

# A LOOKING GLASS FOR THE JEWS

*Wherein they may clearly see that the Messiah has come, by the Prophets in the Old Testament, (more than sixteen hundred years since,) and the manifest testimonies since.*

*And also, they may see their own blindness and ignorance of their own Prophets, and of the Messiah unto this day.*

*By which my desire is, they may turn to him, that their eyes may be opened, that they may see him whom they have pierced.*

*—By George Fox*

Daniel was a man greatly beloved of God, who interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream; and Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerned himself, and the whole monarchy, (the head of gold,) and concerned the Persian monarchy, (the breast of silver,) and concerned the Grecian monarchy, (the belly and thighs of brass,) and concerned the Roman monarchy, (the legs of iron, and the feet of iron and clay); and the breaking of all these to pieces as the chaff of the summer threshing-floor, and the wind carrying them away, that no place for them was found; and it was the stone that smote the image of gold and became a great mountain that filled the whole earth? Is not this stone the Messiah? For Daniel said, 'whom you do believe as a prophet and beloved of God, in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, Dan 2:44. [mark, in the days of these four monarchies,] and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break into pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. The stone, which was cut out of the mountain without hands, it shall break into pieces the brass, and the clay and iron, the silver and the gold monarchies. Now Nebuchadnezzar did say to Daniel, 'of a truth his God was the God of truth, and the God of gods, and the King of kings.'

\* The Jewish prophet, Daniel, wrote his prophecies 538 years before Christ.

So now, consider, was not Nebuchadnezzar beyond you in your belief? Did not the Messiah come in the days of these four monarchies, and set up his kingdom that has lasted sixteen hundred years [Fox wrote this paper in late 1600s] since? Have those four monarchies not been dashed in pieces by the stone, which should come in their days? Was not Daniel a true prophet, and Nebuchadnezzar's dream true about the four monarchies? Did not the God of truth reveal these

secrets to him? So if you do believe that Daniel was a true prophet, and Nebuchadnezzar's dream true, and God revealed the secrets of it to Daniel, and the gold and silver, and brass, and iron, and clay monarchies were broken to pieces by the stone which should become a great mountain, and should fill the whole earth; then you must believe that the Messiah has already come. Dan 2:44. Did not Nebuchadnezzar, in the vision of himself to be the tree which was hewn down, confess to the God of heaven, and extol him, and lift up his eyes to heaven, and bless and praise the Most High, and honor him that lived forever; 'whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.' Mark that, and see if you see this kingdom, which is everlasting and has dominion from generation to generation. See if you can see this in your generation? How can you see this, unless you come to this stone, and this kingdom, which God set up in the days of these four monarchies, which should never have an end? For you know, you had a kingdom [in Jerusalem] before those four monarchies, which had an end.\*

\*The end of the Jewish Kingdom was in 70 A.D. In the first of several Jewish rebellions against Rome, most of the Jews were massacred and the temple in Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Roman Prince, Titus, in 70 AD. Titus, who later became emperor of Rome, was the son of the Emperor Vespasian. Josephus, a first century historian, wrote that 1.1 million Jews died and hundreds of thousands were forced out of the country and into exile and slavery.

In a later Jewish rebellion against Rome in 135 A.D., the Roman Emperor Hadrian further destroyed Jerusalem and Israel. Cassius Dio, a second century historian, counted 580,000 Jews killed, 50 fortified towns and 985 villages destroyed, and all the remaining Jews exiled to countries throughout the Roman Empire and eventually scattered and re-scattered throughout the world.

Daniel in his vision, Dan 7:13, saw the kingdom of God, and saw one like the Son of man, and there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and shall not pass away; and his kingdom shall not be destroyed. Now you know the Jewish kingdom has passed away. The saints (sanctified ones) are to partake of this new kingdom.

And Daniel heard one saint speak to another, 'how long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? He said to me, unto two thousand three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' Dan 8:13-14. Now, compute this time, and number these days or years, and see in what time period you are. Dan 8.

\*In the year 70 AD, Jerusalem began to be trodden under foot, as prophesied, by Daniel and Christ. Converting 2300 Jewish calendar years to our calendar (2300 years  $\times$  360 days per Jewish year / 365 days/year)= 2268 years, making the date 2337A.D. There are many who believe the beginning of this time to be when Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the temple by installing a statue of Zeus in 163 B.C.; if they are correct, the date becomes 2104 A.D.

In Dan 9 Gabriel the angel speaks to him, and tells Daniel that 'he was greatly beloved, and to give him skill and understanding,' ... And says to him, 'seventy weeks were determined upon his people, and upon the holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sin; [mark,] and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy; know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks,\*... 'And after the sixty-two weeks shall the Anointed One be cut off or killed and shall have nothing belonging to Him. And the people of the other prince\*\* who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.' 'And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week . And *in the midst of the week* he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease '... Now consider this, you Jews, and number you this time, the seventy weeks; and whether your Jerusalem was not built according to that number, and whether the Messiah did not come; and was not he cut off after the sixty-two weeks? According to this time was not he cut off? Did you not cut him off, but not for himself [will have nothing or no one, or nothing belonging to him]? And did not the people of the other prince [Roman Titus, later to be Emperor] come and destroy your city, and cause your offerings to cease? Now number this time, and whether one which was called the Messiah did not come, according to these years, which you would not receive? And Isaiah calls him a Prince; but when he came, he confirmed his new covenant with many, and when he had offered up himself, he caused your offering to cease validity once for all.

\*The Messiah was to come  $62+7=69$  weeks= $483$  days or 483 years after the command was issued to rebuild Jerusalem by King Artaxerxes, in his twentieth year, or 444 B.C. This computes to 33 A.D., the calendar year of his entrance into Jerusalem and his death. Further detail on this prophecy's predicted year is available in the Preface to all Early Quakers Letters of Love to the Jews.

\*\*The *other prince* was the future emperor and Roman prince, Titus, in 70 AD; the the son of the Emperor Vespasian.

In Dan 12:11-12, 'And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away [33 A.D.], and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.' Now number you this time when it

began, and when it ended;<sup>1</sup> and see that you may be partakers of this blessing. So I desire that you would see and number the time to the Messiah, the Prince, after the threescore and two weeks;<sup>2</sup> and whether you did not cut off one in that time that was called the Messiah, who was born of a virgin, called the Virgin Mary, according to Isaiah the prophet, who said in Isaiah 7: 'The Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.' Now number you the time in Dan 9 unto Messiah the Prince, and see whether or not a virgin had not a child, a son, whose name was called Immanuel, [*see above calculation*]. And also the saying of Isaiah the prophet<sup>3</sup> came upon you, 'go tell this people, hearing indeed, but understand not; and seeing indeed, but perceive not; make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; for fear that they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and be converted and be healed.' Isa 6:9-10. Was not this your condition, when this virgin had a child, and when the Messiah came to you, according to Daniel's number, which was the sign the Lord gave you, a virgin should have a son, and his name should be called Immanuel, God with us; then you would not understand this with your hearts, nor see with your eyes, nor hear with your ears; but were shut up unconverted and unhealed to this day.

<sup>1</sup>The typical calculation is:

$(1290 \text{ years}) \times (360 \text{ days/Jewish year}) / (365 \text{ days/year}) = 1272 \text{ years of our calendar}$

$(1335 \text{ years}) \times (360 \text{ days/Jewish year}) / (365 \text{ days/year}) = 1317 \text{ years of our calendar}$

The numbering of the beginning is: 33 A.D. +1272 years= 1305 A.D.

The number of the ending is : 33 A.D. + 1317 years= 1352 A.D.

These years have no historical significance to this site editor.

<sup>2</sup>Sometime after the 62 weeks, (which occurred after the first seven weeks), which was the beginning of Christ's ministry, the Messiah was cut off or killed. He entered into a strong covenant with many for one week, and in the midst of that week, (he was crucified at 3 1/2 years, exactly in the middle of that time period), he shall cause the sacrifice to cease; Christ's sacrifice of his own life, being the everlasting sacrifice - none others being required or recognized by God - which terminated any validity to the old Jewish sacrifice.

<sup>3</sup>The Jewish prophet, Isaiah, wrote his prophecies 778 years before Christ was born.

'Then said I, O Lord, how long? then said he, until the city be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly destroyed: the

Lord shall remove men far away, and there shall be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.' Isa 6:11-12. Do you not see that this has come upon you: 'but in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten, as an elm tree, or as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.' So when you have cast off your show, your outside leaves, you may see this tenth, and this holy seed, the substance of your figures and shadows.

'For to us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace; of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and his kingdom, to ordain it, and establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and forever: the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.' Isa 9:6-7.

Now consider this prophecy of Isaiah; whether this child was not born of the virgin, this son given, and came according to Daniel's number, and Isa 11, 'there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots, and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, and the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord; and he shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins, ... And this root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious.' Now consider, you Jews; is not this the Messiah spoken of, according to Daniel's number? who was of the seed of David? And now is he our people's ensign; and we, whom you call Gentiles, have sought, and found; and his rest is glorious to us.

And consider, in Isa 29 'The Lord has poured upon you the spirit of deep slumber, and has closed your eye, your prophets and your rulers, your seers has he covered.' Was not this so, when the virgin had a child, the Messiah, the Immanuel, when that sign was brought forth among you, according to Daniel's number? And was not the vision and the book, and the law and the prophets a sealed book to you, which spoke of Christ to you, that when the Messiah came, you did wonder, and stagger like drunken men, but not with wine or strong drink. Although you cannot rightly read the book of the law and the prophets, it being sealed up; yet you then and now draw near to the Lord with your lips, and your mouths do honor him, but have removed your hearts far from him: therefore the Lord said, 'behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of the wise men

shall perish, and the understanding of your prudent men shall be hid.' Has not this been observed among you, concerning the Messiah, that sign, that a virgin should have a son? Therefore the Lord calls you in 'Isa 30:1, rebellious children;' when he says, 'woe to you rebellious children, said the Lord, that take counsel but not of me; that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.' For, had you been covered with the spirit, you would have seen the sign that God gave you, the virgin having a son, the Immanuel, who came according to Daniel's number. 'Therefore,' says Isaiah, 'said the Lord, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for a time to come, forever and ever; for this is a rebellious people, lying children, that will not hear the law of the Lord.' Isa 30:1,8-9. So here you may see what they were in Isaiah's days, and the rest of the prophets'; and you may see what you were in Moses' days, and the rest of the Judges; and what you were when the Messiah came: for did you not say to the seers, 'see not;'; to the prophets, 'prophecy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceit;'; so you may see how you were against the prophets, and how you were all along from Moses to the Messiah.

In Isa 32, 'behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,' ... And is not this spoken of the Messiah? 'A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see, shall not be dim; and the ears of them that hear shall hearken:' and this is witnessed by thousands, though you have ears and hear not, and eyes that see it not.

Isa 35 speaks largely of the Messiah, 'who has made the wilderness a solitary place, glad, and has confirmed the weak hands and feeble knees, and made the fearful heart strong, and opened the blind eyes and deaf ears, and made the lame man to leap, the tongue of the dumb to sing, and the wilderness and the desert water streams, and her parched land to become a pool, and thirsty land springs of water.' We who own the Messiah, the Immanuel, the Son of the virgin, the sign to you whose heads are weak, and knees feeble, and land parched thirsty, wanting the springs that be heavenly, and whose tongues are dumb, concerning the Messiah having come, having not the tongue of the learned to know the times and seasons to be in the Father's hand. And Isaiah tells you of a way, that shall be called the 'way of holiness, which shall be for those, the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein, and the redeemed shall walk in it, and the ransomed of the Lord.' Now are not your eyes blind to this way, and your ears deaf from hearing it, this way of holiness, where the unclean shall not walk over it? Mark, is not this the way, the Messiah? In Isa 42, where he said, 'behold my servant whom I uphold, my elect in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to Gentiles.' And this the Gentiles witness, though your eyes are blind and cannot see this elect, this servant, in whom God's soul delights, and has put his spirit upon him, who has

brought forth judgment to the Gentiles:\* 'A bruised reed he shall not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment to truth; he shall not fail nor be discouraged, until he has set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for his law,' ... and many have received his law, though you Jews have had the law, and the prophets have spoken of him that was to come, who has come; you have shut your eyes and stopped your ears, and have not received his law, though you read in the law and the prophets of him. 'But I the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and I will hold your hand; I will keep you; I will give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.' Is not this the Messiah? is not this the Immanuel that is born of the virgin? Yes, the Gentiles received this light and covenant, many thousands, and witness both the promise of God, and the prophecies fulfilled. And further he said, 'the Lord said, that he will open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house: I am the Lord, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images:' 'behold,' said he, 'the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them; sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise to the ends of the earth,' ... And you may see further; 'the isles and the inhabitants thereof shall give glory to God, and declare his praise in the isles.'

\*Though most Gentiles, who claim to be Christians, do not live the life, through whose lives and fruits the name of the Messiah is dishonored; and the unbelievers are hardened through them that profess him in words, and deny him in life. So most of Christianity has fallen into the trap of presumption of God's favor, regardless of disobedience to God's commands - exactly the same failure of the Jews, who were frequently punished and exiled by God.

So consider now, you whose eyes are blind, and are yet prisoners in prison, and sit in darkness, and do not behold the new thing that the prophet declared, yes, declared them before they had sprung forth; and you who know not this new song, cannot sing it to the Lord. Only he who knows the Messiah, knows this new song, knows new things. Many lands can declare his praise, whom the Messiah has brought out of darkness, the prison-house, and opened the blind eyes, whom the Lord has given for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles, and to be his salvation to the ends of the earth; now you know you had the old covenant before. And the Lord says further, 'I will bring the blind by a way they know not; I will lead them into paths which they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these will I do,' ... 'Hear you deaf, and look you blind, that you may see; seeing many things, but you observes not; opening your ears, but hears not; is not this your condition? Behold, thus said the Lord, which makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters,' ... 'Remember you not the former things, neither consider the things of old, because I will make a new thing, and now it shall spring forth, and

you shall not know it; the beasts of the field shall honor me,' .... Now consider how you have not truly minded the old things, nor the new thing.

In Isa 50 does he not there speak of the Messiah, of the Son of man who was not rebellious: 'He that turned not away his back, but said, I gave my back to the smiter, and my cheek to them that plucked off the hair, and hid not my face from shame and spitting?' And was not this the Immanuel, born of a virgin, who came among you, according to the number of Daniel, the Messiah? Did not you spit upon him? Did not you whip and scourge him? And did he turn his back from you smiters, whose eyes were blinded; 'But the Lord had given him the tongue of the learned, that he should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.' ... He further said, 'The Lord God will help me, therefore shall I not be confounded, therefore I have set my face as a flint... behold the Lord will help me, who is he that will condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment, and the moth shall eat them up.'

And now you that will not receive the Messiah, the Immanuel, born of the virgin, according to Daniel's number, that little stone that has dashed to pieces the four monarchies, and has become a great mountain, and filled the whole earth; and will not this stone fall upon your heads, and grind you to powder? And are not you waxed old like a garment? Have not the moths eaten up many of you? And does not Isaiah say in the 52d and 53d chapters, 'Behold my servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted and be very high. Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man, and his form marred beyond human likeness.'

Was not the Messiah served so with you Jews, when he came among you, more than sixteen hundred years ago [Fox wrote in the late 1600s], were not you appalled at him? Was not his appearance disfigured? But said Isaiah, 'he shall sprinkle many nations.' This we see, though you whose eyes are blind cannot see; the Lord has made bare his holy arm in the face of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Is not this the Immanuel, born of a virgin, according to Isaiah's prophecy, and Daniel's number; though seeing you see not, and hearing hear not; having closed your eyes and stopped your ears? But Isaiah said, Isa 53:1-2. 'Who has believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? He shall grow up before him, as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he has no form nor comeliness, and when we see him, there is no beauty, that we should desire him.

So is not this he that was born of a virgin, the Messiah; that when he came among you, and to this day, you could never see any form or comeliness or beauty, but spit upon him, and buffeted him, and put your crown of thorns on him; yes, says Isaiah, 'he was despised and rejected of men.' Did not you despise him? Did not you fulfil the prophet Isaiah's words? 'He was a man of



sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we have hid our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.' Did not you hide your faces from him, and despise him when he came? Did not you fulfil Isaiah's prophecy here concerning the Immanuel, who was born of a virgin? And said Isaiah, 'but he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed; all we like sheep have gone astray, and have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquities of us all.' All you Jews everywhere have gone astray after your own way, until you are turned to the Immanuel, that was born of a virgin, that was the Messiah, that came according to Daniel's number: 'he was oppressed, he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.' Was it not you Jews that did oppress him, and afflict him, and brought him as a lamb to your slaughter, as a sheep before her shearer is dumb; were not you the people that did thus deal with the Messiah above sixteen hundred years since? 'By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who among them considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living [stricken to His death] for the transgression of my [Isaiah's] people, to whom the stroke was due?'

Now consider this you Jews: was it not you that oppressed him and judged him? Were not your forefathers and Pilate the judges of him, who was cut off for the transgression, and was stricken for the people? You will never come out of your transgression, but through him, the Messiah, the Immanuel, born of the virgin. 'He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, neither was deceit found in his mouth: it pleased the Lord to bruise him, and to put him to grief, when you shall make his soul an offering for sin; he shall see his seed; he shall prolong his days; the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand, Isaiah 53:9-10'

Now here you may see that he was an offering for sin, who made his soul an everlasting offering for sin, and ended your offerings for sin; this is beyond all your offerings, and this is the offering that pleased the Lord. This was he that was born of the virgin. This was the Messiah that Daniel numbers the years of the time when he should come, and who came in your forefathers' days, above sixteen hundred years since, and made his soul an offering for sin; and he did see his seed in the days of his disciples and apostles, and now; and the pleasure of the Lord did prosper in his hand, and does. Isaiah said, 'he shall see the travail of his soul, and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for he shall bear their iniquity.'

Now you that do not believe in him, though he was an offering for your sin, how can you are justified? Or how can you believe in Moses or any of the prophets that testified of him, and not believe in him [Christ]? Therefore, said the Lord, 'I

will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he has poured out his soul unto death; he was numbered with the transgressors; he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.' Now you that do not believe that he bore your sins, though he was numbered with the transgressors; and you that do not believe that it is he that you crucified, who is the Son of the virgin, that must make intercession for you; you neither believe in the prophets nor in the Messiah, nor ever can come to God, but by him that makes intercession for you, and bears your sins.

Does not Isaiah complain in Chapter 52, how his 'name was blasphemed every day?' And did not you blaspheme against his son when he came? 'But my people shall know my name in that day, that I am he that speaks; behold it is I.' Now here was a day to come, and happy were those of you that did behold the day when it came; yes, the day of the Messiah, and do behold it now. 'And how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that publishes peace, that brings glad tidings of good, that publishes salvation, that said to Sion, your God reigns.'

In Isa 55, 'Ho, every one that thirsts, come you to the waters; come he that has no money, come, buy and eat; yes, come buy wine and milk without money and without price,... Incline your ears, and come to me; hear, and your souls shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the sure mercies of David: behold I have given him, a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people: behold you shall call a nation you know not; nations that know not you, shall run to you, because of the Lord your God.'

Now mark, you Jews: this everlasting covenant which God would make; you had the first covenant that spoke of this witness which God gives, and this leader, and this commander to the people, that should call a nation, and nations should run unto him. Is not this the Messiah and Immanuel, that was born of a virgin, according to Isaiah and Daniel's prophecy; whom you hid your faces from, were ashamed of, and spit upon. And in Isa 62, 'The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.'

And is not this brightness, and salvation, and this righteousness, and glory, that the Gentiles and all kings shall see, and this new name which the Lord shall name; is not this the Messiah, the Prince? 'And you shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.' And in chapter 65, Isaiah said, 'the Lord said, I was sought of them that asked not for me, I was found of them that sought me not.' And were not these the Gentiles which the Messiah was promised to, who have received him? many have received him; so the Lord said; 'behold me, behold me, to a nation that was not called by my name:' but concerning you Jews, he said, 'I have spread out my hands all the

day to a rebellious people, who walked in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts, a people that provoked me to anger continually to my face,' ...

So you may read your rebellion, how you provoked him, from Moses throughout all the prophets, until you came to the Messiah, whom you spit at. See how other nations have received the Messiah, and run after him; and so when you call, the Lord shall not answer, because you rejected his Son. And does not Jeremiah say, 'as a cage was full of birds, so were your houses full of deceit; and therefore repent and turn.' And in Jeremiah 31, 'behold the day has come, said the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which my covenant they broke, though I was a husband to them, said the Lord.' Here you (may see you forsook your husband) that broke the covenant. But here is a new covenant, which is not according to the old: and now this new covenant you have not received, and will not receive: for as he said, 'I will give him for a covenant,' that is the Messiah, he that was born of a virgin. 'But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days.'

\*The Jewish prophet, Jeremiah, wrote his prophecies 519 years before the birth of Christ.

Now here are the days of the old covenant; here are the days of the new, 'said the Lord, I will put my laws in their hearts, and write them in your inward parts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people; and they shall not teach every man their neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them, to the greatest of them, said the Lord.'

And it is said in Isa 54, 'All your children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children; in righteousness shall you are established,' ... So consider, you will never own the new covenant, until you own the Messiah is come. In Jer 32, 'I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me:' so now this is the new covenant which you must all receive, if you come to be God's people, and he your God. To have the one heart and the one way, it must be in this everlasting covenant.

You crucified the Messiah, did not God raise him up the third day, that he might live in his sight? So if ever you live to God, it is through him; for in Hosea 6, 'After two days he will revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.' And was not this a prophecy of the work of the Messiah, whom you crucified. 'For the Lord desired mercy of you and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings, but you, like men, have

transgressed the covenant, and dealt treacherously against me, said the Lord.' Micah said, in the 4th chapter, 'that in the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it, and many nations shall come and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths,' ... Now, you Jews, consider this; is not this the new covenant, where many nations now come to be taught of God? Does not God teach them his ways to walk in; and he shall judge among the people, and judge many strong nations, ... And is not this in the days of the Messiah, which many witness.

The Jewish prophet, Micah, writes in Chapter 5, 'but you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to me, that is to be a ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting; and he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.' ... And now you Jews, was it not here prophesied that the Messiah should come out of Bethlehem of Judah, to be a ruler; and this is the Son that the virgin bore, the Immanuel. When she, Mary the virgin, had brought forth, who was advised by the angel what to call her Son, namely, Jesus; all Jerusalem was on an uproar. Look back you Jews; did not Herod your king, who was troubled also, gather all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and demanded of them where the Messiah should be born? And they said to him, 'in Bethlehem Judah;' as the prophet Micah prophesied in 5:2,4 'For you Bethlehem in the land of Judah, though you are the least among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to me, that is to be a ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting; and he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.' ... Now you Jews, was it not here written, that the Messiah should come out of Bethlehem of Judah, to be a ruler? This is the Son that the virgin bore, the Immanuel.

\*The Jewish prophet, Micah, wrote his prophecies 700 years before Christ..

Did not Herod in his envy seek the destruction of this Messiah? But Herod was not successful in killing him, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, Jer:31, when he had killed the children from such an age: 'thus said the Lord, a voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.' And the Messiah was carried down into Egypt, when Herod sought his life, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of him; 'out of Egypt have I called my Son,' Hosea 11:1. So here you may see it is clear, how the Messiah was born in Bethlehem; now number you according to the prophecy: a virgin had a child

and called his name Immanuel; whether he was not born in Bethlehem, according to Daniel's number, and the prophets' prophecy of him?

And in Psalm 2, 'why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing; the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed.'

Is not this the Messiah? and was not this fulfilled among you when he came? To this day do not you rage against him? Further, the Lord said in the same psalm, 'you are my Son, this day have I begotten you, therefore kiss the Son, for fear that he be angry, and you perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little, blessed are all those who trust in him,' in this Son. And again he said, in Psalm 16, 'I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand, and I shall not be moved; and therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest in hope, for you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.'

Now is not this the Messiah, the Immanuel, born of the virgin, that sign that God gave to you, who wrought signs and miracles among you, though you despised him, and wondered at, and crucified, and buried, who rose the third day, and did not see corruption; but God raised him up, who is at his right hand. Did not your priests give the soldiers a large sum of money, that watched his sepulcher where he was laid, to say, that the disciples had stolen him away by night? Did not you crucify him between two thieves? Was not he named among transgressors? read Isaiah before: and when you crucified him, did not you Jews say, 'He trusted in the Lord, that he would deliver him, seeing he loves him,' Psalm 22. And in the Book of Wisdom\* 2:16-20, did not you fulfil the sayings there: 'He makes his boast that God is his Father, let us see if his words be true, let us prove what will happen in the end of him; for if the just man be the Son of God, he will help him and deliver him from the hand of his enemy; let us condemn him with a shameful death.' And this you did when you crucified the Messiah: as it is said in Psalm 31:5 'into your hand I commit my spirit,' ... And in Psalm 34:20, 'He keepeth all his bones not one of them is broken.' So this was fulfilled upon the Messiah, not a bone of him was broken; though you broke the thieves' legs [to finish their death before the start of the Sabbath], yet had not power to break his bones. Therefore it is said in Psalm 40:6-8, 'sacrifice and offerings you did not desire; mine ears have you opened; burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have not required: [mark, you Jews,] then said I, lo, I come, in the volume of the book, it is written of me, I delight to do your will, O my God; yes your law is within my heart.' Is not this the Messiah, the Immanuel, whom you crucified? in the volume of the law and prophets it was written of him; you must never expect to see any other. And so in Isa 63:3, 'I have trodden the wine-press alone.'

\*Written by Solomon, 950 years before Christ, the Book of Wisdom, was in from the Septuagint Old Testament; it was originally included in the King James Bible, but was deleted in later versions.

So if you Jews did mind, Hosea 6:6, 'the Lord desired mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.' And when this sign was brought forth among you, that this virgin had a child, Immanuel; 'then did the Lord confirm his covenant with an oath, which he made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, concerning the Messiah.' Psalm 105 and Psalm 110:1,4, 'the Lord said to my Lord, sit you on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool, .. The Lord has sworn and will not repent; you are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek:' and is not this the Messiah, the Immanuel, which came among you, according to Daniel's number? And in Psalm 118 'the stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes.'

\*The Jewish prophet, Hosea, wrote his prophecies 700 years before Christ..

And is not this the Immanuel, which was born of a virgin, the Messiah, which came to you according to Daniel's prophecy above sixteen hundred years ago, whom you Jews, that were the pretended builders of people up to heaven, refused and rejected? and therefore, were not your cities, your houses and religion all thrown down by the storm of Titus, and you blown over all nations? and in Psalm 122. 'for your servant David's sake, turn not away the face of your anointed: the Lord has sworn in truth to David, he will not turn from it, of the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne, there will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a light for mine anointed.'

\*King David wrote his prophecies 1000 years before Christ.

Now you Jews, does not this speak of the Messiah? Was not he to come of the seed of David and Abraham, as God had promised and sworn? See in Daniel, if he did not come according to the angel Gabriel's number. In Isa 8 'He shall be for a sanctuary, for a stone of stumbling, for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin, for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and taken; bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.' Is not this spoken of the Messiah? Were not you the people that stumbled and fell? Was not he a rock of offence for both the houses of Israel? He was no sanctuary to you that clung to your outward sanctuary. Did not many thousands among you Jews wait for the Messiah, and receive him at that time when he came? Many of his disciples which believed on him, and received him, among whom the law and testimony was bound up and sealed among them; and you stumbled at him, this stone. Is not this the stone that Daniel interpreted in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, that

should dash to pieces the four monarchies, and become a great mountain, and fill the whole earth, which should set up a kingdom that should never have an end; and your kingdoms had an end, and is ended. Was not he a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek? But your priests died, and had an end; and though you crucified him, yet he is risen, and is at the right hand of God, and is a priest forever, who ever lives to save to the utmost, and makes intercession, who is not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek.

And it is said of the Redeemer, Isa 49. 'he shall put on righteousness as a breast plate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he shall put on the garment of vengeance for clothing, and he was clad with zeal as a cloak; and the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and, to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, said the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant, said the Lord, my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, said the Lord, from henceforth and forever.' So many witnessed this scripture fulfilled [650 years later] when the Messiah came, according to the prophets, to you Jews. Many received him; but you Jews that did not turn from your transgressions, while you lived in your blindness - you stumbled, and darkness covered you - gross darkness!

But in Isa 60, 'the Gentiles shall come to his light.' This prophecy many of the Gentiles witness, that are come to his light. For it is said, 'a little one shall become a thousand, a small one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in his time.' Is not this the branch of the Lord's own planting? and many are witnesses of it, though you cannot see it this day, and see his kingdom. 'The gates are open day and night, that men may bring to you the force of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought, [though you blind Jews cannot see it:] and they shall call you the city of the Lord, the zeal of the Holy One of Israel, he who is the joy of many generations. You shall suck the milk of the Gentiles;' signifying that the Gentiles have a breast [breast of consolation for spiritual Israel].

In Isa 61, 'the spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the broken heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.' ... And was not this fulfilled when he came, according to Daniel's prophecy? Did not he open the book among your people, and tell you, it was fulfilled, in one of your synagogues at Nazareth, when one of you delivered him the book of Isaiah? Then you wondered about him, at his gracious words for a time; but you were quickly changed, and thrust him out of your city, to throw him down the brow of your hill.

In Isa 66, where he said, 'heaven is my throne, earth is my footstool; where is the house that you will build to me? where is the place of my rest?'

You that look so much at your outward temple, did not Jesus, the Messiah tell you, 'that it should be thrown down, and not one stone left upon another in that generation?' Was it not destroyed by Titus' and his army in 70 A.D.? Have you built it since?

Does not the Lord say, 'All these things have my hands made, and all these things have been, said the Lord; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.' And in Jeremiah 31 'this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, said the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the greatest to the least of them, said the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more.' And now mark, this is a covenant after these days: you had the old covenant before, where you were teaching one another his brother, ... and where you were writing the laws, the laws written on tables of stone; but here the Lord is the writer, in the new covenant, to write them in your hearts. so, as you receive this covenant, and come into this covenant, your sins and iniquities will be forgiven, and be remembered no more. So God said, 'I will give him for a covenant,' meaning his Messiah, he that is born of a virgin, that you crucified. If you don't receive not him, do you think your sins and iniquities will not be remembered?

How can the Jews, or how dare the Jews, to continue to claim the title to be called God's people? For, 'they shall be my people, and I will be their God, that come into this covenant, which God gives, which is the new covenant,' for you had the old before.

Read Jer 32, 'and I will give them one heart,' Ezek 11, 'and I will put a new spirit within them; I will take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh.' Now those who believed in the Messiah, are witnesses of this; yes, those Jews that believed in him above one thousand six hundred years since, witnessed this new spirit, this one heart, this heart of flesh, and this new covenant; but you that did not, and do not believe, witness the stony heart and old spirit, pouring about the old covenant, and stumbling at the new, and are breakers of the old too, and despisers of the new covenant, and of God's oath concerning it.

\*The Jewish prophet, Ezekiel, wrote his prophecies 580 years before Christ.

And again, the Lord said in Ezek 18, 'Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, said the Lord, therefore return and live.' Now here you Jews may see, that without turning from transgression



you do not live, neither have you a new heart, nor a new spirit; and by not turning, you die. The Lord said, 'For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies.' Ezek 34. 'I will set up one shepherd, said the Lord, and he shall feed them, and he shall be your shepherd. I the Lord will be your God, and my servant David, a prince; and I will make with them a covenant of peace.'

Is not this one shepherd, that the Lord will set up, the Immanuel, born of the virgin, which came according to the prophecy of Isaiah, and according to Daniel's number? And when he was come, did not he say, that he was the 'true shepherd, that laid down his life for his sheep?' And is not he the covenant of peace spoken of by Ezekiel? Did not he come of the seed of David? Did not, and do not you yet reject this shepherd, this feeder, and his covenant of peace, and this seed of David? Therefore what evil seed [spiritual] have you run into?

And Ezekiel in the 36th chapter, 'said the Lord, I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean, ... And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you, and take away your stony heart, ... And I will open your graves, and I will bring you out of your graves, and put my spirit in you. Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with you, which shall be an everlasting covenant, and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore; my tabernacle also shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, and David shall be their prince forever.'

This you must know was the Messiah, the seed of David, for David was dead long before. But you have to first come out of your graves of sin and wickedness, and your own traditions, and come out of the old covenant, before coming into the new. If you know this seed of David, the Messiah, you must come out of the seed of transgression and rebellion, blindness and darkness, and see yourselves in the graves, and your bones scattered, before you can be gathered to this one shepherd, that God sets over his people in the new covenant. Read the 36th and 37th of Ezekiel.

Micah 4:1-2 and Isaiah 2:2-3, 'In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and many nations shall come, and say, come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.' Now you that did not receive the Messiah have not lost these last days of God's teaching, and neglecting these last days of God's teaching, which many are come to, and can say, 'he does teach them of his ways, and they walk in his paths.'

***Site Editor's Comment:*** Notice how Micah and Isaiah are almost word-for-word prophecies; evidence of a single author - the Holy Spirit of God.

And this kingdom that should come to the daughter of Jerusalem: many in the time when the Messiah came did both receive him as king and were heirs of his kingdom; and so there are many at this day. But you that rejected the Messiah, rejected both king and kingdom, and God's teaching on his mountain. Micah 4:1-8. So the saying of Habakkuk 1:5 has come upon you, 'behold you among the heathen, and hearken and wonder; for I work a work in your days which you will not believe, though it be told you;' for you would not believe Jeremiah the prophet, nor the other prophets, nor the Son, the Messiah, the Immanuel, born of the virgin; though those who did believe in him, the just, shall live by his faith. So you may see in Habakkuk 2:4, for the vision was for an appointed time, and in the end it did speak, the vision or the sign, as you may read in Daniel, and Isaiah.

\*The Jewish prophet, Habakkuk, wrote his prophecies at least 600 years before Christ.

In Zechariah 12:10, where the Lord said, 'I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication, and they shall look upon him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his son, his only son; and they shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.' And now mark, you Jews, what *him* is it that you have pierced? Is it not the Immanuel, born of a virgin, the Messiah, which came according to Daniel's number of years? those who believed in him mourned bitterly, and were pricked in their hearts; so you may look back more than one thousand six hundred years since; they came to be the learners of him. You that stand still in your blindness and hardness of heart, and have not mourned, and do not believe in him that you have pierced, you cannot witness the spirit of grace and supplication upon you yet, as they had that did look upon him that they had pierced. Mal 3:1, 'And behold, said the Lord, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple, ... But who shall abide the day of his coming? for he shall sit as a refiner's fire,' ... Mal 4:5, 'Behold, I will send you Elias the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord: and he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; for fear that I come and smite the earth with a curse.' And when this Elias did come, did not you do to him what you listed? So, did not he come before the Messiah, and prepare the way before him? For you did believe that John Baptist was a prophet, some of you; and some said, that he was a devil. Did not Isaiah prophesy of him in the 40th chapter, and the 3d verse? 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' Now was not this John, the son of Zachariah, that Isaiah prophesied of? Did not John here fulfil

Isaiah's prophecy, the forerunner of Christ? So, if you will neither believe the prophet Isaiah, nor John the prophet, nor the Messiah, the Immanuel, born of a virgin, which came according to the number of the angel to Daniel, but your crooked paths are not made straight, nor your rough spirit and mind is not made smooth, and your mountain of sin is not brought low; and therefore how were you like to see the salvation of God when he came; but you hid your faces from him, and so fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. But when God had given you a temple, when the Messiah came, he found in the temple such as sold oxen, sheep, and doves; and money changers sitting there, which should have been a house of prayer; so was not here the Psalm fulfilled? Psalm 69:9, 'The zeal of my Father's house has eaten me up.'

\*The Jewish prophet, Zechariah, wrote his prophecies at least 600 years before Christ.

Zach 9:9, 'Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your king comes to you; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, upon a colt, the foal of an ass.' Now consider, did not he come so into your Jerusalem on a foal, this Immanuel, this Messiah? Did not many of your daughters rejoice, and cried Hosanna? But your priests that were blind, and the rest of the scribes and pharisees and Jews, railed at him, and blasphemed against him. 'But he is he that speaks peace to the heathen, and his dominion is from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. And as for you also, in the blood of your covenant, I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.' Zech 9:10-11

In Zech 11:12-13, 'And I said to them, if you think good, give me my price; if not, forbear: so you weighed to me my price thirty pieces of silver; and the Lord said to me, cast it to the potter, a goodly price that I was prized at by them; so I cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.' And did not your high priest give Judas thirty pieces of silver, to betray the Messiah? So was not this prophecy fulfilled upon you, as David says in Psalm 41:9, 'yes, my own familiar friend, that did eat of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me:' was not this fulfilled in your Judas?

Also, David said, in Psalm 69:21-23,25, 'They gave me gall for my meat, in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink: let their table become a snare before them, and their posterity a ruin: let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; make their joints continually shake; let their habitation be desolate, and let none dwell in their tents.' Now, consider when the Messiah had come, and when you crucified him, did not you give him vinegar and gall to drink? Had not your table become a snare and a trap to you, and your eyes blinded, and your habitations desolate, which you had at Jerusalem in David's time? So how can you say, that

that was not the Messiah in all these prophecies you have so fulfilled upon the Messiah?

In Psalm 109:8, 'Let his days be few; let another take his office,' This was spoken of Judas, to whom your chief priests gave thirty pieces of silver, that he might betray the Messiah into your hands: 'let another take his office;' so another disciple of Jesus, the Messiah, the Lord, was put in his place: so this too was fulfilled.

Psalm 22:16,18, 'for dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet; they parted my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture [clothing].' Now, you Jews, did not you often assemble together to crucify him? When you crucified him, did not you pierce his hands and feet? Did not you part his garments among you, the Messiah, when they crucified him? Did not your soldiers cast lots upon his vesture [clothing]? Does not Moses say, in Deut 18, 'the Lord your God will raise up a prophet in the midst of you, of your brethren, like to me, to him shall you hearken.' And further he said, 'I will raise them up a prophet of their brethren, like to you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him; and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall not hearken to my words that he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.' Now this prophet, like to Moses, was the Messiah, which was the sign born of a virgin, according to the prophecy of Isaiah; and Daniel numbered the years to the Messiah, and the time that he should be cut off, should make his soul a sacrifice, according to the prophet: 'and there rose not a prophet since in Israel, like to Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,' as it is said in Deuteronomy 34:10. So this prophet that God has raised up, like Moses, whom the people should hear in all things, was not Joshua, but the Messiah, whom you would not, nor did not hear; and so not hearing him, you hear not the prophets. And God said to Abraham, 'in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' Gen 22 and Gen 18 'All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in Abraham's seed; and I know he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment.' And in Gen 22, 'The Lord said to Abraham, by myself have I sworn, because you have done this thing, and has not withheld your only son; that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply you as the stars of heaven, and in your seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed.' And so was not Abraham's offering up his only son Isaac, a type of the Messiah's making his soul an offering, the Messiah's making his soul a sacrifice for the sins of men, who according to the flesh was of the seed of Abraham, who was the son of God, a sign and wonder to you to this day, that a virgin should have a child? Did not Jacob say on his death-bed, Gen 49:8,10, when he called his sons together, he said to Judah, when he prophesied to them all; 'Judah, you are he whom your brethren shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before

you; the scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh comes, and unto him shall the gathering be of the people?' Now consider, did not the scepter continue in Judah until Shiloh, the Messiah came? Has not the scepter departed from Judah more than sixteen hundred years ago, after you had crucified the Messiah? Are not your walls and city of Jerusalem broken down, trodden under foot, and you scattered over all nations? So is not your scepter gone? So consider these things, how long it is since you lost your scepter. It should not depart until Shiloh came; and he came, and is come, and you would not hearken to him, being a stiff-necked people.

Is it not clear that the Messiah came of the seed of David and of Abraham, according to the prophets, who was born of a virgin, though you were rebellious, as you may see from Moses through the prophets to the Messiah; though some of you in all ages did believe, yet for the generality of you, what a stiff-necked people you were, that your eyes were blinded, your table was made a snare, and you stuck in the old covenant, and opposed the new. Were not your backs often therefore bowed down; yes, and under all the governments of the world now. So Isaiah's prophecy is come upon you, saying, 'go tell this people.' Isa 6:9, 'hearing you hear not, seeing you see not, and do not perceive; for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing; and their eyes have they closed, for fear that they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and should be converted, and I should heal them;' this is a sad condition. You would not receive the Immanuel, born of a virgin; and therefore, was not the salvation sent to the Gentiles, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy through the Messiah? 'For this cause I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.' Psalm 18:49. And again he said, 'rejoice you Gentiles, with his people.' Now those Jews that were the believers in the Messiah, the Gentiles can rejoice withal. And Psalm 117, 'praise the Lord you Gentiles, and laud him all you people.' And again Isaiah said, 'there shall be a root of Jesse, and he shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in him the Gentiles shall trust.' Now this is the Messiah that was born of a virgin, whom you crucified, who is risen, in whom the Gentiles rejoice and trust, who is their salvation; read Isa 11:10. And so it was said before to you; 'like to me, (said Moses,) will God raise up a prophet of your brethren, him shall you hear in all things, whatsoever he shall say to you; and that soul that will not hear this prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.' So was not the Messiah of the seed of David, and of Abraham; and when God had raised up, and brought him forth, you would not hear him, neither before you crucified him, nor now when he is risen, who came according to Daniel's prophecy: and so in this you neither hear God, nor Moses, nor the prophets, nor the angel, nor the Son, the Messiah; and so in this you neither keep the law, nor the prophets, nor the old covenant, nor the new, though you often spoke fair with your mouths, but your hearts were far off.

Is not that come to pass which the Messiah spoke to you, 'that you should be led away captive, and many should fall by the edge of the sword, and Jerusalem should be compassed with armies, and you should be led captive, into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down, (read in Daniel 9 how this was predicted) . Was not Jerusalem built and standing until Messiah, the Prince? When the Messiah came, was he not cut off? After the Messiah was cut off, did not Titus, the prince of the people [Romans], come to destroy your city and sanctuary [in 70 A.D.]; therefore was not this the true Messiah, the Immanuel, born of a virgin, and the prophet, that you should hear in all things; and those who did hear him, and do hear him, do witness the prophecy of Joel to be fulfilled; 'the Lord is pouring out of his spirit upon all flesh, his sons, his daughters, his old men, his young men, servants, handmaids:' these are the days of the Messiah; for he says, 'in those days I will pour out my spirit:' so by the spirit of God they can praise God, sons, daughters, old men, young men, servants, handmaids; through the Messiah, the Immanuel, who was born of a virgin, whom you crucified, and is risen, and is at the right hand of God, who is our prophet, and shepherd, and covenant of peace, through him we can praise God, hallelujah forever and ever, amen.

You that despise him, despise your salvation, and lie under the judgment of the prophets and the Son, as you may see in the scriptures; and therefore, it is time for you to repent, and turn to him.

### ***A Postscript***

Not a bone of the Pascal-Lamb shall be broken. Numb 9:12. And was not this a type of the Pascal-Lamb, the Messiah, of whom you had not power to break a bone, although you broke the bones of the two thieves that were crucified on each side of him.

And in Deut 8, there you may see how the Lord in the wilderness humbled your fathers to reprove them, and to know what was in their hearts, whether they would keep his commandments or no; therefore he humbled them, and made them to hunger, and fed them with manna, which they knew not, neither did their fathers know it, that he might teach them, that man lives not by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord does a man live; yet how soon did your forefathers forget the Lord, and lusted after Egypt's flesh-pots, as you may read in the books of Moses, how your forefathers murmured against the Lord, and turned against him, and his prophets, and his Son, the Messiah; against whom you stand in rebellion to this day.

Psalm 8. And was not this fulfilled when the Messiah rode into Jerusalem upon the foal of an ass? 'out of the mouths of babes and sucklings have you ordained strength.'

And did not the Messiah say these words when you put him to death? Psalm 31, 'into your hand I commend my spirit: and you have brought my soul out of the grave, you have revived me from them that go down into the pit, sing praises unto the Lord, you his saints.' So the saints can sing praises unto the Lord, that know the resurrection of the Messiah, whose grave you watched. Yet he rose, and all your watchmen were struck: but your priests taught them to lie, and to say, 'his disciples stole him away:' in which lie, and graves of sin and unbelief you lie, that do not believe the Messiah is come, and is risen. Psalm 30:3.

Was not this the doctrine of the Messiah to your forefathers, 'that the meek men should possess the earth, and have their delight in the multitude of peace; but the wicked practices against the just, and gnashes his teeth against him.' And was not this the practice of your forefathers against the Messiah? Psalm 37:12.

In Psalm 78, 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will declare high sentences of old.' Did not the Messiah fulfil these sayings, and declare the high sentences of old, and speak in parables when he came?

And in Psalm 82, where it is said, 'I have said you are God's, and you all are children of the Most High.' And did not your forefathers persecute and put to death the Messiah for saying, 'He was the Son of God?'

In Psalm 91, 'He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways; they shall bear you in their hands, that you hurt not your foot against a stone.' And was not the Messiah tried and tempted by Satan and you in your days, wherein that scripture was fulfilled upon him, when Satan tempted him, and perverted those words?

And in Psalm 110, where it is said, 'the Lord said unto my Lord, sit you on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.' Is not this the Messiah, and the Immanuel, born of a virgin, spoken of Isaiah, which came and said to your forefathers, above sixteen hundred years since, 'if David in spirit called the Messiah Lord, how was he his son?' which neither your forefathers nor you ever answered?

Also in Psalm 110, 'the Lord swore, and will not repent; you are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.' Now was not this the Messiah, who came not after the order of Aaron, which had a beginning of days, and end of life; but He, the Messiah, is a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek, is without beginning of days, or end of life.

And is not the prophecy of Isa 5 fulfilled upon you, where he said, 'the vineyard is laid waste, and you which were the keepers of it, who stoned the servants, and had killed the son, the heir; and now are you and your vineyard laid waste?' Did not the Messiah when he came, show you the fulfilling of the prophecy in this? So is not your sun and moon darkened, and your stars fallen, as you may read in the prophets? Is this not marvelous work the Lord has done upon you and a wonder? For the wisdom of your wise men is perished; for the Lord has covered you with the spirit of slumber, and has shut up your eyes; and the vision is become unto you as the words of a sealed book, so that you can neither read the book of the prophets, nor of the law, that speak of the Messiah, being out of the spirit. Though you come near unto the Lord with your mouths, and honor him with your lips, but have removed your hearts far from him; and your fear towards him is taught by the precepts of men; and this did Isaiah foresee and prophesy of; and this did the Messiah see, and find among you when he came.

In Isa 54, it is said, 'all your children shall be taught of the Lord.' And did not the Messiah when he came, show the fulfilling of this prophecy, so that many thousands are witnesses of God's teaching, and his establishing of them in peace?

And was not the saying of Jeremiah the prophet fulfilled. Jeremiah 7, 'Is this house become a den of thieves, whereupon my name is called before your eyes? behold I see it said the Lord.' And was not this fulfilled in the days of the Messiah, above sixteen hundred years since? and did not the Lord say, 'therefore, I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out your brethren before you?'

In Hosea 6 did not the Lord say, 'He desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings: but you like men have transgressed the covenant, and therefore, have you trespassed against me; and as thieves wait for a man, so does the company of priests murder in the way by consent; for they work mischief.' Now was not this fulfilled in the days of the Messiah? Were not the priests the most mischievous against him? Did they not gather together in troops to work mischief against him, and to put him to death? Had you possessed mercy, and the knowledge of God, would you have received the Messiah when he came, the Son born of a virgin?

Again [like Mat 23:37] , in 2 Esdras 1:30. 'the Lord gathered you, as a hen gathers her chicken under her wings: but now what shall I do for you? I will cast you out of my sight.' Would not the Messiah have gathered you when he came, but you would not hear? So your house has become a desolation [temple destroyed], and you were cast forth [scattered in exile].



And in Solomon's Book of Wisdom\* Chapter 2: 'He upbraids us for offending against the law (2:12); he makes his boast to have the knowledge of God (2:13); he calls himself the Son of God (2:13): he is made to reprove our thoughts (2:14); it grieves us also to look upon him;(2:15) for his life is not like other men's, his ways are of another fashion (2:15): let us examine him with rebukes and torments, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience(2:19); let us condemn him to a shameful death (2:20).' And did not you Jews fulfil all this? Are not these sayings verified by you concerning the Messiah?

\*Written by Solomon, 950 years before Christ, the Book of Wisdom, was in the Jewish Septuagint Old Testament, the Roman Catholic Vulgate Bible. It was originally included in the King James Bible, but was deleted in later versions.

And you sons of Adam, who are called Jews, what do you think of the saying in 2 Esdras?\* Chapter 7, 'The bride shall appear, and he shall come forth and be seen, that now is under the earth: for my Son Jesus shall appear with those that be with him, and those who remain shall rejoice within four hundred years; and after these same years shall my Son Christ die.' So do you think he spoke truth? What Jesus was this, the anointed, that was prophesied of should die after the four hundred years?

\*The Book of Esdras is so unfamiliar to most. It was in the original Old Testament and King James Bible, but was later removed. Parts of the books are in Ezra and Nehemiah.

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