayer and through this prayer, you make a formal invitation to receive Jesus into your heart as you ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Now your relationship with God begins. Your sins are cleansed and the “Breath” of the Holy Spirit is received for the sanctification of your soul. At this point you are “saved” and are ready to begin your walk with God. -

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Messiah our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7).*

*But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth (II Thessalonians 2:13).*

Now that you have been washed by the Word, and you have asked Jesus into your heart, you are ready to make a covenant with Him by water baptism. This is the "betrothal ceremony," the baptism into the Messiah, the commitment you make to walk with Jesus for the rest of your life as you await "The marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9).

We can be technically saved by faith without water baptism, but we cannot receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls, without remaining in the faith.- *For we are made partakers of Messiah, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end (Hebrews 3:14)*. This is the commitment that water baptism represents, and the commitment that God requires.

Water baptism is the fruit of a genuine repentance. When we are water baptized we are formally acknowledging our willingness to identify with Jesus' death and burial. When we rise up out of the water, we are symbolically leaving our old lives behind. We are making a commitment to God to become fully submerged in His Spirit and we cannot become the new creatures He desires us to be without this commitment. To the first century Christians and Apostles, water baptism was synonymous with receiving Jesus. Just as a genuine faith will produce fruit and a changed life, a genuine repentance will submit to this divinely appointed ordinance. A true believer does not need to be convinced he needs this commitment of water baptism, the Spirit compels him into the waters of obedience - and everywhere else the Holy Spirit leads him for the rest of his life. - *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me (John 10:27)*.

The Scriptures tell us that there are three dispensations of the Holy Spirit, the first is for sanctification (John 20:22). The second is the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" or "full immersion" of the Spirit, which is for equipping. Here God bestows upon the believer gifts of His Spirit to help you in your walk with

Him and to minister to others (Acts 2:1-4). The Spirit can also be received in subsequent dispensations for renewal to refresh and renew us in our walk with God when we need reinforcement (Acts 4:31).

Some believers receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon initial belief, with others the Baptism of the Spirit can arrive at a later time. I believe that God intends the believer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with water baptism, but God's Spirit can arrive upon the believer before water baptism as the Scriptures indicate (Acts 10:44-47).

It is God's will and purpose for you to have His best and that includes all of His Spirit and subsequent gifting to help you in your walk with Him. - *Quench not the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19)*.

Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33) and He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). There is no indication anywhere in the Scriptures that this aspect of Jesus' job description has ever been changed.

Continue to ask Him for the Baptism of His Spirit. It is always there for you because the *gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29)*, which means they cannot be recalled, they are always available, even if they are not appropriated.

If you have had any involvement in the occult, do not seek the Baptism of the Spirit until you have been walking with the Lord for a long time and have had counselling from a qualified deliverance minister, as some gifts can be counterfeited by demonic entities. Mature believers have learned to "test" the spirits to discern legitimate manifestations of God's Spirit from counterfeits (I John 4:1).

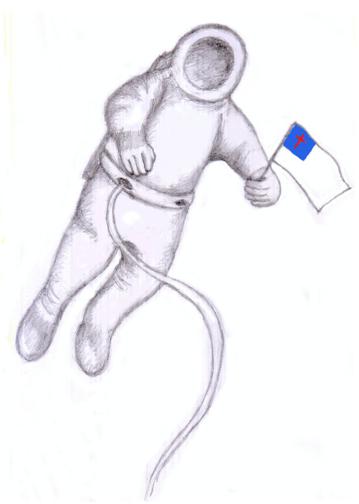
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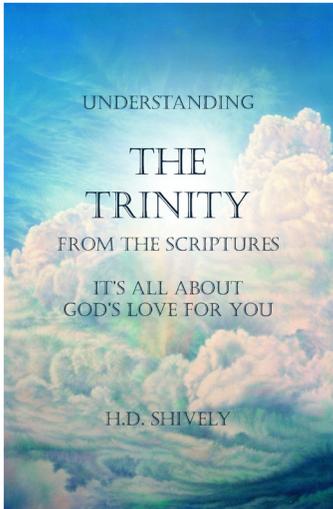
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exacting, you have the promise of something that is so much better. Do not neglect the offering of God's heart to yours.

You are loved.

*Let not your heart  
be troubled:  
you believe in God, believe also in Me.  
In My Father's house  
are many mansions:  
if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again,  
and receive you to Myself;  
that where I am, there you may be also.  
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life:  
no one comes to the Father,  
except by Me. – Jesus,  
John 14:1-3,6*





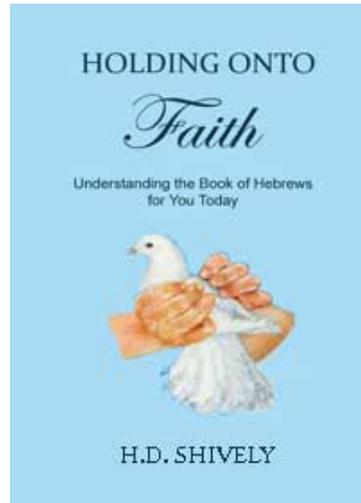
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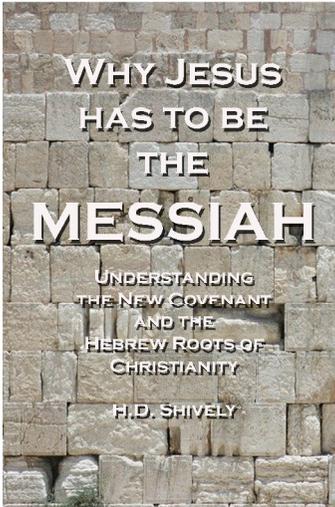
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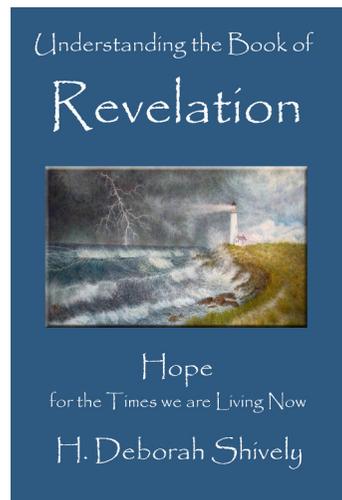
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