BIBLE PROPHECIES and FULFILLMENTS

PART 3 THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

P Zechariah 9: 9  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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Read Matthew 21: 1 - 11, John 12: 12 - 15

F Matthew 21: 7, 8  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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F John 12: 14  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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P Psalm 118: 25 - 26  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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Jesus riding on a colt, the mother donkey following, was recognized as the Messiah. He entered Jerusalem on the back of the humble donkey, an animal of peace, so fulfilling the Scripture; and not a war horse, the usual royal mount for a king. In acknowledgement of the Son of David, the crowds waved palm branches and strewed the ground with them and their cloaks in His honour as an act of royal homage.

F Mark 11: 9, 10  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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JESUS - PRAISED BY CHILDREN

P Psalm 8: 2  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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F Matthew 21: 16 Jesus replied:
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The praise of little children reflects their simple trust and wonder at God's creation.
TABLES OF THE MONEY CHANGERS UPTURNED

Read Malachi 3:1 - 4

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Matthew 21:12, 13  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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JESUS FORETELLS HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION

*P  John 8:28a  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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Jesus is here referring to Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the wilderness to save the grumbling
Israelites from death.

Read Numbers 21:5 - 9

P  John 13:1a  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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*P  Matthew 17:9 Jesus cautioned (His disciples coming down from the Mt. of Transfiguration),
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*P  Matthew 20:18, 19  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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N.B. Both Jews and Gentiles were involved in the death of Jesus.

*P  John 2:19  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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It took 46 years to build Herod's temple!

F  John 2:22a  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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The death and resurrection of Jesus are foretold in all four Gospels.  Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22

Read John 12:23 - 33

Jesus predicted His coming death (like a grain of wheat dies on falling into the earth) as the hour when
the Son of Man would be glorified.  He did not pray to be saved from death but that His Father's
name would be glorified.  A voice from heaven answered His prayer:

John 12:28b  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Read Luke 18:31 - 34
It was God's plan.  Jesus chose to die, the timing was His own; for no one had the power to kill Him.
He told His disciples that everything spoken by the prophets about Himself would come true.
Although Resurrection was a belief in Jewish theology, the disciples failed to understand His words
that suffering and death, such horrific things, could ever happen to the promised Messiah.
IN ALL THE GOSPELS, JESUS ALSO FORETOLD HIS DEATH IN PARABLES AND SIGNS

*P  Luke 5: 34, 35  

Read the Parable of the Good Shepherd  John 10: 11 - 18

*P  John 10: 11  

In the parable of the Sheep and the Goats Jesus foretells His resurrection and glory. Matthew 25: 31 - 46

The scribes and Pharisees wanted signs to prove Christ's claim that He was the Son of God but Jesus gave no signs except the prophet Jonah and the visit of the Queen of Sheba.

Read Matthew 12: 38 - 42

Read the Trial of Jesus before Caiaphas, the high priest.  Matthew 26: 57 - 65

*P  Matthew 26: 65  

It was this statement, blasphemous to Caiaphas, that Jesus was condemned to death.

JESUS CHRIST ANOINTED FOR BURIAL

*P  Mark 14: 8  

Read John 19:  38 - 40

F  John 19: 40  

SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER  Read Psalm 55: 12 - 14

P  Zechariah 11: 12b, 13

Read John 19:  38 - 40

Zaehariah 11: 12b, 13  

Read Matthew 12: 38 - 42

These words were the fulfillment of the prophecy; but (v. 9) - words spoken by Jeremiah, the major prophet and not Zechariah.

Judas Iscariot (one of the Twelve Apostles) said to the chief priests:

F  Matthew 26: 15, 16  

Read Matthew 27: 3 - 10

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BETRAYED BY A FRIEND  (Recorded in all four Gospels)

Psalm 41: 9  
Read John 13: 18 - 30

John 6: 70  Jesus said:  

During the Passover Meal, Jesus said:
John 13: 21b

Giving the morsel of bread to Judas was an honour, an appeal of love which Judas ignored. Hospitality had long been a custom in the Middle East; of extending the loyal hand of friendship when eating together; so betrayal was absolutely detestable, especially with the sign of a kiss!

Matthew 26: 46

During the night, Jesus prayed in Gethsemane:
Matthew 26: 36 - 46

The word Gethsemane means an oil press - used for crushing olives!
The word Cup sometimes is a symbol expressing great sorrow.

Jesus knew and had foretold His sufferings to come - the unfair trial, His death by Crucifixion; and above all the separation of the sinless Son of God from His Father.

**HATED WITHOUT REASON**

- Psalm 35: 19
- Psalm 69: 4
- John 15: 25

**FALSE ACCUSERS AND WITNESSES**

- Psalm 35: 11

Read Matthew 26: 59 - 68

**JESUS IS SILENT**

- Isaiah 53: 7

Read Mark 15: 1 - 5
JESUS - SCOURGED, WHIPPED, SPAT UPON, STRUCK ON HIS FACE

P Isaiah 50: 6  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

P Micah 5: 1b  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

P Isaiah 53:5a   ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

F Matthew 26: 67  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Such beatings and spitting were for criminals and fools and were shameful insults of hatred, contempt and condemnation by the members of the Sanhedrin.

F Mark 14: 65a  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

F John 19: 1------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Roman floggings were so brutal that the victim frequently died before crucifixion. Usually scourging did not precede crucifixion.

Read Matthew 27: 27 - 31

The Roman soldiers in the Praetorium (official Governor's residence) also mocked Jesus before leading Him away to be crucified.

F Matthew 27: 28 - 30  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

CRUCIFIXION

*P Matthew 26: 2  Jesus said:  -----------------------------------------------

F Matthew 27: 26  He (Pilate)  -----------------------------------------------

F Mark 15: 25  -----------------------------------------------

Crucifixion, with its agony, humiliation and disgrace, was reserved for criminals of the lowest kind; for traitors, slaves and non-Roman citizens. Jesus was crucified on the day now called Good Friday, for it was on this day that the greatest good came out of extreme suffering and sacrifice.

John 3: 16  -----------------------------------------------
CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES

Jesus quoted this Scripture to His disciples during the Last Supper, before His betrayal by Judas and subsequent arrest.

F Matthew 27: 38

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RANSOM FOR MANY

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FORSAKEN BY HIS FATHER

Read Psalm 22

Psalm 22: 1

In this Psalm there are more prophetic words about our Lord's death than any other. It is entitled the Psalm of the Cross.

Matthew 27: 46

SCORNED AND MOCKED BY CAPTORS

Psalm 22: 6b - 7a

Luke 23: 35

PASSERSBY SHAKE HEADS

Psalm 109: 25

Read Matthew 27: 39 - 44

Matthew 27: 39

CHRIST PRAYED FOR HIS ENEMIES

Psalm 109: 4

Luke 23: 34a

SOLDIERS GAMBLED FOR HIS COAT

Psalm 22: 18

Luke 23: 34b

Read John 19: 23, 24

John 19: 23

By carrying out this custom (recorded in all four Gospels), the soldiers unknowingly fulfilled the prophecy.
CHRIST WOULD THIRST

Psalm 22: 15

John 19: 28

Psalm 69: 21

Matthew 27: 34

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CHRIST WOULD BE GIVEN VINEGAR AND GALL TO DRINK

Psalm 69: 21

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CHRIST COMMENDED HIS SPIRIT TO HIS FATHER

Psalm 31: 5a

Luke 23: 46

John 19: 30

What a way to die!

Jesus had, indeed, finished the work He came to do - coming to die to save sinners!

TEMPLE CURTAIN TORN IN TWO

Zechariah 11: 10

Matthew 27: 50, 51

At that moment, the dividing curtain called the Veil (about 7 cm thick in Herod's temple) was torn from top to bottom! What fear and consternation for the ministering priests, offering the Passover lambs, seeing for the very first time into the Holy of Holies, the Most Holy Place!
NOT ONE OF THE LORD'S BONES BROKEN

P Exodus 12: 46

P Psalm 34: 20

The Passover lambs had to be without blemish. The animal had to be complete; a whole and perfect sacrifice with not a single bone broken.

Read John 19: 31 - 36

F John 19: 33

It was customary for the Roman soldiers to break the legs, for they carried the weight of the body. Without the support of the legs breathing became very difficult so hastening death. This was important in Israel because of Jewish Law as recorded in Deuteronomy. Bodies were not to remain on the cross after the beginning of the Sabbath; and especially on the Passover Sabbath - not to profane it.

His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall bury him on the same day, for a hanged man is accursed by God. Deuteronomy 21: 23a

THE LORD'S HANDS, FEET AND SIDE PIERCED

P Psalm 22: 16b

P Zechariah 12: 10b - 11

The spear pierced His side, so penetrating the pericardium, the sac surrounding the heart causing blood and water to flow out.

F Jesus said to Thomas after His Resurrection:
John 20: 27

BURIED WITH RICH

P Isaiah 53: 9


F Matthew 27: 59, 60

Joseph of Arimathea came from this village 20 miles Northwest of Jerusalem in the hill country of Ephraim. Pilate enquired if He had died so soon because it was usual for crucified men to live 2 to 3 days before dying. Executed criminals were often left unburied or buried in dishonoured places (the paupers' field).
A mother or other relative could ask for the body but it was unusual for a body, especially in the circumstances of treason, to be given to a non-relative. It took courage for Joseph, a member of the Council (Sanhedrin), to request the body of Jesus. It should be noted that Joseph had not agreed to the death of Jesus and was not present in the Sanhedrin as recorded in Luke 23: 50.

**RESURRECTION FORETOLD**

P Psalm 16: 10  

These words refer first to King David revealing his complete trust in God even in death, but ultimately Christ's resurrection.

*P Matthew 26: 32  

**WORDS OF THE ANGEL**

F Mark 16: 6  

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F Luke 24:6 - 7  

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Read Matthew 28: 1 - 8

P Hosea 6: 2  

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**WORDS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL**

F 1 Corinthians 15: 4  

F 1 Corinthians 15: 20  

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**ASCENSION**  Read Psalm 24: 7 - 10

Psalm 24: 7 A.V.  

This was used as a processional psalm, the gates or doors being personified for dramatic effect on the entry of the King into Zion. The words celebrated the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem when David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Zion, God's chosen place for His presence. The Church has long used this psalm in celebration of Christ's Ascension into the heavenly Jerusalem.

Read Daniel 7: 13, 14

Daniel 7: 13

*P Matthew 26: 64

Read Luke 24: 50 - 53

Luke 24: 51

F Acts 1: 9

The Ascension of Jesus was different from His other disappearances - Christ ascending in a cloud. Previously, for example, Jesus had disappeared, either miraculously or by His commanding presence.  

Read Luke 4: 28 - 30,  Read John 8: 58, 59

In the Temple courts, the scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy. He escaped from the stones they picked up to hurl at Him because He knew His hour had not yet come.

**SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND**

Psalm 68: 18a

Psalm 110: 1

To sit at the right hand of God is the place of greatest honour, second only in authority and majesty and superior to King David, the writer of these words. David's Offspring was his LORD! Most people knew that the Messiah would come from David's line. Jesus quoted Ps. 110: 1 and no one was able to answer Him or further question Him. This Psalm, like Ps. 2, is a coronation psalm, written by David for his son - Solomon. David wrote with a deeper meaning than he knew!

F Mark 16: 19

Read Acts 2: 32 - 35  Peter's Sermon on the Day of Pentecost

The apostle Peter quotes Psalm 110: 1 when addressing the crowd about the coming of the Holy Spirit, as an explanation of Christ's exalted position seated at God's right hand. The Levitical priests always stood to minister in the Tabernacle for there were no chairs; and their work was never finished.

Acts 5: 31
GREATER HIGH PRIEST THAN AARON

Psalm 110: 4

This was God's irrevocable oath with victory over all enemy opposition assured. King David reigned as King but could not undertake any of the Aaronic priestly duties unlike Melchizedek who combined both offices of Priest and King. (See Part 1 - Genesis 14: 18)

Unlike Melchizedek, the Levitical priests although called of God constituted an imperfect priesthood. Christ was appointed Priest and King by God's oath and after the order of Melchizedek. In the time of Christ the office of priest was bought!

Read Hebrews 5: 4 - 10

Hebrew 5: 10

Jesus is the Author, the surety of a better covenant - the New Covenant, giving the believer access, by the precious Blood of His sacrifice, into the presence of God.

SMITING SCEPTRE

Psalm 2: 9

Numbers 24: 17b

Israel's future Deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ to be like a star and a scepter., This prophecy (see Part1) was originally fulfilled in King David

Revelation 2: 26, 27

Revelation 19: 15a

The star and scepter signs of His royalty, portray the coming victory over His enemies, the strength of His rule of the nations and His dominion over all creation.
CONCLUSION

Jesus' death fulfilled many prophesies all in one day! He foretold His death and the manner of it, and His rising again on the third day in accurate detail. The prophetic word manifests a continuous spiritual warfare and a battle ground on earth; culminating in Christ's death by Roman crucifixion, followed three days later by the triumph of His Resurrection. Jesus was the victim of Man's vile treatment, the SIN of both Jews and Gentiles involved in Satan's enmity. BUT God raised the Holy One, His only beloved Son, from death to life. Christ, the victim, gained the victory over sin and death. He was raised from death to rule over all creation in the righteousness and love of God, all authority being given to Him.

Jesus said:

---Matthew 28: 18---

Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, suffered and died as a ransom to bring long-awaited peace between God and Man. That's why Jesus came to save sinners. All who truly believe in His salvation, including Jewish believers, become a part of His Body, the Church. Believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, await the Return of our Lord at His Second Coming. There are many more promises concerning Christ's second coming, HIS RETURN, than there are of His first! Without an understanding of the prophetic word, the Church does not know where it is going! The prophecy of Scripture is a sure and certain word bringing light to the mind and hope to the heart.

_We have the prophetic word. You do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day breaks through and the Morning Star arises in your hearts._

---2 Peter 1: 19---

The theme of the God's word as revealed in the Bible is always:

**Restoration to Blessing through Redemption.**

_Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy._

_To the one only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and dominion, and power now and forever. Amen._

---Jude 24, 25---

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