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God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. — Numbers 23:19, 20 The nation Israel, reborn after numerous centuries, has a significant

place in the future of this world all out of proportion to its size and number of people. This little booklet tells why and how, according to the Holy Scriptures.

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In all of these choices, God did the choosing.

I. THE CHOSEN LAND

ISRAEL IS GOD'S LAND

The land shall not be sold for are strangers and sojourners with ever: for the land is mine; for ye me. —Leviticus 25:23

THE LORD GIVES HIS LAND TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.

— Genesis 12:1, 7a

THE LAND IS FOR ISRAEL

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. — Genesis 17:19 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto

her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. —Genesis 21:12 And Isaac called Jacob, and

blessed him. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; and give thee the blessing of Abraham,

THE EXTENT OF THE PROMISED LAND

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this

that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

— Genesis 28:1a, 3, 4

to thee, and to thy seed with thee;

And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

— Genesis 32:27. 28

the great river, the river Euphrates.
— Genesis 15:18

land, from the river of Egypt unto

THE LAND IS AN EVERLASTING POSSESSION

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

— Genesis 17:8

And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

— Genesis 48:4

II. THE CHOSEN NATION

ABRAHAM HEADS THE CHOSEN NATION

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that

curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. — Genesis 12:1-3

(See also Genesis 17:1-8 and Genesis 22:16-18.)

THE NATION TO BE A SPECIAL PEOPLE UNTO GOD

For thou art an holy people unto cial people unto himself, above all the LORD thy God: the LORD thy people that are upon the face of the God hath chosen thee to be a spe- earth. — Deuteronomy 7:6

THE CHOICE HAS PLEASED THE LORD

For the LORD will not forsake his because it hath pleased the LORD people for his great name's sake: to make you his people.

- I Samuel 12:22

GOD LOVED ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

And because he loved thy out in his sight with his mighty fathers, therefore he chose their power out of Eygpt; to drive out seed after them, and brought thee nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

— Deuteronomy 4:37-39

THE ENDURANCE OF THE CHOSEN NATION

Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of

Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

— Jeremiah 31:35-37

THE CHOSEN NATION TO OBEY THE LORD OR BE DISPERSED

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

-Leviticus 26:27, 28a, 33

RE-BIRTH OF THE CHOSEN NATION FORETOLD

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I

am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet I will not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

-Jeremiah 30:10, 11

them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: and I will lav sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ve shall know that I am the LORD. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto

Again he said unto me, Prophesy

upon these bones, and say unto

them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ve shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ve know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand

the LORD. — Ezekiel 37:4-6, 11-14

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again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Eygpt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from

the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

— Isaiah 11:11, 12

THE LORD PROMISES TO RESTORE THE DESOLATE LAND AND RUINED CITIES

Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall

say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that

that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a

of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the LORD. — Ezekiel 36:33-38 (See verse 8.)

flock. As the holy flock, as the flock

THE UNITY OF THE RE-ESTABLISHED NATION IN GOD'S HAND

Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

— Ezekiel 37:19

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall

be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

- Ezekiel 37:21, 22

THE CHOSEN NATION IN THE LATTER DAYS

Come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said. and the man whose eyes are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion. and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. And he looked on the Kenites, and

Asshur shall carry thee away captive. And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim. took up his parable, and said, Strong and shall afflict Asshur, and shall is thy dwellingplace, and thou putafflict Eber, and he also shall perish test thy nest in a rock. Nevertheless for ever.

the Kenite shall be wasted, until III. THE CHOSEN ROYAL CITY

JERUSALEM IS ZION. THE CAPITAL OF GOD'S LAND

Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the

city of David. -II Samuel 5:7

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on

— Numbers 24:14b-24

the sides of the north, the city of the great King. — Psalm 48:1, 2

That they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

— I Kings 8:1b

For the LORD hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation. — Psalm 132:13

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. — Psalm 50:2

His foundation is in the holy mountains. The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. — Psalm 87:1-3

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. — Psalm 133:3

And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. — II Kings 14:20

ZION IS TO PRAISE GOD

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

— Psalm 147:12

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. - Psalm 65:1

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. — Psalm 122:6 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

- Luke 21:20

IV. THE CHOSEN ROYAL LINE

DAVID'S THRONE AND KINGDOM IS EVERLASTING

Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a

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great name, like unto the name of
the great men that are in the earth.
Moreover I will appoint a place for
my people Israel, and will plant
them, that they may dwell in a
place of their own, and move no
more; neither shall the children of
wickedness afflict them any more,
as beforetime, and as since the time

that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build

an house for my name, and I will

stablish the throne of his kingdom

for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. — II Samuel 7:8-16

V. THE CHOSEN KING — THE PERFECT MESSIAH GOD HIMSELF WILL DWELL IN ZION

The LORD also shall roar out of Jerusalem; and the heavens and Zion, and utter his voice from the earth shall shake: but the

LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ve know that I am the LORD vour God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a foun-

tain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion. - Joel 3:16-21

THE MESSIAH WILL COME TO RULE IN JERUSALEM WITH A STRONG HAND

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem, that bringest good his reward is with him, and his tidings, lift up thy voice with work before him. He shall feed his strength; lift it up, be not afraid; flock like a shepherd: he shall say unto the cities of Judah, Behold gather the lambs with his arm, and your God! Behold, the Lord GOD carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, voung.

THE MESSIAH TO BE DIVINE AND OF DAVID'S SEED

The LORD hath sworn in truth it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set unto David; he will not turn from upon thy throne. — Psalm 132:11

THE MESSIAH WILL BE KING FOREVER ON DAVID'S THRONE

For unto us a child is born, unto us Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his Peace. Of the increase of his governname shall be called Wonderful. ment and peace there shall be no end,

— Isaiah 40:9-11

upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

— Isaiah 9:6, 7

THE MESSIAH SHALL REIGN OVER ALL THE EARTH

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

— Jeremiah 23:5, 6

THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF MAN, RECEIVES THE EVERLASTING DOMINION

I saw in the night visions, and, came with the clouds of heaven, behold, one like the Son of man and came to the Ancient of days,

and they brought him near before him. 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, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

- Daniel 7:13, 14

THE MESSIAH'S EVERLASTING KINGDOM WILL CONSUME ALL OTHER KINGDOMS

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. — Daniel 2:44

THE MESSIAH'S REIGN IN ZION BRINGS UNIVERSAL PEACE

And it shall come to pass in the in the top of the mountains, and last days, that the mountain of the shall be exalted above the hills; and LORD'S house shall be established all nations shall flow unto it. And

many people shall go and say, Come ye, and 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 out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall

judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

— Isaiah 2:2-4

MOSES SAID THE MESSIAH WILL BE A PROPHET

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. — Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, 19

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THE MESSIAH IS A PRIEST

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, ple of the LORD; and he shall bear saying, Behold the man whose the glory, and shall sit and rule name is The BRANCH; and he upon his throne; and he shall be a shall grow up out of his place, and priest upon his throne: and the he shall build the temple of the counsel of peace shall be between LORD: even he shall build the tem-

THE MESSIAH IS ZION'S KING

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto

thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

- Zechariah 9:9

THE MESSIAH TO BE THE SECOND DAVID

And David my servant shall be have one shepherd: they shall also king over them; and they all shall walk in my judgments, and observe

my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting

covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: vea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. — Ezekiel 37:24-28

THE MESSIAH WAS TO COME, AND TO DIE FOR OTHERS BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM

Know therefore and understand, commandment to restore and to that from the going forth of the build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

— Daniel 9:25, 26a

THE LORD TO GIVE THE MESSIAH A PERSONAL NAME AT BIRTH TO BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Listen, O isles, unto me; and womb; from the bowels of my hearken, ye people, from far; The mother hath he made mention of LORD hath called me from the my name.

— Isaiah 49:1

THE REVELATION TO MARY

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose

name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

— Luke 1:26-33

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in the REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband,

being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spo-

ken of the Lord by the prophet,

saying, Behold, a virgin shall be

with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. - Matthew 1:18-25

ZACHARIAS, A JEWISH PRIEST, WITNESSED OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHRIST—A HORN OF SALVATION IN THE HOUSE OF DAVID

And his father Zacharias was prophesied, saying, Blessed be the filled with the Holy Ghost, and Lord God of Israel; for he hath vis-

ited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us: to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our

life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. — Luke 1:67-79 (See Isaiah 40:3.)

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And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in.

— Malachi 3:1b

SIMEON, A DEVOUT JEW, WITNESSED OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHRIST

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ, And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. - Luke 2:25-32

JOHN THE BAPTIST BORE WITNESS OF THE MESSIAH, GOD'S LAMB OF SACRIFICE

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold

the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending

from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. — John 1:29-34

GOD THE FATHER WITNESSED OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- Matthew 3:16, 17

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ANNOUNCED THE BIRTH OF CHRIST TO SHEPHERD JEWS

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is

the Christ the Lord.

— Luke 2:11

GOD THE FATHER WITNESSED OF THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST'S WORDS

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. — Matthew 17:5

JESUS CHRIST DESCENDED FROM ABRAHAM AND DAVID

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:1, 17

JESUS CHRIST DESCENDED FROM GOD, THE FATHER

And shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.

—Luke 1:31b, 32a

Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

but he sent me.

— Matthew 1:20b

Jesus said unto them, If God
were your Father, ye would love
me: for I proceeded forth and came
from God; neither came I of myself,

- John 8:42

THOSE JEWS CLOSEST TO JESUS CONFESSED THAT HE IS THE CHRIST

When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and

others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

- Matthew 16:13-17

THE MESSIAH'S WORKS BEAR WITNESS

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish,

the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

— John 5:36

JESUS CHRIST'S SINLESS LIFE BEARS WITNESS HE CAME FROM THE FATHER

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. — Hebrews 4:15

Which of you convinceth me of

sin? And if I say the truth, why do ve not believe me? — John 8:46

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. — II Corinthians 5:21

A Few Samples Of Many Prophecies Jesus Christ Fulfilled

THE MESSIAH WAS TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

— Isaiah 7:14

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

— Matthew 1:18

THE MESSIAH WAS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, thousands of Judah, yet out of thee though thou be little among the shall he come forth unto me that is

to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from — Micah 5:2 everlasting.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with

Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. — Luke 2:4-7

THE MESSIAH WAS TO ENTER JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of thee: he is just, and having salva-Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusa-tion; lowly, and riding upon an ass, lem: behold, thy King cometh unto and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

- Zechariah 9:9

And the disciples went, and did followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the as Jesus commanded them, and son of David: Blessed is he that cometh brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the Nazareth of Galilee. multitudes that went before, and that

in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Matthew 21:6-11

THE MESSIAH WAS TO BE REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him:

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of - Psalm 118:22 the corner.

he was despised, and we esteemed

him not. — Isaiah 53:1, 3

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

— John 1:11, 12

But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: that the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes,

and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him: but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. — John 12:37-43

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us. — II Timothy 2:12

ISRAEL'S NATIONAL LEADERS CHOSE THE CURSE WHEN THE MESSIAH APPEARED

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God.

—Deuteronomy 11:26-28a

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: what-

soever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. — John 12:49, 50

And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. — John 8:23, 24

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people,

and said. His blood be on us, and on our children.

— Matthew 27:24, 25

THE MESSIAH'S LAMENT

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee. how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ve would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. - Matthew 23:37-39

THE MESSIAH'S TRIUMPH IN JERUSALEM ON EARTH

Behold, he (Jesus Christ) cometh with clouds; and every eve shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so. Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- Revelation 1:7, 8

NEW JERUSALEM — THE MESSIAH'S EVERLASTING TRIUMPH

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned

for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

- Revelation 21:1-3

THE MESSIAH'S CONDITIONS OF RULE OVER ISRAEL

And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of

Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places. In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my

posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

— Ezekiel 43:7-9

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE FORETOLD

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

- Matthew 24:1, 2

THE FALSE "MESSIAH" WILL COME IN HIS OWN NAME

I am come in my Father's name, shall come in his own name, him ye and ye receive me not: if another will receive. — John 5:43

THE MAN OF SIN WILL SIT IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM AS DIVINE BUT GOD WILL DESTROY HIM

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God siteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom

the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

— II Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 8-10

GOD RESURRECTED AND EXALTED JESUS CHRIST

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, hear by m

these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ve have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: beacuse it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord

Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the always before my face, for he is on fruit of his loins, according to the my right hand, that I should not be flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit moved: therefore did my heart reon his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, joice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: that his soul was not left in hell, because thou wilt not leave my soul neither his flesh did see corruption.

in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus. whom ve have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

— Acts 2:14a, 22-39
Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power.

— Ephesians 1:20, 21a

VI. THE CHOSEN METHOD OF SALVATION

ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL IS MADE ONLY BY LIFE-BEARING BLOOD

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atone-

ment for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. — Leviticus 17:11

THE CHRIST GAVE HIS DIVINE LIFE-BEARING BLOOD TO ATONE FOR ALL SIN

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- Matthew 26:28

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by

tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. — I Peter 1:18, 19

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of

Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. — I John 1:7

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- Revelation 7:14b

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot

THE CHRIST IS GOD'S LAMB, ATONING FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE WORLD

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

— I John 4:10

to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? — Hebrews 9:14

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. — Revelation 1:5

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

— Titus 2:11

The next day John seeth Jesus

coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. — John 1:29

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

- Romans 5:11 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say,

JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, DIED TO SAVE OTHERS

And from Jesus Christ, who is the sins in his own blood. faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our

Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

— Revelation 22:17

And he said unto them. Go ve into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. — Mark 16:15, 16

- Revelation 1:5

For when we were vet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. — Romans 5:6

Life In Christ, The Substance And Reality Of Salvation

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

— I Thessalonians 5:8-10

LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

THE WAY IN

1. Let Him Find You

For the Son of man is come to He Is Lord seek and to save that which was Ye call n

- Luke 19:10

2. Seek Him With All Your Heart, For

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

— John 13:13

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

—Acts 2:36

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

— Matthew 7:7, 8

3. Repent Of And Forsake Your Sins
Cast away from you all your
transgressions, whereby ye have
transgressed; and make you a new

heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

— Ezekiel 18:31

And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilæans, were sinners above all the Galilæans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

— Luke 13:2, 3

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

— Acts 2:38

4. Believe Upon Jesus Christ With All Your Heart

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. — Romans 10:9

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. - Hebrews 11:6

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. — John 1:12

5. Obey The Lord Jesus Christ

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the - Revelation 22:14 city.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

- Ephesians 5:6

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

— John 14:23

6. Make Restitution

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

— Matthew 5:23, 24

And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

- Luke 19:8, 9

7. Forgive Your Fellowman

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

— Mark 11:25

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

— Ephesians 4:32

THE WAY ON

1. Commune With Christ Daily

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

— Revelation 3:20

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

- I Corinthians 1:9

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

— Psalm 55:17

2. Confess Him Before Men

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

— I John 4:15
Whosoever denieth the Son, the same bath not the Father.

—I John 2:23a

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. — Matthew 10:32

3. Walk In The Light Of Christ

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the

world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. — John 8:12

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

— Romans 6:4

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. — Galatians 5:16

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

— I John 1:5-7

4. Feed On The Bread From Heaven
Then Jesus said unto them,
Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses
gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the
true bread from heaven. For the
bread of God is he which cometh
down from heaven, and giveth life

unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

— John 6:32-35

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the

life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saving, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and

drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me,

and I in him. As the living Father

hath sent me, and I live by the

Father: so he that eateth me, even

he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this. said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them. Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. — John 6:48-63

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

— John 5:39

5. Witness Of The Saviour To Others

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

— Acts 1:8

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

— Acts 5:20

6. Serve Him Without Self Reserve

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

— Deuteronomy 6:5

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.
— Philippians 3:7, 8

7. Praise Him In All His Wondrous Works

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

— Hebrews 13:15

Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

— Psalm 146:1, 2

THE FRUIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST Seeing ve have purified your souls

in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. —I Peter 1:22, 23

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. — John 17:13

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temper-

ance: against such there is no law.

— Galatians 5:22, 23

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. — John 14:27a

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

— John 15:1, 2

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

— Philippians 1:11

VII. THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF SALVATION

SALVATION FROM SIN PROMISED TO ISRAEL, THE CHOSEN NATION

Behold, the days come, saith 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 brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

— Jeremiah 31:31-34

But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salva-

tion: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

- Isaiah 45:17

RE-ESTABLISHED ISRAEL TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL RELATION-SHIP WITH THE LORD, FOR THE LORD'S HOLY NAME'S SAKE

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD,

saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eves. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ve shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon vou. And I will multiply the fruit of

the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe vourselves in your own sight for vour iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

— Ezekiel 36:22-32

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ALSO THE PEOPLE OF SALVATION

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:22, 23
 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and

gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

— Ephesians 5:25-27

BOTH THE CHRIST'S CHURCH, AND CONVERTED ISRAEL IN HEAVEN

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before

the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

- Revelation 7:9, 10

SALVATION IS FOR BOTH JEW AND GENTILE

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

— Romans 1:16

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every

one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

— I John 5:1

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. — Titus 2:11

THE MESSIAH'S FIRST COMING WAS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE SALVATION, BUT ALSO TO BUILD HIS CHURCH

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. — John 10:10b

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. — I Peter 2:5

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- Matthew 16:18b

THE MESSIAH WILL RETURN TO RAPTURE THE CHURCH, TO JUDGE THE WORLD OF SIN, TO CONVERT THE NATION ISRAEL, TO RULE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM DAVID'S THRONE IN JERUSALEM, WHICH IS ZION

TO RAPTURE HIS CHURCH, THE TRUE BELIEVERS

This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

— Acts 1:11b

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- John 14:3

TO JUDGE THE WORLD OF SIN

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know

not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe...in that day.

— II Thessalonians 1:7-10

TO RULE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM JERUSALEM

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

- Zechariah 14:8a, 9, 11b

TO CONVERT THE NATION ISRAEL

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the

city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the

mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east.

- Zechariah 14:1-4a

In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David. and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem.

— Zechariah 12:8-11a

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together

against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness. — Zechariah 12:2-4a

(Also read Zephaniah 3:8, 9.)

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

- Zechariah 13:1

And he shall sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

— Malachi 3:3

They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

— Zechariah 13:9b

THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of

trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
Ask ye now, and see whether a man
doth travail with child? wherefore
do I see every man with his hands

on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the

LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

— Jeremiah 30:4-9

THE LORD WILL COME TO ZION

In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; and I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall

reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

- Micah 4:6-8

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will

dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

— Zechariah 8:2, 3

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy; the king of Israel, even the

LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou

shalt not see evil any more. In that

day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. – Zephaniah 3:14-16

In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

— Jeremiah 50:4, 5
Sing and rejoice, O daughter of
Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell
in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

— Zechariah 2:10

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