

JESUS – THE CHRIST OF GOD

PART ONE

MOSES' LAWS TO VANISH AWAY

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." John 5:46. Jesus spoke against many of the laws written by Moses, which were known as the first covenant, and that was prophesied to fade away with the coming of the Messiah. ***"They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He [Jesus] saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."*** Matthew 19:7, 8; ***"They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? ... So when they contined asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."*** John 8:4, 5, 7 (Note: the Mosaic law of stoning is found in Leviticus 20:10); ***"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment."*** Matthew 5:21; ***"Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man."*** John 7:22 (Note: Moses made it a law that a male child must be circumcised on the eighth day even if it fell on the Sabbath day, which God had sanctified as a day of rest). These laws of Moses were under the first or old covenant of Moses that were done away with upon Jesus' crucifixion, which brought in a new covenant based on love and mercy. ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*** II Corinthians 5:17; ***"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and the house of Judah."*** Jeremiah 31:31; ***"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah... In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."*** Hebrews 8:6 to 8, 13.

PART TWO

A JEWISH PROPHET

Moses made known to his people from where the Prophet/Messiah should come and whose words that this Messiah would speak. ***"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 18:18, 19; ***"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him."*** John 3:34 to 36. Who was Moses speaking about and why should Moses speak of one coming from his Jewish people? He was speaking of that Prophet who was God's Messiah or the Son of man, that is, Jesus of Nazareth, who came from the lineage of King David, and through David's son, King Solomon.

With respect to the prophesied Messiah, the Jews had no notion of the Son of man coming into the

world by a virgin birth, but as said in Deuteronomy 18, from out of the Jewish brethren. When we study the Scriptures, we determine that the Son of man is a man of ordinary birth but is different from all other men in that he was totally obedient to the Will of God and submitted himself totally to truth. The term Son of man came to represent that Prophet that Moses spoke about that came out from his brethren, and became the Anointed One, the representation of God's Word on earth. *"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."* I Peter 2:22; *"And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him the last day. 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: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."* John 12:47 to 50. The statement of "the Father which sent me" can have two meanings: 1) Jesus was chosen by God to be sent out into the world to preach the kingdom of God, or 2) the receiving of God's Spirit (Word) with power was conveyed upon Jesus, making him the Messiah which God promised he would send from the seed of David.

To fulfill prophesy, the only true Prophet would have to come out from the Jewish people. Contrary to what most people believe, there is not one word spoken by any Jewish prophet stating that the Messiah would come from a virgin conception or birth. Most people do not realize that the word "virgin" in the King James translation of Isaiah 7:14, should have been translated "young maiden". The Messiah the Hebrew waited for would descend from the royal line of King David, and through King Solomon and would come from the country of Judaea and born in the town of Bethlehem – if the person did not satisfy all these particulars, he would not have been the Christ of God.

The Scriptures also gives us the name of which tribe that the Messiah would come from and by who's seed he would be born. In scripture, the nation of Israel had been referred to as Zion in a few places: *"Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."* Isaiah 28:16; *"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."* Acts 4:11; *"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore, which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."* I Peter 2:6 to 8. Old Testament prophecy was more than clear that Jesus would be born of the Jewish people.

PART THREE A JUDAIC SAVIOUR

The verses we have examined thus far is clear about Jesus coming from amongst the Hebrew people but what else does it say to help identify the Messiah? *"Judah, thous are he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou are gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."* Genesis 49: 8 to 10; *"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood."* Hebrews 7:12 to 14. The previous verses tell us that the tribe

of Judah would become the dominant one of the twelve tribes of Israel and from Judah would come the Messianic king and all the other tribes of Israel acknowledged that the "Chosen One" would come out of Judah. Even when the tribes split into two nations, Judah remained the dominant one.

'Shiloh' represents the appearance of the Christ. A few scholars claim Shiloh represents David, but this would not be correct since David was known as a man of war, while the word Shiloh means 'tranquil' and came to represent the 'Peaceful One', just like God's Christ.

"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel." Matthew 2:6; *"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King..."* Matthew 2:1a. So we have solidified our understanding that Jesus would be born a Jew out of the tribe of Judah. What else does the scriptures say about the Messiah?

PART FOUR FROM THE ROOT OF JESSE

The scriptures also tell us that the Messiah would be a descendant of Jesse. *"And in that day there shall a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."* Isaiah 11:10; *"And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust."* Romans 15:12; *"And 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, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD."* Isaiah 11:1, 2. The verses from Isaiah 11 tell us that the root or sprout will stand as a banner for the Jewish people, and the nations or Gentiles would seek the Christ. Isaiah also gives us a clearer understanding of the Branch as being God's Christ and that God's Spirit will rest upon this Branch. This Branch we are told about will sprout from the stem of Jesse, the Bethlehemite of Judaea (I Samuel 16:1). Paul also clarified that Jesus was an offshoot of Jesse when he wrote to the Romans. Taking this further, remember that Jesse is the father of King David: *"And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."* I Samuel 17:58; *"And when he had removed him [Saul], he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will."* Acts 13:22; *"Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel."* I Chronicles 29:26.

PART FIVE THE SEED OF DAVID

One of the most telling of the prophecies would be that the Messiah would come from the lineage of King David. *"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I [God] have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations ... His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven... My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven."* Psalm 89:3, 4, 29, 34 to 37; *"The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne."* Psalm 132:11; *"Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him [David], that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne."* Acts

2:30; *"... But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"* John 7:41b, 42. God made a covenant with David that from his seed, the One would be born and would reign forever. The Bible is very explicit that the Messiah would come from the lineage of David; there was never talk of a virgin conception or virgin birth as this would just have taken away from the honour that God bestowed on King David of being the ancestor of the Messiah to come. The promise of God to David would mean nothing if a virgin conception and/or birth had taken place. God never spoke about making a special seed nor of transforming His essence into a man. God only spoke of His Word being conveyed upon a man who would be of the hereditary line of King David. Pay particular attention to the explicit phrasing -- "of the fruit of thy body" and "the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh" -- certainly doesn't sound like a virgin conception. Remember that Joseph, Jesus' father, was confirmed as being descended from King David in Matthew 1 and even had to go to Bethlehem of Judaea to be taxed because of his descension from King David. The Old Testament is full of prophetic verses concerning the Messiah's descension from King David. Some additional verses to ponder: *"And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom."* I Chronicles 17:11; *"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."* II Samuel 7:12; *"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."* Jeremish 23:5; *"And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David."* Luke 1:69; *"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."* Galatians 4:4; *"...to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus."* Acts 13:22b, 23; *"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh."* Romans 1:3.

PART SIX THE SON OF PEACE

When Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem for the last time before his crucifixion, he did it in the act of humility and peace by entering into the city riding upon an ass. The Jewish people who greeted him called out to him as the son of David. Why did they welcome Jesus as the "son of David" and lay a carpet of garments and branches on the ground before him as he entered into the city? This was a custom of the people done in respect of a person they considered of royalty. They knew that the Christ of God would enter in such a way as they were familiar with the prophesies about him. *"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; *"All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughters of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and 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 ways. And the multitude that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna, to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh 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 Nazareth of Galilee."* Matthew 21: 4 to 11. The Jews knew about the coming of the Christ and that he would be descended from the line of King David. Some Jews, however, believed in the

Messiah as being a warrior king, like King David, who would free them from the yoke of Roman rule. Such Jews did not pay attention to the prophecy of Zecharah who described the Messiah as coming into Jerusalem upon an ass, in a peaceful and humble manner. The only sword that the true Messiah would be carrying is the Word of God. We may have quoted more verses than necessary, however, it is important to know that Jesus was to come from the lineage of King David and be born naturally of a man and a woman and this fact was prophesied repeatedly in the Old Testament.

PART SEVEN JOSEPH, THE SON OF DAVID

The Old Testament prophecies told us that the Messiah would descend from the seed of David, therefore, in order for this prophecy to be true, Joseph had to be a descendant from King David and come out from Bethlehem of Judaea. *"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."* Matthew 1:20; *"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)"* Luke 2:3, 4; *"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."* John 1:45.

PART EIGHT MARY, THROUGH DAVID'S SON NATHAN

Those who adhere to a belief in the virgin conception/birth state that Jesus would be considered descended from King David because Mary was a descendant of David as well. Yes, she was of the lineage of David, however, Jewish ancestry follows through the man so when determining lineage, one always followed through the father's line. Also, Mary did not come from the royal line in that the promise to King David continued through to King Solomon and his sons, whereas Mary was descended from Nathan, King David's son who did not ascend the throne but went into the priesthood. The genealogy in Luke 3 is that of Mary so it should be noticed that in verse 31, Mary comes from David's son Nathan, who was not of the kingship line; the promise to David regarding the Messiah was renewed with King Solomon, not Nathan – see I Kings 2:45; 9:4, 5.

PART NINE JESUS, JOSEPH'S SON

We have thus far shown that the Messiah was promised to come from the line of David, through his son King Solomon. We have established that Joseph was of the lineage of King David. Now let's read about Jesus himself: *"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"* Luke 4:22; *"And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?"* John 6:42; *"And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?"* Matthew 13:54 to 56; *"And when they saw him, they were*

amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." Luke 2:48; *"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."* John 1:45. These verses demonstrate that Jesus was known by those around him to be the son of Joseph, who was a carpenter. In order for the prophecies of old to be true, Jesus had to be the biological son of Joseph and we have already established that Joseph was descended from King David and King Solomon.

PART TEN THE WORD OF GOD

"I came down from heaven." John 6:42. In making this remark, Jesus was not talking literally, otherwise, the prophecies about the Messiah coming from the "bowels" or "loins" of David's descendants meant nothing. So what did he mean then? The Word of God came down from heaven. Jesus was the embodiment of the Word of God; as John 1:14 put it, he was the Word made flesh. This does not mean that the essence of God came into Jesus but that His Spirit or Word or Will blanketed Jesus. John the Baptist witnessed the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus. The Word Of God came down in spirit and dwelt in a man of flesh. *"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 to 34. Jesus confounded the Jews by these words. The Bible shows us that Joseph, Jesus' father, was from the seed of David, making Jesus the fulfillment of God's promise to King David that his lineage would produce the Holy One of Israel. *"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel."* II Timothy 2:8; *"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh."* Romans 1:3; *"And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David..."* Matthew 15:22; *"Of this man's seed [David's] hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus."* Acts 13:23; *"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."* Matthew 1:1; *"Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"* John 7:42; *"He shall be great, and shall be called the sone of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."* Luke 1:32. These verses yet again confirm Jesus being the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy that Jesus would be the descendant of King David.

PART ELEVEN FALSE PROPHETS

There is only one chosen Prophet of God, that is, Jesus. He was the One that was prophesied by various Old Testament prophets such as Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, David and others. In today's world, it can be confusing to many whether Jesus was just a run-of-the-mill prophet or something less than the Chosen One of God. The Word of God that abode in Jesus and other persons of the Bible predicted that false prophets would rise more abundantly in the end times. *"For many shall come in my name, saying,*

I am Christ, and shall deceive many ... Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not, for there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:5, 23, 24 – see also Mark 13:6, 21, 22 and Luke 21:8. *"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied ... I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed ... Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith."* Jeremiah 23:21, 25, 31. Since the crucifixion of Jesus, there have been many prophets rise up claiming to be prophesying the last day Words of God. Some claim they received God's Word through angelic messengers by dreams or visions and trances. God's prophets clearly described where His Chosen would from in terms of location and bloodline. The Anointed One would not be a man of violence but a man of peace, teaching patience and understanding to all.

Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled all the prophesies of God made through His inspired prophets. Only Jesus came from the corrent lineage, town, country, and had the correct personality traits of being peaceful, humble, compassionate, selfless and loving. He clarified the laws of God and did not speak of his own desires and only spoke as he was led by the Word of God.

PART TWELVE JESUS IS GOD'S CHRIST

"But there are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31; *"For he [Apollos] mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ."* Acts 18:28; *"Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them [the Jews], Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?"* Matthew 27:17; *"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."* John 1:41; *"She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."* John 11:27; *"And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou are the Christ."* Mark 8:29; *"The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."* John 4:25, 26; *"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* John 6:67, 68; *"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him [God] that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him [Jesus]."* I John 5:1. If we are searching for truth, we should realize that Jesus was the fulfillment of various prophecies spoken over centuries by different prophets. The Holy Bible is not the writing of a single person – it is the summation of various persons who lived over hundreds of years who were all moved by that same Spirit of God. They lived at different times but their words spoke in unison of the love of God and His plan of Salvation. Contrary to what many men say, it does matter what you believe in order to obtain salvation. *"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."* Ephesians 4:5; *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* Matthew 7:13,14; *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."* Matthew 7:21; *"He that rejecteh me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."* John 12:48; *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also..."* John 14:6, 7a; *"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that*

keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelations 14:12; *"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be ... Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life ... And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."* Revelations 22:12, 14a, 19.

PART THIRTEEN WORDS FROM THE PROPHETS

From this study, we have tried to demonstrate that Jesus of Nazareth was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies including his human descent from his Jewish brethren through King David's lineage. We have provided numerous verses from the Holy Bible showing this and even the last book of the Bible confirms his humanity. *"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."* Revelations 5:5; *"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."* Revelations 22:16. It is our hope that this writing has presented the reader with enough scriptural evidence pertaining to the promise of the Messiah, including from where and from whom he would come and how Jesus fulfilled these prophecies. As a final thought, we need to remember that when God finished his creation, it was 'very good' – 'very good' when it comes to God means 'perfect'. So because sin came into the world by one man's disobedience, it only makes sense that redemption should come from one man's total obedience to God, thereby, His creation remains perfect as man was able to reconcile himself to God once again. *"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."* I Corinthians 15:21, 22; *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ... For as by one man's obedience, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."* Romans 5:12, 19; *"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good..."* Genesis 1:31a.