

The Presence of Messsiah in the Bible

1. OF whom did Christ say the Scriptures testify?

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and *they are they which testify of Me.*" John 5:39.

NOTE.-"Search the Old Testament Scriptures: for they are they that testify of Christ. To find Him in them is the true and legitimate end of their study. To be able to interpret them as He interpreted them is the best result of all Biblical learning." - *Dean Alford.*

2. Of whom did Moses and the prophets write?

"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.

NOTE.-In her translation of the Old Testament Scriptures, Helen Spurrell expressed the following wish for all who should read her translation: "May very many exclaim, as the translator has often done when studying numerous passages in the original, *I have found the Messiah!*"

3. From whose words did Christ say the disciples ought to have learned of His death and resurrection?

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that *the prophets* have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" Luke 24:25,26.

4. How did Christ make it clear to them that the Scriptures testify of Him?

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, *He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.*" Verse 27.

5. What did He say a little later to the eleven?

"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that *all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Me.*" Verse 44.

6. Where in the Bible do we find the first promise of a Redeemer?

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, . . . I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and *her seed*; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." Gen. 3:14,15.

7. In what words was this promise renewed to Abraham?

"*In thy seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Gen. 22:18. See also Gen. 26:4; 28:14.

8. To whom did this promised seed refer?

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, *which is Christ.*" Gal. 3:16.

9. Whom did God promise to send with Israel to guide them into the promised land?

"Behold, I send *an Angel* before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared." Ex. 23:20.

10. Who was the Rock that went with them?

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed [went with, margin] them: and *that Rock was Christ.*" 1 Cor. 10:4.

11. In what prophecy are Christ's life, suffering, and death touchingly foretold?

In the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

12. Where is the price of Christ's betrayal foretold?

"So they weighed for My price *thirty pieces of silver.*" Zech. 11:12. See Matt. 26:15.

13. Where in the Psalms are Christ's dying words recorded?

"My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" Ps. 22:1. See Matt. 27:46. "Into Thine hand I commit My spirit" Ps. 31:5. See Luke 23:46.

14. How is Christ's resurrection foretold in the Psalms?

"I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; *this day have I begotten Thee.*" Ps. 2:7. See Acts 13:33.

15. Where again in the Psalms is His resurrection foretold?

"For *Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell;* neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see *corruption.*" Ps. 16:10. See Acts 2:25-31.

16. In what words does Daniel foretell Christ's receiving His kingdom?

"I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, one like *the Son of man* came with the clouds of heaven, 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." Dan. 7:13,14. See also Luke 1:32,33; 19:11,12; Rev. 11:15.

17. How is Christ's second coming described in the Psalms?

"Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; *for He cometh to judge the earth:* with righteousness shall He judge the world, and the

people with equity." Ps. 98:8,9. *"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."* Ps. 50:3-5.

18. What is Christ to one renewed after God's image?

"Christ is all, and in all." Col. 3:11.

Other Prophecies Relating to Christ

1. Whom did Moses say the Lord would raise up?

"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 harken." Deut. 18:15. See also verse 18.

2. What use of this prophecy by the apostle Peter shows that it referred to Christ?

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me. . . . Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." Acts 3:22-24.

3. In what language did Isaiah foretell Christ's birth?

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14.

4. In what event was this prophecy fulfilled?

"Now all this was done [the birth of Jesus of the Virgin Mary], that it might be fulfilled which was spoken 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." Matt. 1:22,23.

5. Where was the Messiah to be born?

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel." Micah 5:2.

6. When was Jesus born?

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king." Matt. 2:1.

7. Under what striking emblem was He prophesied of by Balaam?

"There shall come *a Star* out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel." Num. 24:17.

8. In what scripture does Christ apply the same emblem to Himself?

"I am the root and the offspring of David, and *the bright and morning star.*" Rev. 22:16. See also 2 Peter. 1:19; Rev. 2:28.

9. What prophecy was fulfilled in the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem?

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and *slew all the children that were in Bethlehem*, and in all the coasts thereof, from: two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled *that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet*, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Matt. 2:13-18.

10. How was Christ's first advent to be heralded?

"*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness*, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isa. 40:3.

11. By whom was this fulfilled?

"And this is the record of *John*, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? . . . he said, *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness*, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." John 1:19-23.

12. How was Christ to be received by His own people?

"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; He was *despised*, and *we esteemed Him not.*" Isa. 53:3.

13. How is the fulfillment of this prophecy recorded?

"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. *He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.*" John 1:10,11.

14. What was predicted of Christ's preaching?

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because *the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek*; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isa. 61:1.

15. What application did Jesus make of this prophecy?

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. . . . And He began to say unto them, *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*" Luke 4:16-21. See Luke 7:19-22.

16. How, according to prophecy, was Christ to conduct Himself when on trial?

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, *yet He opened not His mouth:* He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, *so He openeth not His mouth.*" Isa. 53:7.

17. When accused by His enemies before Pilate, how did Christ treat these accusations?

"Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? And *He answered him to never a word;* insomuch that the governor marveled greatly." Matt. 27:13;14.

18. What prophecy foretold of the disposal of Christ's garments at the crucifixion?

"They *part My garments* among them, and *cast lots* upon My vesture." Ps. 22:18.

19. What record answers to this prophecy?

"And they crucified Him, and *parted His garments, casting lots:* that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots." Matt. 27:35.

20. What was foretold of His treatment while on the cross?

"They gave Me also *gall* for My meat; and in My thirst they gave Me *vinegar* to drink." Ps. 69:21.

21. What was offered Christ at His crucifixion?

"They gave Him *vinegar* to drink mingled with *gall:* and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink." Matt. 27:34. See also John 19:28-30.

22. With whom did the prophet Isaiah say Christ would make His grave?

"And He made His grave with the *wicked,* and with the *rich* in His death." Isa. 53:9.

23. With whom was Christ crucified?

"Then were there *two thieves* crucified with Him, one on the right hand, and another on the left." Matt. 27:38.

24. Who took charge of Christ's body after it was taken down from the cross?

"A *rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph*, . . . went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. . . . He wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock." Verses 57-60.

25. What experience in the life of a noted prophet indicated the length of Christ's stay in the grave?

"But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for *as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly*; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:39,40.

26. What prophecy foretold Christ's triumph over death?

"For *Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell*; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption." Ps. 16:10. See Acts 2:24-27.