

The Seed

The Bible: When archaeologists unearth a document they are eager to translate the text to see what it says ... we should approach Bible study in the same way ... what does the Bible say about it's-self? What claims does it make? They are astounding, the scriptures claim from cover to cover to be the very word of God, Deuteronomy 4:2, Joshua 1:7-8, Proverbs 30:5, Isaiah 8:20, John 6:63, 12:48, Revelation 22:18-19, the scriptures claim to be inspired II Timothy 3:16 & II Peter 1:21 and inerrant, meaning the original documents were without error and all together truth. The teaching of Inspiration claims that the Bible did not originate in the human mind. Furthermore we intend to prove the Bible could not be a product of man as he evolved and became more civilized, educated and moral throughout history. All you have to do is compare the teaching of Moses written about 1,450 BC with the teaching of found in the Ras Shamra tablets in neighboring Ugarit, Syria. It is not that one is better than the other, the fact is one - the Bible is altogether true and the other is Canaanite mythology and is altogether false. Like it's neighboring city state Elba they worshiped the gods they called Baal, Baal Hadad, Mot and Dagon which required child sacrifice, sexual orgies at worship and much silliness, stupidity and wickedness showing a fallen mankind ... while the Bible teaches holiness and goodness: Leviticus 20:26 "And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy ..."; Deuteronomy 12:31. About child sacrifice God says: "Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God ... for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods." This is exactly how the Canaanites thought they should worship their gods. In ancient Babylon every woman from the Queen to the lowest slave was required to serve as a temple prostitute in the temple of Marduke and have sex with all "worshippers". While the Bible at the same time teaches cleanliness and holiness: Ezekiel 44:23 "And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean." Where did this spiritual knowledge come from? Man was completely unable to imagine such conduct high conduct... men in history imagined their god were like themselves. Read any of the Greek myths about Zeus, Poseidon, Apollo, Aphrodite, Hera & Athena of course today we know it is a total lie that a fallen Titan named Atlas holds the whole world on his back but the Greeks thought such foolishness was the highest learning, "classical literature and philosophy". The Romans were eager to identify their gods with the Greeks. At the same time God Himself became flesh John 1:1 & 14 and taught Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" ... V:44 ... "But I say unto you love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you; and persecute you." Where did this knowledge so different from the rest of the world come from. It could not have originated in the mind of a fallen mankind, it came directly from God by inspiration as the scriptures claim cf: II Timothy 3:16 and II Peter 1:21.

There is one teaching through-out the Bible: The Messiah is coming. This is a study of that teaching.

Galatians 3:16 The many promises that were made in the Old Testament of a coming "seed" or child were referring to Christ. The word "seed" comes from the Greek word sporos, a singular (one) seed, child or descendant. The Old Testament Hebrew word is zehra, which means a singular seed, or child, or descendant. Note: Most of all modern translations totally mistranslate this word as "descendants" instead of "descendant" through out the Old Testament passages ignoring the plain meaning of the word and the inspired Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:16.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning" does not mean that there was nothing before that event because: John 17:24 says: "there was love between the Father and the Son before", "in the beginning"; John 17:5 says: "the Father and the Son had Glory before", "in the beginning"; Ephesians 1:4 says: " He has chosen us In Him before", "in the beginning"; Titus 1:2 says: God promised eternal life before", " in the beginning' and 11 Timothy 1:9 says: " God's own purpose and Grace was In Christ before , " in the beginning. Without preface the Bible opens with the teaching that God is the creator of all things. "Created". Comes from the Hebrew word 'barrow' a prime root word meaning absolute to create, do, make (by Divine Fiat). Create is therefore to make out of nothing (using no matter or raw materials) by Fiat. How? By Faith. (Hebrews 11:3), God believed He could! (Webster's Dictionary says about Fiat: "A command or act of will that creates something without or as if without further effort"). The Big Bang theory- If you accept the big bang theory which is questionable. "In the beginning "would go back beyond it by saying: God created out of nothing, by Faith, the primal stuff. The Big Bang theory came from Hebrews 11:3 and 11 Peter 3:7.

Genesis 1:2-3 In the creation described in this Chapter, the plural Hebrew name of God (Elhoim) is used with a singular verb, the plural conveys the idea of the Trinity (The Father, the Holy Spirit & the Word of God that became flesh) and the singular verb shows the unity of all three parts of the Godhead in the work of creation, (John 14:6-11 and 15:26). (B) The spirit of God is God, Matthew 28:18-20; 11 Corinthians 13:13 and 1 Peter. (C) "And God said, ."Said" is the Word of God which is God (John 1:1) and which became flesh-Jesus (John 1:14). If you can believe that God, by faith, spoke the universe into being, then you shouldn't be far from being able to believe that God could say: let Mary be pregnant with the power and being of the spoken Word of God. When did history begin? When God the Word spoke it into being. Hebrews 1:10; Colossians 1:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 8:6. Genesis 1:3-19 "Let ". A different Hebrew word for create. The work of the Creation was not simultaneous but a process. This is the truth of Genesis and the truth of Science. It is the time periods that "modern science has confused. "Let is a subdivision of the Creation in which God is making, ordering and appointing these things by the power of His Word out of the building blocks He created by Fiat. It should be noted that this Progressive development is from the lower to the higher. It begins at the bottom and proceeds upward in an orderly fashion. How could Moses, the writer of Genesis, have gotten such information from the scientific knowledge of his day? If anything was placed in the wrong order it would not make scientific sense, such as animals created before grass or trees. Oxygen comes from grass and trees-Think! God revealed this to Moses! Had such a mistake been made, Genesis would be impossible.

Genesis 1:21 God again "created", this time, life. This is only the second time the word "created" is used for this time the bringing forth of life, by Divine Fiat.

Genesis 1:27 By Divine Fiat God again "Created", this time, man. It is true He used dust to make the body, (this would carry the idea: "God Let") but by Divine Fiat (Hebrews 11:3) God created life for Adam. The word "created" is used once more in Genesis 5:1-2 is a summary and it tells us that both, Adam & Eve, were created.

Genesis 2:1-7 Eden, was the birthplace of humanity. Man is different from animal life, he is a living soul (v.7) "created" in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

Genesis 2:8-16 The earth was not a garden but rather: ... *the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden ...*

Genesis 2:17 God announces, a Divine Permission, a Divine Prohibition & a Divine Penalty for disobedience.

Genesis 2:18 ... *It is not good that the man should be alone.* Woman is the apex of man. Man is not complete until he is married and then "he is finished".

Genesis 2:18-25 Adam and Eve were created Holy because they were created in the very image of God (**Genesis 1:27**) and God is Holy (**Exodus 15:11**).

Genesis 3:1-3 The woman paraphrased and **misstated the permission** about eating of the fruit of the trees of the garden. God had said... *of every tree of the garden thou mayest feely eat ...* The woman added to the word of God by **overstating the prohibition**. *God had said nothing about touching it.* The woman subtracted from the word of God by **understated the penalty**. ... *Lest ye die ...* Lest or pray adventure we may die. God had said: "thou shalt surely die." **This is the cause of all religious confusion today. Today people substitute their words for the word of God, they add to the word of God and subtract from the word of God**

Genesis 3:4 The devil raised the first question and Eve responded with her own words ... she would have been safe if she had accurately quoted the word of God. Satan then brings forth a flat denial of God's Word that sin would bring death. Satan adds the word "NOT" to God's Word. Jesus refers to this in John 8:44 and calls Satan a murderer because he has killed us all and he is the father of all lies.

Genesis 3:5 Satan now calls into question the very motives of God.

Genesis 3:6-7 As soon as they fell they saw themselves as they really were. We should look at ourselves too.

Genesis 3:8-13 There is no surplus righteousness in the moral world. If you sin-you die. IT'S LIKE BREAKING A WINDOW-YOU CAN'T UNBREAK IT. They are under Judgment and in an utterly helpless state. If anything is to be done in the way of recovery and atonement, such recovery must rest with God.

Genesis 3:15 God announces His gracious purpose to redeem mankind. The fall necessitates a Savior by whom fallen mankind will be restored to God. The first promise of the Redeemer, the "Seed", the Child, the Messiah (Christ) to come! This great doctrine begins with a promise. It is this promise of the "Seed" of the woman that becomes the germ of the whole Biblical system which we will see unfolding step by step, stage to stage.

Galatians 3:16 and Galatians 4:4-5. This verse tells us that the Redeemer will be a member of the human race-flesh and blood, Hebrews 2:14-15, John 1:1 & 14 and Romans 5:8-21."... Bruise thy (Satan's) head ..." Just a common metaphor like: "I will walk all over you ... or you will come crawling to me ..." cf: Psalm 91:13 & in

Romans 16:20 Paul takes the same metaphor and applies it to the Church's victory over Satan. From this verse we will follow the development of the Messianic revelation in the scriptures.

Genesis 4:1-2 Adam and Eve first have two sons, Cain & Abel. Notice Cain was not an atheist, he was not agnostic, he was not a polytheist (one who believes in many gods), Cain was a deist he believed in one God, he just did not believe in necessity of the death of an innocent victim. Cf: Genesis 3:21 a bloody sacrifice is needed

Genesis 4:8 Cain slays his brother Abel. Cain kills him after Church so to speak.

Genesis 4:25 God appointed another "Seed" Through whom the Messiah will be born. Seth was chosen as the head of this line which we trace from Seth to Jesus Christ cf: Luke 3:23-38. Genesis will now begin to give two lines or family trees, the family of Seth and the Canaanite line. Salvation is to come through the family of Seth. The Canaanite is the worldly line. Thus we see the family line of the plan of redemption.

Genesis 5:4 Adam and Eve had other children. Obviously, Cain & Seth took one of their sisters for a wife.

Genesis 5:21-24 Enoch was the one example of righteousness and living in fellowship and harmony with God in a wicked and ungodly pre-flood age. No greater acknowledgement of his godly character could be made than he did not see death (Hebrews 11:5). We, as Christians, live in hope for a translation like his (1 Corinthians 15:50-55, I Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

Genesis 6:1-2 "The sons of God" the descendants of Seth (Gen. 5:6-32). The daughters of men" daughters descended from Cain (Gen. 4:16-24) The children of Seth saw the daughters of Cain and intermarried with Godless women. The Messianic "seed" line of Seth is all but lost in the sinfulness of that age, in the intermarrying of these two family lines of Seth and Cain.

Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Here God in His mercy promises the earth 120 years to repent and if not they will all perish in the coming flood,

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. Clarke's Commentary has a good discussion on these verses: "The posterity of Cain were children of a fallen nature degenerate sons and daughters of an apostate degenerate father. *There were giants in the earth*, Hebrew: *nephilim* from *naphal* which means "he fell". The *nephilim* were the descendants of Cain, plus all those who had intermarried with Godless women and apostatized or fell from the true religion of God. The Septuagint or ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament translates the original word as "earth born" and the KJV translates it as giants without having any reference to persons of enormous stature. Thus the word when it is properly understood makes a distinction between the sons of men or sons of Cain who were the *nephilim* the fallen earth born men with animal and devilish minds. In contrast to the sons of God or the sons of Seth who we might say were born again so to speak by trusting in the promise of God cf: Genesis 3:15 to send the "seed" of the woman a deliverer, the Messiah or Christ to save them. Thus we have the beginning of the concept of saints and sinners in the Old Testament. *The same became mighty men, men of renown* Hebrew: *gibborim* which we render mighty men means conquerors or heroes from *gabar* he prevailed or was victorious and *anshey hashshem* men of the name. The Septuagint renders *men of renown* as *renominati* or twice named. Having one name which they derived from their fathers and another which they acquired by their daring exploits and enterprises. Thus the KJV translators have rendered seven different Hebrew words by one term *giants*. *Nephilim, gibborim, enachim, rephaim, emim and zamzummim* which probably means in general persons of great knowledge, courage, wickedness and long lifespan."

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. What was the attitude of those wicked that God did see? Cf:

Job 22:12 *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are: 22:13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? 22:14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to

him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. 22:15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? 22:16 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflowed with a flood.

Genesis 6:5 The great indictment of God against the sinful hearts of all men.

Genesis 7:1 Hailey says: "Transmission of the Genesis story - Methuselah lived 969 years Gen. 5:25-27, his life over-lapped Adams by 243 years, Noah by 600 years and Seth by 98 years, thus forming a connecting link between the Garden of Eden and the post flood world. Shem then lived till 75 years after Abraham entered the Promise Land." **The Date of Creation** Usser's Chorological Order places date of creation at 4004 BC, The Septuagint (Greek O.T.) some 1,500 years earlier. The Hebrew Bible shows some 1,656 years between Creation & Flood. When was the Flood? If the Egyptian Kings list is correct then in my opinion the Septuagint date of 5,500 to 5,900 BC less 1,656 years. If there is duplication in the Kings list and some of the kings of upper & lower Egypt are concurrent instead of consecutive then 4,004 BC less 1,656 years is 2,348 BC. Noah's Ark - approximately 450 feet long x 75 feet wide x 45 feet tall = 1,518,750 cubic feet, which is the storage capacity of 1,000 freight train box cars - an enormous ship. A little smaller than the Battle ship Texas. The complete Ringling Brothers Barman & Bailey Circus came to town in 56 box cars including all props and concession stands. The Flood **Genesis 5:28 through Genesis 6:17** (A) Jesus Believed in Noah and the flood account as is found in scripture cf: Matthew 24:34-39 Noah was a man of righteousness and faith. The last descendant of Seth who followed the God of creation. (B) Noah's faith was not a feeling, he was warned of God (Gen. 6:13), he believed the warning and worked about 100 years preparing the Ark. For the time consumed in building the Ark, compare Genesis 5:32 with Genesis 7: (C) Noah was a preacher of righteousness (11 Peter 2:5), and he spend those 100 years without a convert. Such was the saving faith that Noah had towards God's warning. (D) Noah's kind of faith was to hear the Word of God, believe what God said and then followed corresponding action to that belief (v.5) "And Noah did according...."

Genesis 7:2-8:19 Behold: The Judgment and the Mercy of God.

Genesis 8:21 Man was wicked and evil before the flood (Genesis 6:5) and man is still wicked after the flood. Noah, is the last member of the Sethite line, and his family line is preserved and "seed" will come through Noah.

Genesis 9:8-9 God's promise of a covenant is with their family and with a future coming "Seed" (child), but which of the sons of Noah is to be chosen?

Genesis 9:26 Shem receives the blessing. He is now selected as the head of the Messianic line.

Genesis 10:25 Dry land was one place, the earth was an island, what scientist call Pangea. Peleg means earthquake in Hebrew and divided means split it Hebrew. So in the days of Peleg the earth was divided or split and the contentants began to drift apart.

Genesis 11:1-8 Direct rebellion against God's command of Genesis 9:1 to replenish the (fill again the whole) earth, He did not say to build a city. God confounded their language, made them to speak other languages and "scattered them upon the face of all the earth". Gen. 11:27ff Abram was born in Ur which means "fire" in Hebrew of the Chaldees which means "destruction" in Hebrew and called to go to the promise land but he stopped at Haran which means "fruitless" and he wasted 5 years therein fruitlessness.

Genesis 12:1-3 God called Abram who was a great man of faith to be the descendant of Shem that the Messiah would be born through Abram. heard the call (Word) of God and believed the word. The belief brought on the corresponding action of him doing something about what he believed. He "departed"

Genesis 12:4 and went on a long walk to the promise land. Such was Abraham's kind of faith. (Hebrews 11:8-9). Saving faith is to hear, believe, do Cf: James 2:19-26 and trust. At the call of Abraham, all other families on the earth became gentiles, which means, "The nations", and also means, "with out God" because those nations chose not to follow God. Romans 1:18-32 & Ephesians 2:1-3. In (v.3) God alludes to the coming blessing that we will see unfold when he says: "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed". Two points we need to remember: "In thee", (most important)-we do not know what it means but it will be of paramount importance! Cf: Galatians 3:29. This blessing will come upon the gentiles, "to all families of the earth". Genesis 12:6-8 Sichem means "place of instruction", Moreh means "the place of strength", Canaanite means "bow the knee" and Bethel means "the House of God". The whole story becomes a great parable in our lives. Like Abraham we are called from: Fire, destruction and fruitlessness, to a place of instruction, a place of strength, where we might bow the knee and that place is the House of God, known as the Churches of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Genesis 15:3-5 "Seed" (child), singular, you will have a child Abraham. And that one Child ("Seed") will

In some way become more than the stars of heaven, the Christ will multiply Cf: Galatians 3:26-29.

Genesis 17:5-8 God renames Abram Abraham. A father of many nations: Israel through Isaac (Hebrew Laughter) and all the Arab nations through Ishmael. God establishes His covenant with Abraham. It is a three way covenant between God, Abraham and a coming "Seed" (child), the Messiah. If the "Seed" were plural then it would be talking to all the children of Abraham-Arabs, Jews, Israelites, etc.

Genesis 18:20 - 19:24 The Lord goes down to see Sodom and Gomorrah "because their sin is very grievous. Man had degenerated to such extent that He wanted to have unnatural homosexual relations with God. (Genesis 19:5) "Know them" (Genesis 4:25). The Lord failed to see the humor. (Gen. 19:24; Rom. 1:24-28 & 1 Cor. 6:9f

Genesis 22:15-18 God again promises to multiply Abraham's "Seed", the coming Child, the Redeemer, as the stars of heaven and the sand on the sea shore. This time God is more specific and uses the singular personal pronoun "...His enemies" (v.17) not "their" enemies but His (Christ's) enemies. In (v.18) we again see that it is "In" the "Seed" that the blessings will come upon the gentiles, "all the nations of the earth".

Genesis 26:1-4 Abraham is now dead and God has chosen that through Isaac the Messiah will Come Gen.21:12 God now makes the "Seed" promise to Isaac that the coming redeemer is to be a descendant of Isaac. Again the Seed (child) will multiply. Again the blessings will be for the gentiles also.

Genesis 28:10-14 Jacob, Isaac's son is chosen by God to be the son that the Messiah will come through. Again the blessings are to be "In" the "Seed". Again the blessings will be for the gentiles also.

Genesis 35:9-12 "God appeared unto Jacob again. God changes Jacob's name to Israel. God again promises that the Messiah, the "Seed" will come through Jacob Or Israel as he is now called.

Genesis 49:10-11 "The scepter" was a staff or rod which served as an emblem of royal or kingly authority; Psalms 45:6 and Hebrews 1:8. Jacob (Israel) has twelve sons; Judah is to be the kingly tribe. Through whom the Redeemer is to come. "Lawgiver"; Hebrew word: khaw-kak', to engrave or enact, appoint, decree and the power of capital punishment. The coming kings of Judah will have authority to rule by decree, enact Laws, and carry out capital punishment. The Lord is the Law Giver, in a far greater sense (Isaiah 33:22) being the one who can save (James 4:12). "Shiloh", Hebrew 'shee-lo', take out an epithet of the Messiah, literally meaning: "To Him to Whom it belongs". Meaning the scepter belongs to Him! The true King and Law Giver, who is to come out of Judah! The people will be "gathered" by Messiah. "Gathered" in Hebrew 'yaw-keh', is to obey, obedience, the saved will obey Him. When Messiah comes; His presentation of Himself, will involve a "foal", an "ass's colt. cf: Mk. 11:1ff This closes our study of Genesis. We've noted the idea of the Messiah as it develops; the promises of the "Seed" (Child) to come, in this first book.

Exodus Chapters 1-14 The children of Jacob went into Egypt; where each son grew into a mighty tribe of people over the years (Exodus 1:7). A new King arose who "knew not Joseph" (Exodus 1:8) and made slaves of them (Exodus 1:11-14). Moses is born, (Exodus chapter 2). God calls Moses to deliver Israel (Ex. chapter 3). God's judgment upon all the false gods of Egypt (Exodus chapters 5-12). After 430 years Israel is redeemed from bondage in Egypt (Exodus 12: 40-41). The memorial of the Passover (Exodus 13:1-10). Israel passes through the Red Sea, and the Egyptians are drowned.

Exodus chapter 19 Moses brings the people to Mount Sinai. Note especially Exodus 19:5-6.

Exodus 20: 1-17 God gives all the people "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS".

Exodus 20:18-26 The people are fearful; asking Moses to be the mediator between them and God. This ends the dispensation or period of time called the Patriarchal (Fathers) Dispensation; in which God dealt with mankind through the fathers, the heads of the house. Now begins the new dispensation of the Law, which is often called the "Law of Moses", because it was given to the people, through Moses by God.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW: that we might know what sin is. (Romans 3:20 and Romans 7:7). Also to humble man; by comparing himself to the requirements of the holy Law. (Romans 3:19). The Law was our school master, to bring us to Christ. (Galatians 3:19-25). Deuteronomy 18:15-19: even as Moses was a Prophet and Law Giver, the Messiah will be a Law Giver. When God speaks through Messiah; the destiny of our souls will depend upon our listening and obeying (v.19)

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 The Messiah is to be a Prophet like Moses from among the Jews

HOW CAN WE KNOW A FALSE PROPHET?

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 If he presumes to speak for the Lord, or advises you to go after false gods; he is a false prophet. Everything a Prophet says must come to pass. Note: Today many people claim to speak for the Lord. Saying: "The Lord told me this", or "The Lord told me that ". Should you inquire "how"? They'll continue to

say, "The Lord told me"; he put it "on", or "in" my heart. To presume any feeling in our desperately wicked heart (Gen.6:5 and 8:21) is the voice of Almighty God, is blasphemy and wicked presumption. Holy men of God hearing his voice were smitten to the core (Isaiah 6:1-5). They often fell upon their faces. (Ezekiel 2:1-5, Daniel 8:15-18; 10:1-9). The beloved disciple John, who ate the "Last Supper" leaning on Jesus breast (John 13:25); fell at His feet as dead, when spoken to by the exalted Christ (Revelation 1:17). Keep back from presumptuous sin (Psalms 19:13-14). Never think thoughts in your mind, or feelings of the heart are the voice of God. God speaks through His Son (Heb. 1:1-2); and now in His Word (John 17:17-20).

II Samuel 7:12-14 David's "Seed" is to have a Kingdom; so he must be a King (v.12). To have a Kingdom you must have a King, for this is the meaning of the word "Kingdom". His Kingdom will be Eternal (v.13). God will be His Father (v.14). Jesus is the Son of God (v.14). He was beaten by the gentiles (v.14). The promise is That His Kingdom will be forever.

Psalms 2:1-12 This Psalm is remarkable for its eloquent change of personages. In verses 1&2, the prophet speaks, in verse 3 the enemies speak. In verses 4&5 the prophet answers the enemies, in verse 6 God speaks. In verse 7 the Messiah speaks, in verses 8&9 God answers the Messiah. In verses 10-12, the prophet exhorts the enemies to submit to God; being reconciled to the Kingdom and to Messiah, learning obedience. V.2:1: "People imagine a vain thing"(fulfilled, Mark 15:6-15.2:2) "The kings", fulfilled by Herod the Great at Christ's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). By Herod Antipas, some 33 years later at the crucifixion (Luke 23:6-1) "The rulers", fulfilled by the Jewish rulers (Mark 14:53-65); also by Pontius Pilate (Mark 15:1-15; Acts 4:25-28). "Anointed", from Hebrew 'maw-shee'-akh'; "a consecrated person such as King or priest, especially the Messiah, or "Anointed as the Messiah". V.2:6; The Messiah will be God's "King". V.2:7; "Thou art my Son". A statement that the Messiah is the Son of God (Luke 1:31-33). V.2:8; the result of His coming is: salvation is offered to the gentiles (Mark 16:15-16). V.2:12; "Blessed... put their trust in Him". Trust, in Hebrew 'khaw-saw'; literally, to flee for protection; figuratively, to have faith and confide in, have hope, make refuge, put trust in (Jesus Himself; Hebrews 6:18). Psalms 8:3-6; Man is not insignificant to God(v.4); the "son of Man" (compare, Matthew 16:13). "The Messiah, although Divine, is fully human. (compare, Hebrews 2:9-16). Has "put all things under His feet", (compare,) Matthew 28:18-20.

Psalms 16:8-10 David's faith is in God his deliverer (v.8). David says when he dies, his flesh (David's) will rest in the grave "in hope" (v.9). God will not leave David's soul in hell, the grave (v.10). "Holy One": Isaiah's special name for God (Isaiah 1:4; 5:19,24;10:20; 12:6; 17:7; 29:19, 23; 30:11-15; 31:1;37:23;41:14-20;43:3,14-15; 45:11; 47:4; 48:17; 49:7; 54:5; 55:5; 60:9 and 60:14). The Holy One is to be God Himself. Jesus was God in the flesh. (John 1:1, 14; 14:9). "The Holy One" will not "see corruption". Hebrew word 'shakh'-ath', a pit, especially as a trap; figuratively, destruction in a ditch, grave or pit, to rot in the grave. The inescapable conclusion is that David has faith in God to save him; and save him from the grave. God Himself: the Messiah will come and die. He will not be in His grave long enough for His flesh to rot. (Matthew 27:57-28:10).

Psalm 22 the great Messianic Psalm of David written about 1000 B.C. Psalm 22:1 "My God, My God, why hast forsaken me?", fulfilled in Matthew 27:46. Psalm 22:6 "Despised of the people", is fulfilled in Matthew 13:55; Luke 16:14 and John 10:20; 22:7 This verse is fulfilled in Matthew 27:39 Psalm 22:8 the very words of the enemies of the Christ are fulfilled in Matthew 27:43.22:15 "My tongue cleaveth to my jaws;" fulfilled in John 19:28; 22:16. "Dogs", Hebrew word: 'keh'-leb', a dog or a male prostitute, used by Jews as a slang word for gentiles. (Fulfilled: Matthew 27:27, 35, 54). "They pierced my hands and my feet" (Fulfilled: John 19:16-18 and 20:24-29). Amazing, since this was written about 1000 B.C.; and crucifixion was not invented until about 500 B.C.! Psalm 22:18: this verse is fulfilled in John 19:23-24. 22:24. "But when He (Jesus) cried unto Him He (God) heard" (compare to Acts 2:36; 22:26). We are to "seek Him", the Messiah. "Your heart shall live forever". First promise of Eternal life; V.22:27. Christ's suffering results in the conversion of gentiles, (fulfilled: Acts 11:1; 1-22:29). At death, everyone must appear before Him; the crucified Messiah (Hebrews 9:27; Romans 14:10-11 and 11 Corinthians 5:10). All will bow before Him (Philippians 2:9-11). Verse 22:30; "A Seed shall serve Him (God)";(compare to John 8:28-29). Psalm 22:31; the righteousness of Messiah will be proclaimed. (compare to Romans 3:21-26; Psalms 45:6-7.) The Messiah is to be God, (fulfilled: John 1:1,& 1:14). Messiah is to be King; (fulfilled: Revelation 17:14). "Anointed thee with the oil of gladness"; (fulfilled in 4:14-19, Acts 4:27, 10:38,& Psalms 69:20-21).

Psalm 69:20, explains the feelings of Jesus. "They gave me gall"; (fulfilled: Matthew 27:34). Gall, in Jesus' day was a mixture of wine, vinegar and opium. Gall was given by the Romans to those facing execution. The Greek

word; 'khol-ay', from its greenish hue, from the poppy. Though tempted to do so; Jesus did not take the gall, to relieve His pain (Hebrews 4:15). He chose to suffer for you and I. (Hebrews 2:10) "They gave me vinegar to drink"; (fulfilled: John 19:29-30). Jesus partook of the vinegar.

Psalms 110:1 Much to the consternation of today's Judaism, this verse shows two persons of the triune God Head. Judaism makes much ado about Deuteronomy 6:4; but Jesus was God (John 1:1), who became flesh (John 1:14); and is one with God (John 14:8-11; 17:20-23). "The Lord (God) said unto my (David's) Lord (Jesus)". "Sit thou at my right hand"; fulfilled in Mark 14: 61-62, Acts 2:32-35:31, and Ephesians 1:20. Its amazingly personal to us, that He stands up at the death of His saints (Acts 7:54-60). Why? "Thou art a priest for ever" (psalm 110:4). Christ does the work of a High Priest in making intercession to God; on behalf of his people. (Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-16; 5:5; 6: 19-20; 7:24-28; 8: 1-2; 9: 11-16 and 10: 19-22).

Psalms 118:22-24 Jewish tradition says that when the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem; the first stone they attempted to set would not fit. So it was moved forward and another set in its place; it was tried in the second stone's position. Still it would not fit, and was moved forward. This was repeated until the stone went completely around the temple; right to the last spot. Thus it became the corner stone. Based upon this event, Jewish tradition says God inspired the Psalmist to write this Psalm. Interesting tradition, yet Scripture does not say if this is true or not. Jesus does tell us in the Scriptures that this Psalm is speaking of Him! (Matthew 21:42-44). The inspired Apostles understood this cornerstone to be; Acts 4:11, Ephesians 2:19-22; and 1 Peter 2:6-8. Psalms 132:11; a descendant of David, the Messiah; will be King. "Set upon thy Throne" (Romans 1:1-4). Note: ISAIAH, often called the Messianic Prophet, wrote from 760-700 B.C.; during the reigns of four of the Kings. (ISAIAH 1:1).

Isaiah 2:1-4 Isaiah 2:2: Last days, cf: Acts 2:16-21 & Hebrews 1:1-2. Lord's House, cf: I Timothy 3:15. All Nations, cf: Matthew 28:18-20 & Mark 15:15-16 Isaiah 2:3. He will teach us, cf: John 6:44-45 & Hebrews 1:1-2. *Out of Zion shall go forth the Law*, what Law? (James 1:25 & 2:8) Note: Jesus was standing on *Zion* when He taught this new law, cf: Matthew 22:37-42. *Word of the Lord from Jerusalem*, cf: Luke 24:44-49 & Acts 1:1-8, Isaiah 2:4. Peaceful Nature of the Kingdom of God; there will be a change in peoples hearts in the Kingdom

Isaiah 7:14 "Virgin", Hebrew word: 'al-maw', lass, as veiled or private, a damsel, maid. Virgin from 'aw-iam', kept out of sight. Much is made of the use of this word by Jews. Also by the non-believing "liberal modernists" instead of 'beth-oo-law'; which is a feminine past participle of an unused root word, meaning to separate a virgin from her privacy, to deflower the virgin, a bride, maid, or virgin. Those who say God made a mistake; using the wrong word. Have they ever researched to see if God has made a similar mistake? Yes, He has! Cf: When Abraham sent his servant to get Isaac a wife Genesis 24:1ff. Verse 16 says she is a "virgin" Hebrew; 'al-maw' the same word Isaiah uses in V.7:14. Isaiah goes on to say: "neither had any man known her". It is repeated in V:43, 'al-maw'. Mary was a virgin until her delivery; not at her impregnation. This would better be described by a prime root word showing the continuous action of being a virgin; rather than a past tense word.

"Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son"; is fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25. Considering the Holy and righteous nature of God (Psa. 48:10; 65:5; 97:2; 119:137; 145:17; Jeremiah 23:6; 1 John 1:5 & 2:29): if God were going to take upon Himself flesh & blood; what type of young lady do you suppose He would choose to carry Himself

Isaiah 9:6 "A child is born"; the Virgin born child discussed, will be: "The Mighty God", "the Everlasting Father", "The Prince of Peace"; and His Kingdom will be Eternal, Everlasting.

Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 11:1; A Rod out of the stem of Jesse; Jesse was King David's father, just another way to say a descendant of King David. A Branch shall grow out of his roots; Branch cf: Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, 6:12, & Isaiah 53:2, and Isaiah 11:2; *the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him*; cf: Luke 4:21-22, 4:14-18, John 4:43, Acts 10:37-38 & Hebrews 1:9. Isaiah 11:3, the fear of the Lord; cf: Hebrews 5:7. *Judge*, cf: Romans 2:16; and Divine Justice Isaiah 11:4; *with righteousness shall he judge*, cf: Revelation 19:11 & Ephesians 6:14. *Judge the poor*, cf: Matthew 5:3. *the meek of the earth*, cf: Matthew 5:5 & 11:28-30. *meek*, a wild animal trained for service, tame horse, mule ... *smite the earth with the rod of His mouth*; effortlessly shall He come with destruction against Jerusalem in 70AD. Matt 24. *With the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked*; cf: II Thessalonians 2:8, it won't take tanks, armies or Atom bombs. (Isaiah 11:5) *Righteousness*, *faithfulness*; cf: Revelation 19:11. Isaiah 11:6; *Wolf shall dwell with the lamb*, is beautiful poetic language, showing peace & tranquility, in this coming Messiah. Isaiah 11:6; *A little child shall lead them*, Mark 9:36, Luke 9:47 & Mark 10:15 & Luke 18:17 Isaiah 11:9; *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my Holy Mountain*. Which mountain; The mountain of the Lord's house; Isaiah 2:2-4 & Daniel 2:35

Isaiah 28:16 Christ a sure foundation and a corner stone cf: Ephesians 2:19-22. Isaiah 8:13-16 Christ shall be a sanctuary for some, but a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence for others cf: Romans 9:32-33. Psalms 118:18-23 Christ a cornerstone will be refused by the Jews but become the head stone of the corner cf: Matthew 21:28-46. Peter speaking under inspiration tells us we are tracking these verses correctly cf: Acts 4:7-13, Jesus is the stone. I Peter takes these Old Testament passages and again teaches Jesus is the corner stone. I Peter 2:1-10 The Church of Christ is the Temple of Living Stones

-----HOW ARE WE TO KNOW THE MESSIAH WHEN HE COMES?-----

Isaiah 35:3: Sennacherib King of Assyria Invades Judah cf: II Kings 18:1-19:37 & II Chronicles 32:1-33; good King Hezekiah asks Isaiah the prophet to call upon the Lord for: "the remnant that are left" of Judah. God destroys the Assyrian army and promises future deliverance by the Messiah; also the establishment of the Kingdom of God. Isaiah 35:3; the signs that the Messiah will do, (fulfilled in Matthew 15:30-31 and 21:14.35:4). Isaiah 35:4; "He will come and save you", (Fulfilled in Luke 19:10. 35:5. Isaiah 35:5; "Then the eyes of the blind shall be open", (fulfilled in John 9:1-41). "The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped", (fulfilled in Mark 7:32-35). Isaiah 35:6; "Then shall the lame man leap" (fulfilled-John 5:1-9 and Acts 3:1-8). "The tongue of the dumb sing", (fulfilled in Matthew 9:32-33 and 12:22-23). "Shall waters break out", cf: John 4:10-14, 7:37-39 & Acts 2:37-47 Cf: Hebrew "Maw' Kote", *living waters*; Jeremiah 2:13 & Zechariah 12:10, 13:1 & 13:6-7. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But this are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:30-31).

Isaiah 42:1-7 This is the first of "The great Servant" passages. The Messiah will be a Prophet, a Priest, a King, and the Son of God. He will also be God's "Servant". 42:1 My (God's) "Servant"; (fulfilled in Matthew 20:25-28). "put my spirit upon him"; (fulfilled in John 1:29-34). 42:2; "He shall not cry, nor lift up"; (fulfilled in Matthew 26:62-63). V.42:3 "Bring forth judgment unto truth"; (fulfilled in John 5:26-30). V.42:4; "The isles", the gentile nations across the sea. The Gospel is universal, Matthew 24:14; (fulfilled in Colossians 1:23. 42:6). "give thee for a covenant of the people"; covenants were never instituted without the shedding of blood. (See Genesis 8:20-9:17; 17:1-27 and Exodus 20:1-26; 24:3-8). The Messiah Himself will be the blood sacrifice for the new covenant; (fulfilled in Matthew 26:27-28; Hebrews 8:6; 9:11-28; 12:24 & 13:20). The result is the conversion of the gentiles; (fulfilled in Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 11:1; 13:1-4; 28:16, 30-31. 42:7). The Messiah will heal physically, as was seen in Isaiah 35:3-6. He will also heal the spiritually sick, seen in this verse. Spiritual blindness will be healed; (fulfilled in Matthew 5:8; John 14:19; 17:24, and 1 Corinthians 13:12). Spiritual liberty for captives (prisoners); (fulfilled in John 8:32, Romans 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8 and 1 John 1:5-7). Isaiah 49:1-8 49:1; "Isles" the gentile nations across the sea. (Matthew 28:18-20). "From the bowels of my mother hath He made mention of my name; (fulfilled in Luke 1:31-33 and Matthew 1:18).

Isaiah 49:2 "Mouth like a sharp sword"; (fulfilled in Mark 13:31; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12 and Revelation 1:16. 49:3). "Thou art my servant"; (fulfilled in Luke 22:27, 49:5). "I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord"; (fulfilled in Mark 9:2-8; 49:6). The "Servant" is to be sent to the tribes of Jacob (Israel); (fulfilled in Matthew 15:24). The result of the Servant Messiah's work is: He will be the light (John 1:5) of the gentiles, and salvation (John 14:6) to the end of the earth (Mark 16:15-16). ISA. 49:8; We see that the Servant Messiah will be given (be the sacrifice Himself) for the new covenant. (Isaiah 50:4-11).

Isaiah 50:4 The Messiah as the coming Servant of God: He is to have "the tongue of the learned" -fulfilled- Matthew 5:1-12; 7:28-29; 13:54; 15:31; Mark 1:27-28; 2:12; 4:41; 7:37; Luke 2:41-49; 4:22,36; 8:25. Even His enemies are silenced by Him (Matthew 22:41-46). Why? (See John 6:63). 50:5 God will open the Messiah's ear. -Fulfilled- John 5:30; 8:26-29. 50:6 "I gave my back to the smiters" -fulfilled- Matthew 27:26. "I hid not my face from shame and spitting"-fulfilled-Matthew 26:66-68. 50:7 "Therefore have I set my face like a flint". The meaning of this phrase is found in Ezekiel 3;7-11 and it's fulfilled in Luke 9:51. 50:8 "The Messiah to be sinless" -fulfilled- John 8:46 and 1 Peter 2:22.50:10 "Who is there among you that feareth the Lord that obeyeth the voice?". (John 5:24; 7:16-17; 8:21-24, 51). "His (God's) Servant"-fulfilled- John 13:3-17. "That walketh in darkness and had no light"-fulfilled- John 1:1, 4-9, 14; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5 and 12:46. :Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay (rely, wait & depend) upon His God" -fulfilled- Galatians 4:4. Isaiah 52:13-53:12

THE SUFFERING SERVANT-THE COMING SEED THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 52:13 "Behold my servant"-fulfilled- Philippians 2:6-8 "He shall be...very high" From the Hebrew word gaw-bah, "be, (make) high, lift up, mount up, raise up, great height, upward"-fulfilled- John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32;

19:16-18. 52:14 " His visage was so marred, more than any man..." The suffering Servant, the coming Messiah, is to be beaten and marred more than any man. Most people Today have a very poor, at best, understanding of the suffering of Christ. We need to go back and read the accounts found near the end of each of the four Gospels and try to understand what Christ suffered for you and me. As an example, when He was scourged: Scourging differs from beating, which was done with rods in that a scourge was a whip made of cords or leather thongs fastened into a handle. A cat of nine tails- each tail was reinforced with bits of metal which tore the skin and flesh. 39 lashes with a scourge was allowed under the law, times 9 tails, which would mean that Jesus had 351 cuts on his back....52:15 "So shall He (the Messiah) sprinkle..." an unusual play on words here, not Hebrew *zaw-rak'*, to sprinkle fluid, to be here and there scatter, sprinkle or strew. This is not the word used, but rather *naw-zaw'*, to spirit, be sprinkle especially in expiation. This word is used only to describe the priests work of sprinkling blood (Exodus 29:21- Aaron himself), the household of Aaron, the priest, (Leviticus 4:6,17;5:9; 14:7,51; 16:14-15 and 16:19), and the anointing of the cleansed by the blood, with oil: (Leviticus 14:16 & 27).It is also interesting to note that Christ, our great high Priest, " by his own blood and now when we are baptized (not sprinkled) into His death (Romans 6:3-6) we come into contact with the blood and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39). The Oil (Luke 4:18; Hebrews 1:9 and 11 Corinthians 1;21-22). Who will the Messiah cleanse by the sprinkling of His blood? "Many nations". Again we see that the result of His work is the conversation of the gentiles-fulfilled-Luke 24:44-47. Isaiah Chapter 53 Throughout this chapter the Hebrew word *Hoo* is used to describe the Messiah- the Suffering Servant. *Hoo* is a third person personal pronoun, singular, and it is translated properly into English as He, Him or His.

Isaiah 53:1 "Who (among the coming Jewish leadership) hath believed our (of Isaiah and all the Hebrew prophets, cf Acts 3:18,24) report?" (Matthew 11:16-19; 21:32; Luke 22:66-71; John 9:18, 27-29 and 12:37-41). "To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" The Divine arm is the strength to redeem, to buy back from sin and the slavery thereof. (Exodus 6:6; Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalms 89:13; 98:1; Isaiah 51:5; 62:8; 63:12 and Acts 13:17). **Isaiah 53:3** "He is despised and rejected of men"-fulfilled- Matthew 21:42; 27:22-25; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 4:28-29; 23:13-25; John 1:11; 12:48; 18:28-32, 39-40; 19:6-7,12-16. "A man of sorrows" -fulfilled- Luke 19:41-44; John 11:33-35; 12:27). "And we hid as it were our faces (being beaten) from Him" -fulfilled- Matthew 26:31-35,56, 69-75; Mark 14:29-31, 50, 54, 66-72, Luke 22:33-34, 54-62; 23:48-49 and John 18:15-18, 25-27; 20:19-26. **Isaiah 53:4** Note that the Messiah is to be "smitten of God" God punished the Christ (Himself) for our sins. 11 Corinthians 5:18-19. **Isaiah 53:5** (A) "...He was wounded for our transgressions" fulfilled- John 20:27-29. (B) "... He was bruised for our iniquities:" -fulfilled- Matthew 26:67-68; Mark 14:65 and Luke 22:63-65.(C) "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him"-fulfilled- Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:13-14 and Colossians 1:20.(D) "And with His stripes we are healed" - fulfilled- Matthew 27:26. **Isaiah 53:7** "Yet He opened not His mouth..." -fulfilled-Matthew 26:62-63; 27:14; Mark 15:3; Luke 23:8-11 and John 19:10. **Isaiah 53:8** (A) "... He was taken from prison" Hebrew word *O'-tser* a closure, constraint, oppression. Fulfilled- Matthew 27:27-31 (the common hall where He was held a prisoner, a closure or constraint where He was kept and oppressed). (B) "And from judgment" -fulfilled- Matthew 27:19. (C) "He was cut off out of the land of the living", killed dead -plain as day-- . Remember His death in (v8) -fulfilled- Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30 and 1 Corinthians 15:3). (D) "For the transgression of my people..." - fulfilled - (even his enemies admitted this was the reason He was killed) (John 18:14). **Isaiah 53:9** (A) "His grave with the wicked" His place of death-fulfilled- Matthew 27:38(B) "And with the rich in His death" -fulfilled- Matthew 27:57-60 (C) "Because He had done no violence" - fulfilled- Matthew 26:51-54, Mark 14:46-49; Luke 22:49-53 and John 18:10-13. (D) "Neither was any deceit in His mouth" -fulfilled- John 7:25-26; 18:19-21. **Isaiah 53:10** (A) "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him" -fulfilled- Romans 15:3-4 and Colossians 1:19-20. (B) "When thou (God) shalt make His (Jesus') soul an offering for sin" -fulfilled - Hebrews 9:12-14. (C) "He (God) shall see His (God's) Seed (child) - fulfilled- Matthew 1:21 and Luke 1:31-32 (D) "He (God) shall **prolong His days** How? He is killed in (v.8) and buried in (v.9)?. **God raised Him from the dead** - fulfilled - Acts 1:21-22; 2:32; 3:15' 52; 10:39-41; 17:30-31; 26:8, 12-20 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. **Isaiah 53:11** (A) *He (God) shall see the travail of His (Christ's) soul and shall be satisfied* - fulfilled: Matthew 27:50-51 and Hebrews 6:10-20; 10:17-20. (B) *By His (Christ's) knowledge* - fulfilled: Matthew 28:18-20. (C) *My (God's) righteous Servant*. The Servant who became the suffering Servant, has now become the righteous Servant - Fulfilled: Romans 1:16-17; 10:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:30 and Philippians 3:9 (also cf Psalm 22:30:31). (D) *Justify many*. Justify is a legal term in that the court of Almighty God rules that the person is to be counted as righteous, reckoned as righteous, and

vindicated because the debt is already vicariously paid by Christ. His righteousness is therefore reckoned, accounted, or imputed to us in place of our filthy raga (**Isaiah 64:6**). Justification is an act of God (Isaiah 4:17), by imputing or accounting a historical event, the Blood and Resurrection of Christ (Romans 4:25 and 5:9) to those who have faith (Romans 5:1) and obey the Gospel (Romans 6:3-6). (E) *For He (Christ) shall bear their iniquities* - Fulfilled: Hebrews 9:28 Isaiah 53:12 (A) *Therefore will I (God) divide Him (Christ) a portion with the Great* - fulfilled: Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:18-20; Hebrews 1-9 and Revelation 1:12-18. (B) *Because He (Christ) hath poured out His soul unto death* - fulfilled: John 10:11 and 10:17-18. (C) *He was numbered with the transgressors* - fulfilled: John 18:29-31 (D) *He bare the sins of many* - fulfilled: II Corinthians 5:21 (E) *And made intercession for the transgressors* - fulfilled: II Corinthians 5:21

Isaiah 61:1 The Coming Messiah to be Anointed by the Spirit to Preach "the glad tidings" The Gospel

(A) *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach* - Fulfilled: Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 10:38 and Hebrews 1:9. (B) *Good tidings to the meek* - fulfilled in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:5). *Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. The Greek word for meek used here is prah-ooce*, meaning mild and humble, but it was commonly used to describe a wild animal that had been trained and was now fit for service. We are all wild animals at heart, but those natural impulses can be trained and we can be yoked with Christ (Matthew 11:28-30) and fit for the Master's service. (C) *To bind up the broken hearte* (D) *To proclaim liberty to the captives.* (Spiritual liberty). Fulfilled Romans 8:2, 21; II Corinthians 3:17 & 1 Pet.2:16. (E) *The opening of the prison to them that are bound.*

Jeremiah the Weeping Prophet Jeremiah 22:18-30 No descendant of evil King Jehoiakim to prosper sitting on *David's Throne*. Then how could Christ be born of the House of David? cf: Matthew 1:11 Genealogy of Joseph Jesus' adopted father. Luke 13:31 Mary's Genealogy - Jesus' true family line did not even come through Solomon or any other kings of Judah, as David's son but rather through David's idiot son Nathan. Acts 2:29-30 says Christ was *raised up to sit on David's throne* Psalm 132:11 cf: Jeremiah 22:30

Daniel the Prophet of Judah's Captivity to the King of Babylon and his royal court Daniel chapter 2:1-44 **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream** cf: Jeremiah 25:11, Judah to be in captivity 70 years; Jeremiah 29:10-12 after the 70 years Remnant to return to the land; II Chronicles 36:21ff; Great Image, Head of Gold - Babylonian Empire, Breast of Silver - Persian Empire, Belly Brass - Greek Empire/Alexander the Great, Legs & Feet of Iron & Clay Roman Empire; Daniel 2:25 Stone Cf: Isaiah 8:13-14, Isa 28:11-16, Psalm 118:22 **Fulfillment Matthew 21:42-46**, Rom 9:32, Eph 2:19-22, Acts 4:9-12, I Pet. 2:1-9 cf: Rom. 12-1-2. Dan. 2:35, Stone strikes the image of the 4 great world kingdoms that will rule the world before Messiah comes & the Stone becomes a Great Mountain. Cf Isaiah 2:1-4 *the Mountain of the Lord's House - Hebrew Beth El* Isaiah 11:1-16 *in all My holy Mountain...*

Ezekiel 44:1-2 Ezekiel is writing this chapter about 574 B.C. during the Babylonian captivity. The city of Jerusalem, the walls of the city and the temple have been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and the Jews were carried away captive. Jeremiah 52:1-34 **Ezek.44:1**(A) Ezekiel sees a time in the future that the walls and gates will be rebuilt. (B) *The gate ... which looketh towards the east*; this is the famous "east gate" as we even today know it. (C) *And it was shut.* An absolutely amazing prophecy!!! When the Arabs took Jerusalem from the Byzantine empire in the 7th century after Christ, they bricked up this gate and it remains there bricked up today! So Ezekiel sees a vision of the east gate in Jerusalem some-time after 700 A.D.

Ezekiel 44:2 (A) *This gate shall be shut, it shall not be open and no man shall enter in by it. Shall be* in the future, it *shall be shut*. What great news to Ezekiel, for it to be Shut, the city, the walls and the gate have to be rebuilt. (B) *Because the Lord, the God of Israel hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut*. By the time this gate is shut, the Lord, the Messiah, the God of Israel will have already come!! (C) Name some person who came between 457 B.C., when the Jews went back to rebuild Jerusalem, and 700 A.D. when the Moslems bricked up the east gate, who claimed to be the Messiah. Can you name anybody else? It's inescapable, the Messiah had to have come before 700 A.D and only Jesus Christ came in that time period. (D) *Entered in by it* - fulfilled: by the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-17)

Micah 5:1-2 Micah wrote about 750 B.C. and was a contemporary of Isaiah. (Micah 1:1)

Micah 5:2 (A) *But thou Bethlehem Ephrath* -fulfilled: Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-18. Hebrews 7:14; Revelation 5:5 (B)...*little among the thousands of Judah*. Genesis 49:10-11 had promised that the Savior, the Messiah, would be of the tribe of Judah. Later, as we have seen, He is to be of house of David of the tribe of Judah. - fulfilled: in Matthew and Luke. *that is to be the ruler in Israel* - fulfilled: Jesus Christ the King (Daniel 7:13-14) at His ascension unto God (C) *Yet out of thee (Bethlehem) shall He (the Messiah) come forth unto Me*

(God) who is to be ruler in Israel Jesus is crowned King now!! 1 Corinthians 15:25; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Revelation 17:14 & 19:16. (D) *Whose goings forth have been from old* - fulfilled: The whole topic of this study has been that from Genesis 3:15 in the Garden of Eden at the fall of Adam and Eve over and over and over ... God has been saying: The Messiah is coming!! (E) *From everlasting*. Before God ever created the heavens and the earth, there was a foreordained plan of salvation for mankind (1 Peter 1:18-20) that had a first recorded promise (Genesis 3:15); That was announced by all the prophets (Acts 2:23); That was based upon the foreknowledge of God (Romans 8:29); In that we were chosen in Him (Christ) (Ephesians 1:4); That was the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:7; This was God's unchanging Purpose and Grace (II Timothy 1:9; Which was and is the manifold (over and over again) wisdom of God (Ephesians 1:10); The Eternal Purpose of God (Ephesians 1:11); It provided for eternal life (Salvation) (Titus 1:2); It provides for the sanctification of those In Him (1 Pet. 1:2 & 1 Cor. 1:30); and has always, from before the world began, in the death of Christ (Rev. 13:8). **Micah 5:1** Now that we've studied Micah 5:2, go back one verse. (A) *They shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek* - Fulfilled: Matt. 27:29-30. (B) *The judge of Israel*. This Seed, this coming Messiah as we have seen, is to be a Prophet, a Priest, a King and a Servant. Now we see He is to be a Judge - Fulfilled: John 5:22; Mat. 25:31-46; Acts 10:42 & 17:30-31; Rom. 2:16; 14:10; 1 Cor. 4:5; II Tim. 4:1; Heb. 9:27 & I Pet. 4:5. **Zechariah 9:9** **The Coming of the Messiah to formally present Himself to Israel** (A) *Rejoice greatly, ... Jerusalem: behold thy King cometh unto thee* - Fulfilled: in Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Matt. 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-46 and John 12:12-19. (B) *He is just* - Fulfilled: Mat. 27:19-24; John 5:30; Acts 3:14 & 22:14; I Pet. 3:18; I John 1:9 & Rev. 15:3. (C) *And having Salvation*. Also compare: it's the Lord who saves (Psalm 27:1 & 37:39; Isa. 12:2 & 25:9 & 45:21) - Fulfilled: Mark 16:15-16. (D) *Lowly* - Fulfilled: Matt. 11:28-30. (E) *And riding upon an Ass and upon a Colt, the Foal of an Ass*. Remember Gen. 49:10-11? *Binding His foal unto the vine, and His ass's colt unto the choice vine*. The Seed of Judah is to do these things! Fulfilled: Matthew 21:1-17. Note that is not just an ass or a colt but both! Only Matthew confirms this point showing how literally the prophecy of Jesus Christ was. Again fulfilled! (F) But why an ass and a colt? A conquering King rode a white horse, as Jesus is described doing at His second coming (Revelation 19:11). Because at Jesus' time, the Romans ruled the world and only a Roman citizen could own a horse!!

Zechariah 11:10-13 God will break and change His covenant of Law for a new covenant. Also study Jeremiah 31:31-34 - it will not be a tribal religion like Judaism but you'll have to know the Lord to be in the next covenant 11:10 ... *that I might break my covenant...* - Fulfilled: Matthew 26:26-30; Colossians 2:14 and Hebrews 9:15-28. Zechariah 11:11 (A) “ *...and so the poor of the flock...* Fulfilled: Matthew 5:3; the poor accepted Jesus. Examples: Luke 4:18; 6:20; 7:22; 12:1; Matthew 4:25; 13:2; 15:30; 19:2; Mark 1:33; 2:13 & 3:20. (B) “ *... Knew that it was the Word of the Lord* - Fulfilled: John 1:1, 14; Matthew 7:28-29; 13:54; 2:22-23; Mark 2:12; 4:41; 7:37; Luke 2:47; 4:22 & 36.

Zechariah 11:12 *And I (Judas) said unto them (the chief priests), If ye think good, give me my price ...so they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.* - Fulfilled: Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6. Zechariah 11:13(A) *And the Lord said unto me (Judas), cast it unto the potter: A goodly price that I (God) was priced at of them (the chief priests). And I (Judas) took the thirty pieces of silver and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.* Fulfilled: Matthew 27:3-8. (B) Matthew simply tells us that he (Judas) **hanged himself**. Matthew 27:5), but the rest of the story is found in Acts 1:15-20. It is interesting to note that Judas could not divorce himself from his informant's pay simply by returning the money - he through the Priests bought the potters' field (Acts 1:18). A potters' field was a place where all the clay had been dug out and nothing was left but the jagged rocks, like a deep gravel pit without water in it. Notice that fate brought Judas to this very field he bought through the Priests with his informants pay to hang himself! (What goes around, comes around. Galatians 6:7). But additionally, the Acts 1:15-20 account tells us about him hanging himself: *...and falling head long, he burst (on the jagged rocks) asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out*. We can understand this in two ways: One: No one would touch a dead body and become unclean for a week unless you were family or they loved you. So he probably hung for so long from the tree overlooking the hole that he bloated until the rope broke and he fell into the pit upon the rocks and burst or Two: That in hanging himself, as he hung suspended between Heaven and Hell, God wouldn't allow it and said: You can't kill yourself your way, I'm going to do it, and the rope broke. *And falling headlong onto the rocks burst (like a watermelon) and all his bowels gushed out*. But whatever way it was, we do know that *it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God* (Hebrews 10:31) for betraying the Christ (Matthew 26:24; Mark 14:21 and Luke 22:22).

Zechariah 12:10 (A) *And I (God) will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit.* (See Acts 1:4-5 & 8). Fulfilled: Acts 2:1-14; 32:33. (B) **Of Grace** - Fulfilled: for all Christians. (Acts 2:38-39). We as Christians receive the **gift** (from the Greek *do-reh-ah'* - a gratuity (grace) of the Holy Spirit at our baptism (Acts 2:38). (C) *And they shall look upon Me (God) whom they have pierced...* When had the Jews ever pierced their God? Fulfilled: John 19:34-37; I John 5:6-8 and Revelation 1:7.

Zechariah 13:1 (A) ***In that day.*** What day? The day the Spirit is poured out - Pentecost 30 A.D.! (B) *There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.* What's in a fountain? **Water!** The Hebrew word for fountain here is everywhere else translated living waters cf: John 7:37ff

(C) **For sin and for uncleanness.** What is the waters for sin fulfilled in our baptism: Acts 2:38 & Acts 22:16

Zechariah 13:6 (A) *“And one shall say unto Him, what are these wounds in thy hands?”* Fulfilled: John 20:26-29 (B) *“Then He will answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends”* Fulfilled: The house is Israel (Matt. 15:24) & His friends are who He gave His life for. (Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34 & John 15:13).

Zechariah 13:7 Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) and at *The Last Supper* Jesus quotes this verse and tells them that it was written about Him (Matthew 26:31).

Malachi 3:1-3 Malachi is a contemporary of Nehemiah. He is writing about 400 B.C. and with the close of Malachi the Old Testament revelation is complete. **Malachi 3:1** (A) *“Behold, I (God) will send a messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me (Christ).* Fulfilled: John 1:1-19-36; Luke 1:5-25 and Matthew 11:7-14. (B) *And the Lord (the Messiah) whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple -* Fulfilled: In Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which we have already studied. (See Matthew 21:10-12; Mark 11:11 and Luke 19:45). (C) *Even the messenger of the covenant -* What covenant? John was the last prophet under the covenant of the Law of Moses!! (John 1:17 and Matthew 11:11). (D) But God is going to enter into a **new covenant** with mankind. Isaiah 65:15, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and I Cor. 11:23-26. Malachi 3:2 *But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth...?* The Messiah will judge Israel's old covenant relationship with God and will cleanse the temple. Fulfilled: At His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18 and Luke 19:45-46.

Malachi 3:3 (A) *And He (Christ) shall purify the sons of Levi.* Fulfilled: Acts 2:38 and 6:7.(B) *And purge them as gold and silver...* Compare with Zechariah 13:9 and 3:1-5 showing Zechariah with a change of righteousness. Also see Luke 15:22' Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and Romans 6:3-6.

Malachi 4:5-6 *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet.* Fulfilled: Luke 1:17; John 3:22-36 and Matt 11:7-15.

BETWEEN THE OLD TESTAMENT & THE NEW ARE 400 YEARS OF SILENCE

During this 400 years the cannon of Old Testament scripture was complete until John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah and bore witness of Jesus that He was the Messiah that was to come cf: John 1:29-34. The “Old Testament Apocrypha and pseudepigrapha are uninspired writings myths and tales that did not pass the tests of history to become part of the cannon of scripture. All you have to do is read one page and you will clearly see they have not the ring of inspired scripture.

JESUS-CHRIST THE SON OF GOD

At just the right time in history , Jesus began His ministry (Galatians 4:4). Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7 are commonly called **The Sermon on the Mount.** The New Testament was written in Greek which was a common second language throughout the then known world. In the Greek language what is written in Matthew 5:2 is obvious, but not in our English translations because it is not only what Jesus taught that day on the Mount, this is the doctrine of Christ. This is also the high points of what Jesus continued to teach over and over again during His ministry. Read Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 asking yourself: considering all you know about God, as seen in nature and the universe...considering the Creation, if God became man, took upon Himself flesh and blood in order to save us, what would He be like? What would you expect His doctrine to be like? Jesus came to save us (Luke 19:10) and show us what God is like (John 14:9). Jesus is just like God (Hebrews 1:3).

Now read the remainder of Matthew's Gospel.

JESUS MADE THE CLAIMS OF BEING DIVINE (GOD)

John 10:1 He claimed all other ways to be false.

John 10:7 He claimed to be the door of the sheep.

John 10:7 He claimed to be able to save you personally.

John 10:11 He claimed to be able to give His life for you.

John 10:14 He claimed to be the Good Shepherd

John 10:17 He claimed to have the power to lay down His life and raise Himself up again. John 10:18 (A) He claimed no man had the power to take His life. (B) He repeated the claim to be able to lay down His life. (C) He repeated the claim to be able to resurrect Himself. (D) He claimed to be in communication with the Father-God **John 14:6** He claimed to be the one and only way to the Father. (Psalms 16:11; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 35:8; Jeremiah 32:39; Matthew 7:13-14. **Now there only three possibilities:** 1) **What He said is a lie.** Then He would be a false prophet. But much more, He would be the worse of all false prophets - worse than Hitler - because He taught men to trust their souls to Him. **Is His teaching the teaching of a false prophet or does it make your heart burn. (Luke 24:32)** 2) **He is crazy. If He was crazy He was crazy enough to die for His madness, so where is His body? Could the Jews have produced a body, they could have stopped Christianity cold at any time. Is this the teaching of a mad man or does it make your heart burn?** 3) **What He said is true.** This is the only other possibility - the inescapable conclusion that Jesus is the Christ, **the son of the living God to whom all the prophets bear witness.**

Mark 16:15-16 Jesus gives His marching orders to the Apostles ...Go preach the gospel!!!

I Corinthians 15:1-4 (A) The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the focus point of the universe. A point in history in which God intervened in the affairs of men in order to save humanity by paying the full price of -SIN-DEATH-for us. **The just for the unjust.** (B) What is the Gospel? This is a simple question where you can try the spirit as I John 4:1 teaches us to do. This is so simple, so elementary that if a teacher or preacher can't tell you what the Gospel is, then he can't tell you anything else either and is a false teacher. (C) We have asked hundreds of preachers: What is the Gospel? All but a few said: *The Good News*. We know that it comes from the Greek word *evangelion* (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on) meaning *a good message* but what did Jesus mean when He said *Go preach the Gospel*? That's when you will get every answer but I Cor.15 (E) Every sermon found in the book of Acts revolves around the Gospel - The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Example: Acts 2:22-39. **The Apostles certainly knew what Jesus had in mind when He commanded ..."preach the gospel..."** (Mark 16:15) **Galatians 1:6-9** There is a terrible curse upon any man or even an angel if they preach **any other gospel.** **Romans 1:16** Because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation **Romans 1:17** **for in the Gospel "... the righteousness of God is revealed."**

BELIEVE In the English language we understand the word *believe* to mean: *to believe with our minds or accept with our minds something as a fact*, such as Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (such is the concept found in Acts 8:36-38). The Greek word for believe is *pisteuo* (pist-yoo'-o) and it means *to believe, to commit to trust, especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ*". It comes from the very same Greek word that faith comes from, only it is not just quite as strong of a word as faith. (John 8:23-24). So our believe must be focused towards Jesus Christ, to His person ...who He is... and must involve a commitment to personally trust **in Him to save us. Either you believe or you don't believe!** Now is the time for you to settle once and for all in your own mind and heart. If you don't believe, **do not go on** with this study! Go back and read the books of Mark, Luke and John and then come back to this point of the study and continue. On the other hand, some people seem to be wedded to their sins, they forever stand at the gate...but just won't go in. Settle the matter and believe or know why you don't believe. **Make a decision!** Every one of us will someday die and then be judged. Hebrews 9:27. We will all live forever, the only question is - where? Heaven or Hell? Be not deceived by the *New liberal modernists*. The very same Jesus who promised His *sheep* Heaven (Matthew 25:31-40), also promised Hell for the *goats* in His very next breath. (Matthew 25:41-46) Be not deceived, God is not mocked: Galatians 6:7-8). If you want to know what it's like in Hell for those who fail to believe, study Psalms 88:1-18. If you believe and have decided to trust Christ alone to save you, then you have taken the very first step! There is all the difference between Heaven and Hell, in believing about Jesus and believing **in Jesus.** Throughout this study we have seen the vital importance of our being **in the Seed** or **In Him.** **John 1:12** This verse does not say that they became the sons of God. Rather **You now have the power to become the sons of God.** **Acts 16:31** This is another misunderstood verse. This verse does not say believe and thou are saved. It says *shall be*, future tense. It has not happened yet but it will happen because if you really do believe, you will continue on with the whole council of God. You won't just stop here... **Jam. 2:19** Are the devils saved? Certainly not! **John 3:15-16** (A) Twice Jesus says you must be **in Him** and believe. He says nothing about believing on Him. (B) Twice Jesus says **should not perish.** He says nothing about **shall not perish.** (C) You see, you should not perish. There is absolutely no reason for you to perish, but, will you perish? It's entirely up to you! God loves you and He does not want you to perish!

You must understand that the New Testament has many partial revelations about salvation, but it's the sum total of everything God has to say regarding salvation that saves us. An example would be: The New Testament says: Red = Black. And in another place the New Testament says: Green = Black. Both are true, but the whole truth is that if you take a bucket of red paint and pour it into a bucket of green paint, stir well and you have 2 buckets of black paint because Red + Green = Black. So it is with our salvation...it is the whole council of God of which, as we will see, to believe is the very important first step.

CONFESS THE LORD JESUS Romans 10:9 (A) This verse teaches that we must confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus. So, to our **belief**, we must add **confession of Christ**. An example being Acts 8:36-38. (B) Now, we also know that we must believe in our heart, not just our minds. An example is in Acts 8:37) To the Hebrews, the heart was understood to be the mind, the emotion and the practice (daily life). Our belief in Jesus must thunder through all aspects of our being in order to be heart belief. (C) This verse also says: ***shall be saved***, a future tense word. It has not happened yet. **Romans 10:10** (A) Heart belief is still ***unto*** righteousness, not ***into*** righteousness. It is ***in*** or ***into righteousness*** where all the promises of God are to be found. (B) *Confession* is still ***unto salvation*** not ***into***. **Matthew 10:32** Jesus' confession of us before the Father is of eternal importance to our souls. **Timothy 2:5** Because Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and men.

REPENT Acts 17:30 We are commanded by God to repent. **II Peter 3:9** Because God is not willing that you should perish. **Luke 13:1-5** And Jesus warned ***except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish***. **II Corinthians 7:10** Godly sorrow for our sins works repentance. **Psalms 51:1-19** This is an example of the attitude of Godly sorrow for our sins. **I Thessalonians 1:9** Repentance involves a turning from sin to serve God, but just turning towards God with a desire to serve Him is not enough. **Acts 26:20** We must do something about our desire to turn towards God. There must also be the corresponding action of works and deeds of repentance. For example: If you are stealing, you stop stealing; if you are beating your wife, you stop beating your wife; and if your wife is beating you, you get her to stop beating you. Simply put a stop to whatever you are doing that offends God and your fellow man. But deeds and works will never save us. These things are still not enough! **Acts 20:21** We must repent by turning towards God and having faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ to save us!

Faith: Even though faith can and does cause an emotional feeling, Bible faith is not a feeling or a blind leap into a void. Faith, in English, we understand as trust and reliance especially upon God in Christ to save us. Because He said in His Word He would save us in Christ, then we bring forth the corresponding actions of acting upon what God says. A perfect example of faith in action is baptism! Jesus said: do it (Mark 16:15-16), we believe what he said and submit to it. Faith comes from the Greek word *pistis* (pis'-tis) which means *conviction of the truthfulness of God*, especially, reliance upon Christ for salvation, credence, assurance & trust. **Ephesians 2:8-9** Faith is a gift (the Greek word is *dp'-ren* meaning a gift or present) of God. But how does God present this gift...does He zap you like a lightning bolt? Certainly not!! **Romans 10:17** ***Faith commeth by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God***. God has given us His Word as a gift or present and if you are to have the Bible kind of faith, it will come about by you hearing the Word of God, believing what you hear and acting upon it. **Hebrews 11:1** I personally like the Phillips translation of this verse: ***Now faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for; it means being certain of things we cannot see***. And also the RSV: ***Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen***. The 11th chapter of Hebrews has been called *The Roll Call of the Heroes of Faith*. In this chapter we see many examples of what the Bible kind of faith is like. In each and every example, the person: First, hears the word of God. Such terms as: *word of God; God testifying; testimony; warned; called; promise; promised; promises; tried' recompenc rof the reward*, etc. all describe hearing the word of God. Second, the person believes what he hears. Such terms as: *moved with fear; not knowing whether he went; he looked for a city; she judged Him faithful who had promised; but having seen them afar off; were persuaded, and embraced; accounting that God was able*, etc. show belief. Finally, the person took action when they believed what God said - **they did what He said!!** Such terms as: *Abel offered...a more excellent sacrifice; he pleased God; prepared an Ark; obeyed and he went out; dwelling in tabernacles; received strength to conceive seed; offered up Isaac; was hid three months; choosing rather to suffer affliction; kept the Passover; passed through the Red Sea; compassed (walked around) about seven days*. ...on...and...on...describes faith in action. Study Hebrews 11.

Hebrews 11:6 ***...without faith it is impossible to please Him...***

Romans 5:1(A) Justified is a judicial ruling by God, the Judge, that a person is to be counted or reckoned as if righteous because of their standing ***in Christ***. The very righteousness of God is imputed (Romans 4) to the

person instead of their own righteousness which is filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6) because they are *in Christ* and the full price of their sin has already been paid by Him in His death on the cross. Justification is when God ...*callethe those things which are not (righteous) as though they were (righteous)*. Romans 4:17 (B) Many Scripture twisters add the word alone to this verse and have it read: therefore being justified by faith alone, which is a lie! (C) The verse before says: we are justified by Jesus' resurrection. (Romans 4:25) Romans 5:9 says that we are justified by His blood; Romans 3:24 says that we are justified freely by His Grace D) So plainly, we are *justified by faith* and not by faith alone! Faith can be summarized as being: when we trust the propositional promise of God enough to take action upon the proposition. We hear, believe and do!!!

BAPTISM After He arose from the dead, Jesus told His Apostles that along with the Gospel message of His Death and Resurrection (Luke 24:46) two additional things were to be preached in His name (authority), repentance and remission of sins (Luke 24:47) ... beginning in Jerusalem . (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8) On the day of Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' crucifixion on Passover, the Apostles are all together (Acts 1:26-2:1) and they are baptized in the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the prophecies of Joel 2:28-32; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16 & John 1:33. Who was to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? **The Apostles**. (Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:1-8) This baptism of the Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to preach the Word of God with power (Acts 1:8) and without error. (John 14:26; 16:13) *But Peter standing up with the eleven...*(Acts 2:14) preaches the Gospel (the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (I Corinthians 15:1-4) just what he was commanded to do. (Acts 2:22:16) The people are convicted by his preaching and said: *Men and brethren, what shall we do?* Acts 2:47 So, Peter sets forth the conditions of salvation the day the Church began.

Acts 2:38 This verse contains two imperatives and two promises.

IMPERATIVES

PROMISES

Repent

Remission of sins

Baptism

The gift of the Holy Spirit

A man who is drowning in the middle of the ocean does not care if his saviour comes in a canoe, rowboat or an ocean-liner. All he cares about is being saved. I submit to you that any person who argues or debates how he is to be saved, is not ready to be saved. The Gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:1-4) But that is a vicarious (separate and apart from us) historical event. We must (#1) find some way to get *in Christ* as we have seen throughout our study. **Romans 6:3-6** (A) Immediately this verse tells us we are baptized into Jesus Christ. This is what we have been looking for! (B) This verse also teaches us we are baptized into His death which is the first part of the Gospel. **Romans 6:4** (A) *We are buried with Him* by baptism. The second part of the Gospel.(B) Baptized into His Death (C) *Just as Christ was raised, even so we should walk in newness of life* Summary of verses 3 & 4: Just as Jesus died on the cross, God wants us to propose in our minds and hearts that we will die to sin. Just as Jesus was buried in a grave, God wants us to be buried in the watery grave of baptism. Just as Jesus arose from the grave, God wants us to arise to walk (live) a brand new life!! (Colossians 3:1) Romans 6:5 What does the word *if* mean? What if we haven't? Then we are just like Paul, still in our sins, no matter how much we believe, confess Him as our Lord, repent, fast for 3 days and nights and pray...the man who was to become Paul the Apostle had done all these things but still had his sins. (Acts 22:16) Romans 6:6 Die with Jesus and don't be a slave to sin! Do you wonder why sometimes we sin compulsively? It's because we have not yet obeyed the Gospel by dying to sin, being buried with Jesus in baptism and rising to walk a new life. This is the subject of the next group of verses. (Romans 6:7-23)

Romans 6:17 (A) That form of doctrine (teaching) is baptism, the subject matter of this chapter.

(B) Obeyed from the heart. If you are baptized and it is not from the heart, then you go down a dry sinner and come up a wet sinner. There is absolutely no magic in the water! (C) But it is in the water that God meets your heart belief, repentance, confession of Christ as Lord and faith upon God in Christ to save you.

(D) If you really believe, you will do what He says. If you do not do what He says, you do not believe. You have hindered the Word of God, you **I Peter 3:2** False teachers and false prophets - today's *new liberal modernists* tell you that *baptism doesn't save*. Who are you going to believe? The Apostle or them The most common objection: **Question:** How did the thief on the cross go to Paradise without being baptized? Luke 23:39-43 *The unlearned and unstable say as they twist and wrestle also the other scriptures unto their own destruction. (II Peter 3:16)* **Answer:** The thief on the cross died under the dispensation of the Law of Moses where baptism was not an ordinance or commandment. Christ was not yet dead when He said: ...today thou

shalt be with Me in Paradise. The change of the Law took place when Christ died. (Col. 2:13) and the entire subject matter of the book of Hebrews.

Galatians 3:16 (A) This is where we started this study (B) Now to Abraham and his **Seed** (child/descendant). (C) **...were the promises made.** All of God's promises were made to the Christ and to those who are **In Him** (II Corinthians 1:20) (D) **...He (God) saith not, and to seeds (children), as of many descendants.** (E) **... but of one (child), and to thy seed, which is Christ.** Paul now enters into a discussion of why the Law was given until Jesus the Christ came (Galatians 3:17-25). **Galatian 3:26** We must be **in Christ** and have faith. But again, how do we get **Into Him?** **Galatians 3:27** We are baptized **into Christ!** **Galatians 3:28** **There is no place in Christ found for racism of any sort.** **Galatians 3:29** (A) **And if ye be Christ's.** How? He just told you - vv. 26-17. (B) **Ye are Abraham's child.** God promised that He would *multiply* that seed (child) as the stars of heaven. (Genesis 15:3-4; 22:15 & 26:1-4) And every time a person is **baptized into Christ** from the heart, another star is added!!!. (Romans 2:28-29 & Galatians 3:7) (C) **And heirs according to the promise.** You become an heir and receive the promises. What promises? All o the promises of God (II Corinthians 1:20). As you will see in the next lesson **IN CHRIST** or **IN HIM** when we study what the New Testament has to say about the benefits of being **in Christ.**

Now is the time for you to make a decision!!! We will close with the words of Ananias to Saul who was to become the Apostle Paul.(Acts 22:16) *And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the **NAME OF THE LORD.***