

Merry Christmas

*Commemorating the
Sequence of Holy Events for
the four weeks of December*

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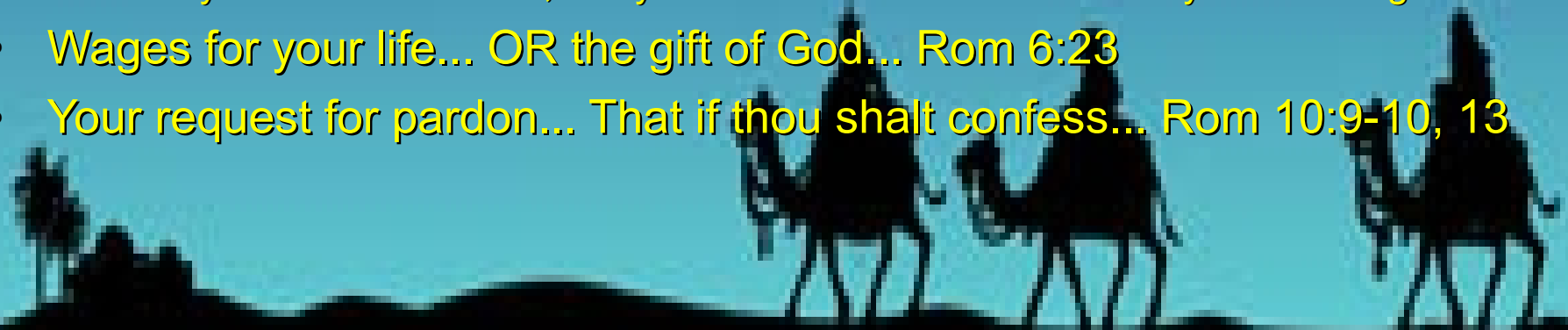
Luke 24:36-47 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you. ... 38 Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ... 41 Have ye here any meat? ... 44 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. ... 46 Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**



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The Fall, The Curse & The Blessing

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Genesis 3:15 And 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.

The seed of woman, the "it" that bruises Satan's head, is the virgin born Messiah.

Genesis 12:3 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.

He still blesses those who bless Israel. He still curses those who curse Israel.

Genesis 17:19 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.

Remember Bible: Abraham was asked to offer his only begotten son as a sacrifice. He had said, "My son, God will **provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering" Gen 22:8.



The Rise of the Hebrew Nation

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Genesis 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. **Mother of Jacob and Esau, 2nd born had his name changed to Israel.**

Genesis 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Christ, the seed, is to bless all the families of the earth.

Genesis 28:15-16 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.¹⁶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.



The Promised King – Anointed One = Messiah = Christ

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Genesis 49:10 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.

“Shiloh” means “He whose it is,” and “that which belongs to him,” and “tranquility.”

2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

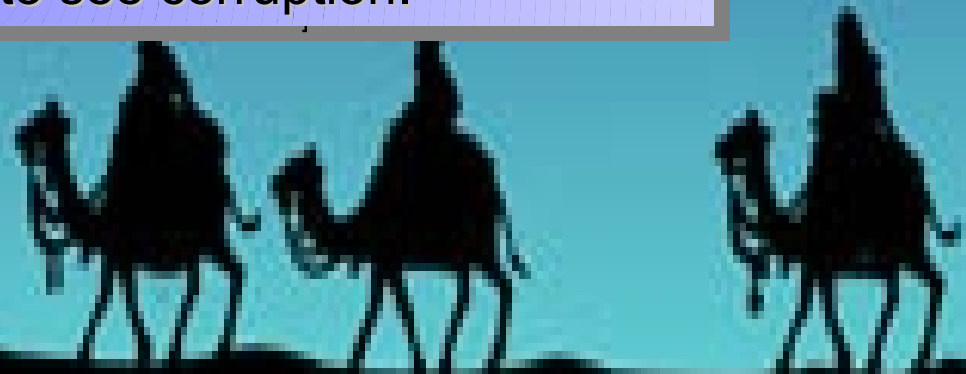
For ever means ... for ever!

Psalms 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,...

Messiah means “anointed one”; in Ps 2 he is The Only Begotten Son (vr.7)

Psalms 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Messiah dies and goes to hell for your sin debt, but God raises him on the the third day.



The King is Crucified

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- Psalms 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
- 3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
- 8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.
- 11 ¶ Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

In Psalm 22 The Good Shepherd, gives his life (John 10:11).

In Psalm 23 The Great Shepherd, gives us peace through his blood" (Heb 13:20).

In Psalm 24 The Chief Shepherd, shall soon appear (1Peter 5:4).

The Virgin Born Messiah Hung on a Cross

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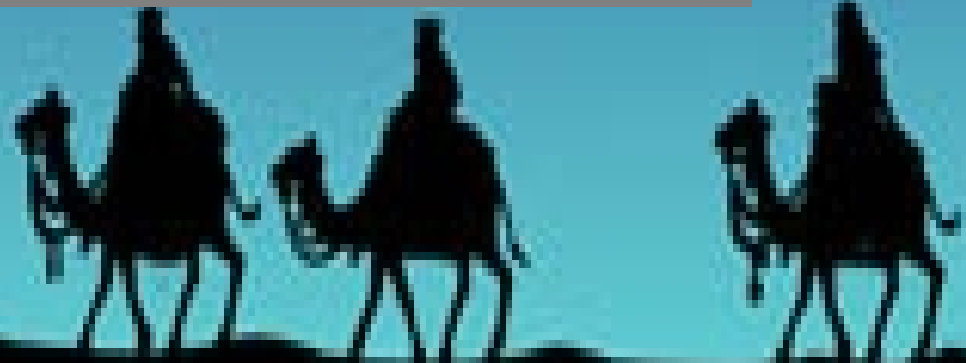
Psalms 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

The Anointed One made flesh so that he may die on Calvary.

Psalms 118:22-23 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.²³ This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. Man still stumbles at this corner stone.

(Job 38:6, Ps 118:22, Isa 28:16, Mt 21:42, Mr 12:10, Lu 20:17, Ac 4:11, Eph 2:20, 1Pe 2:6, 1Pe 2:7)

Isaiah 7:13-14 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. In the KJB virgin means virgin.



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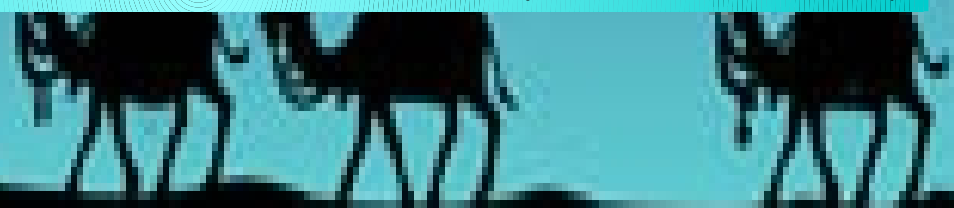
Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the 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.

The names given to Messiah tell the whole story.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

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The Judge of the Gentiles is the Light of the Gentiles

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Isaiah 42:1 ¶ Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Jesus rehearses
this prophecy in
Matthew 12:17-21

The Servant is Salvation Unto the End of the Earth

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Isaiah 49:1 ¶ Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Salvation of the Earth Through Messiah's Death

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Isaiah 50:5-6 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. ⁶ I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 52:13-15 ¶ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: ¹⁵ So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

It is often said that Isaiah 53 begins in 52.



The Servant, The Son, The Saviour

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Isaiah 53:1 ¶ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 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.

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 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.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Preaching of the Gospel Before the Vengeance of God

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Isaiah 61:1-2 ¶ 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 brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ... (see below) **and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;** (bold omitted by Christ at his First Advent...)

Luke 4:18-20 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 brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

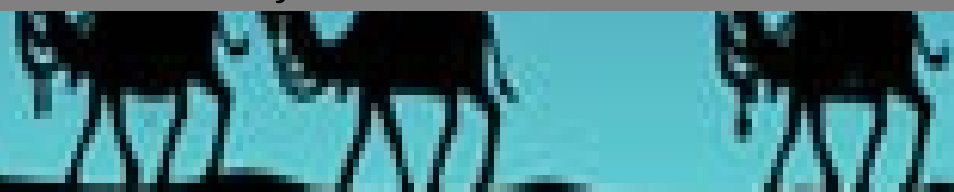
God's Timing and Mercy Extended to Gentiles

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Daniel 9:25-26 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to 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. ²⁶ And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Hosea 2:23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

The study of the 2nd Advent must be about vr. 24, Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to (1) finish the transgression, and (2) to make an end of sins, and to (3) make reconciliation for iniquity, and to (4) bring in everlasting righteousness, and to (5) seal up the vision and prophecy, and to (6) anoint the most Holy.... King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 19).



Born in Bethlehem Ephratah

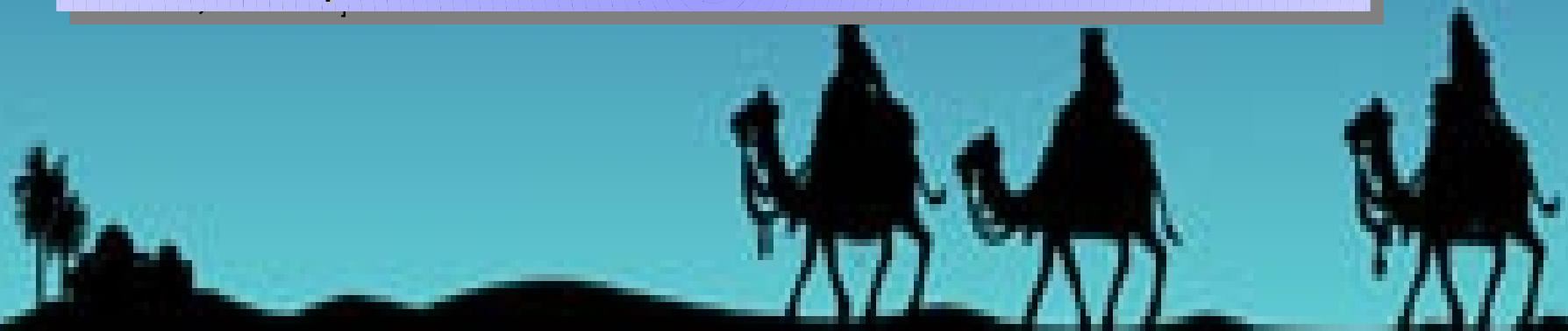
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Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Haggai 2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

The rebuilt temple was not filled with the shekinah glory of God, it was filled with the Only Begotten Son of God.

Zechariah 9:9 ¶ 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.



The Shepherd Sold, Smitten, Sought for

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Zechariah 11:11-13 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. ¹² And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. ¹³ And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Zechariah 13:7 ¶ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Malachi 3:1 ¶ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Messiah First Crucified But Coming Again

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(Acts 1:11) The two Advents—Scofield's Summary:

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- (2) Thereupon the rejected King announced His approaching crucifixion, resurrection, departure, and return (Mat. 24., 25). Matthew 12:38-40; Matt 16:1-4; Matt 16:21; Matt 16:27; Luke 12:35-46; 17:20-36 ; 18:31-34; 19:12-27.
- (3) He uttered predictions concerning the course of events between His departure and return Matthew 13:1-50; 16:18; 24:4-26
- (4) This promised return of Christ becomes a prominent theme in the Acts, Epistles, and Revelation.

The Messiah First Crucified But Coming Again in a Penny Pulpit Essay

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What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And 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” (Gen3:15). At least two things begin in this Genesis revelation; first is the tracing of the seed-line that would bring the Saviour of mankind into the world, second is the progressive revelation about the Messiah, (Greek, *the Christ*), the Only Begotten Son of God. In the Bible the seed-line traces through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and King David with an obscure clarity that is discerned with study. In our sick and twisted rebellious society that now rejects all knowledge of X and Y chromosomes it is doubtless necessary to point out that women do not have seed, they have egg, thus the seed of woman in Genesis 3:15 fits succinctly with “a virgin shall conceive” of Isaiah 7:14. The catholic church, Roman, Eastern or Protestant, has never done well at separating between Christ's first advent and his second advent. C.I. Scofield (1841-1921) pursued a “Fundamental” separation from their apostasy and wrote, “The O.T. foreview of the coming Messiah is in two aspects - that of rejection and suffering (as e.g. in Isa 53), and that of earthly glory and power (as e.g. Isa 11, Jer 23, Eze 37). Often these two aspects blend in one passage (e.g. Psalm 2).” It would behoove the serious student of Christ to read through Scofield's hundred-and-five chain referenced verses on the First Advent, (80 O.T., 25 N.T.) and note them as distinct from his hundred-and-seventy-six chained references on the Second Advent (50 O.T., 126 N.T.) Such a scripture study (never taught by Protestant Clergy) will enable a more profound worship of our Lord Jesus Christ as we acknowledge his virgin birth in Bethlehem. Merry Christmas.

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Luke 24:25-27,44, 45 Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?** 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. ...

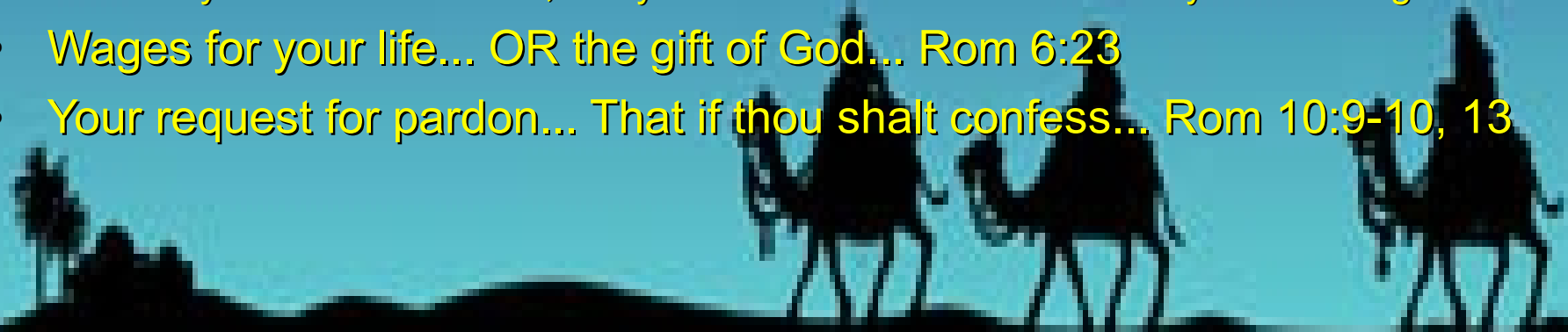
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45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

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