# GASTON LEVANT MANUSCRIPT

**English Translation** 

# **PREFACE**

My father gave me an autographed copy of his handwritten manuscript on December 24, 1981.

I was 30 years old at the time and didn't pay much attention to it because I was busy raising a young family and struggling with life's normal challenges. It also didn't help that the book was in French.

Also, at least prior to having written this manuscript, my father was not a good example of a responsible family man. He abandoned my mother, separating the family, keeping me and my younger brother with him, and sending my mom back to France with my older brother — while pregnant with her fourth child. He didn't raise me either, instead he dropped me off at his aunt in Washington DC to raise me (she and her husband were both orthodox Jews). I was seven when I lost contact with my mother and nine when he abandoned me to his aunt. I didn't forget and probably didn't forgive.

So, I put the book aside and went about my life until forty years later, almost to the date, when for some reason (probably divine) I decided to take a closer look at this manuscript. I hadn't even noticed, back then, that he personally autographed and dated my copy.

Born in Paris, my father was a proud Frenchman, even changing his name to Levant. He was a custom French tailor (a very good one) and felt that his new name was more harmonious with his line of work. He was highly educated - earning a degree in electrical engineering. But unfortunately, World War II drove many Jewish survivors out of Europe and robbed countless people of their dreams. Like many Jews, my father ended up in the textile industry, first in Brazil, then the U.S., and eventually in Canada. He was smart, a math wizard, and a perfectionist. He was also a stickler when it came to French grammar and, as you can see from the handwritten manuscript, his calligraphy was amazing.

He instilled French literacy in me from a very young age, enrolling me in private French schools. As a result, I can still speak and read French, but at an intermediate level. So, I asked my sister who lives in Montreal, and who is fluent in French and English, to help me translate his book.

As we began, I was astounded - frankly, shocked. I had no idea that my dad, a Jew, was so convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. I knew that he had become a believer in Christ and that he wrote a book appealing to his family and Jewish friends to accept Jesus as their promised Savior.

But I had no idea how much work he had put into this and how persuasive it was.

It's really my fault for having been ignorant to the extent of his conversion. We did live far apart and didn't see each other much. He did try talking to me about it, but I wasn't too interested. I wasn't converted back then either and, like most Jews, I had a mental block against it. Remember, I was raised by an orthodox Jewish family and was even Bar mitzvah.

The book is an extraordinary read. The research he did and the cross references he makes using the Torah, the Talmud, the Jewish prophets, and Jewish history is truly remarkable. I had no idea that he had this kind of talent in him. I now have a whole new perspective of my father.

I became a believer myself, years after my dad and differently from his experience. My acceptance came through faith. But now I can point to an enormous amount of evidence that I wasn't aware of before. As a result of this work, I (a Jew) am even more convinced than ever that Jesus is the Messiah.

Thank you, dad, for this wonderful book. Whatever indifference I felt towards you is gone. I love you and forgive you. I am proud of your work and so deeply sorry I didn't read it before you died.

Many thanks to my sister, Yvonne Levant, who was instrumental in helping me translate this manuscript from French to English. Thanks to my brother George Levant, Senior Pastor of Nueva Vida Baptist Church in Laredo, TX, who translated it into Spanish. Thanks also to my Pastor, Carlos Mendes, Senior Pastor of the Brazilian Baptist Church of Washington DC, and his wife Silvia Mendes (who also has a degree in theology) for reviewing and translating it into Portuguese. And finally, many thanks to others who in the future may take this astonishing manuscript and translate it into other languages.

God works in mysterious ways. Although it took me 40 years to read it, my hope now is that these translations will reach and save many more Jewish lives.

Charles Akivah Lewandowski Author's son and Co-Translator

# **FRONT COVER:**

A true Jew speaks to the Israelites.

True Jew because he never abandoned true Judaism.

# Isaiah 53:5 (inside scroll)

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

# Manuscript

In writing this Manuscript himself, the author demonstrates via the Torah and the prophets (the Tanach) why and how the chosen people have been diverted from the only path outlined by the Eternal.

# Gaston Levant, son of:

Moses Lewandowski and Rachel Birembaum

### Manuscript

Composed and handwritten by the author himself

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### THE FRONT COVER

The flames on the candlestick (the light) encompass the Hebrew word

Jesus 🐒 📆 Yeshua

Under the candlestick, the two Hebrew words translate to "Israel's Messiah"

The scroll of our ancient Hebrew scriptures is open to Isaiah 53:5

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# A true Jew speaks to the Israelites

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**Translator's Note:** Manuscript No. 13 given to his son Charles has the following personal note.

It's with love from the bottom of my heart that I dedicate this 13<sup>th</sup> volume of my Manuscript to my son Charles Lewandowski.
Silver Spring, Maryland
December 24, 1981
Gaston Levant

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HEBREW TEXT
TAKEN FROM OUR HOLY SCRIPTURES
(in the original Masoretic version)

THE FRENCH TRANSLATION
WAS DONE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

### **ZADOC KAHN**

**CHIEF RABBI** 

I chose this translation because this Chief Rabbi is recognized by the Hebrew people as being one of the best translators of our TANACH (the Hebrew Holy Scriptures)

Author's Note: In exceedingly rare exceptions, another translation may be included, in such case the reader will be informed.

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# ISRAELITE TERMS USED IN THIS MANUSCRIPT

### **BRIT HADASCHAD** – New Testament

GOI - A non-Jew (a gentile)

**GOIM** – The non-Jews (the gentiles)

**TALMUD** – Commentaries on the Holy Scriptures

<u>TANACH</u> – The 39 books of the Holy Scriptures (the Old Testament).

**TORAH** – Literally, the law!

Factually, the first 5 books of the Hebrew Holy Scriptures. (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy).

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#### **IMPORTANT INTRODUCTION**

It was when I heard many people talk about the Bible that I thought to myself, "How can such an intelligent person accept such ridiculous fairy tales?" This was in 1978 before I became a believer myself.

I discovered that believing in God is an extraordinary intellectual, emotional, and spiritual satisfaction. It is an inexplicable and total liberation, a permanent state of relaxation.

This miraculous experience takes faith, not a blind approach. On the contrary, before accepting the truth of God, I studied both sides, reading the Tanach, the Bible, the Talmud, Rashi, and many other Jewish and Christian books.

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My studies were not objective, I was a non-believer. But the more I studied, the more my ideas were crushed under the weight of the facts. I had no choice but to accept the word of God. Naturally, my belief is not based on modern Judaism, nor on traditions or commentaries. But directly on the word of God. I hope you will read this book with an open mind and with an honest desire to discover the truth.

- Be objective
  - Weigh both sides
    - Contemplate
      - Decide

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#### THE ORIGINS OF THE TALMUD

The Talmud is made up of two parts, the old "MISHNAH" and the new "GEMARA". The Mishnah comprises of 62 tractates (sections) divided into 532 chapters. The Gemara contains discussions, explanations of commentaries as well as annotated comments on the 532 chapters of the Mishnah. The Gemara is about eleven times larger than the Mishnah.

After the death of Jesus Christ, the Talmud (Mishnah only) was taught verbally by our rabbis. Nothing was in writing until in the second century, when a few rabbis took on the responsibility of collecting and collating these verbal commentaries into books. This idea came from Rabbi Akiba around the year 135, during the Adrian Empire.

For Orthodox Jews, the reading of the Talmud is sacred and always preceded by a special religious ceremony. While reading it the shoulders must be draped with a TALLIT, which must be made of silk or wool, and never a mixture of other materials.

It is interesting to understand the origin of the Talmud. Beginning with Ezra, the rabbis explain the scriptures. Each word is memorized and becomes the basis of the Talmud; the first part: The MISHNAH.

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In the year 219, Rabbi Jehudah Hanassi decided to write and edit these commentaries. The first books (Mishnah) were supplied to Jewish schools, which prompted many rabbis to examine the Mishnah in all its details. Every phrase of the Mishnah was discussed by nearly every rabbi at the time. Some approved of a passage while others objected.

The commentaries that were judged important were transcribed and became the Gemara - the second part of the Talmud, which was published in the beginning of the sixth century.

Thus, the "Mishnah" is the transcription of the scriptures that were retained in memory, whereas the "Gemara" (eleven times larger) is the library of commentaries explaining these transcriptions!!!

Our Torah is formal. Only [sacrificial] blood can expiate and redeem our sins. Now, the Talmud replaced these sacrifices with prayers, good deeds and charity.

It is true that in the Talmud we can find subtle commentaries that can truly instruct us. On the other hand, when the Talmud (commentaries written by men) contradicts the Torah, I need to put a stop to this.

### **OUR TORAH SAYS:**

#### Leviticus 17:11

בֵּי נֶפֶשׁ הַבָּשִּׁר בַּדָם הַוֹא נַאֲנִי נְתַתִּיו לָכֶם עַל־הַמִּזְבַׁח לְכַבֵּּך עַל־ נַפְשׁׁתֵיכֶם בִּי־הַדָּם הָוֹא בַּנָּפָשׁ יִכַפַּר: For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

What right does a man, created from dust, have the authority to say: <<You no longer need obey this order of God. You can simply fast, pray and do charitable deeds>>??

Throughout our Tanach, we find the Hebrew people offering blood in sacrifice to become acceptable in the eyes of God. The greatest subject of our Torah, even the entire book of Leviticus, is devoted to blood sacrifices.

Let us see what Chief Rabbi Kauffman Kohler tells us in the article "ATONEMENT" in THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA.

"The cessation of sacrifices, caused by the destruction of the Temple was a terrible shock for the Hebrew people... It was then that Johanan b. Zakkai (or) Yohanan ben Zaccai declared that benevolent labor would have expiatory power. This point of view, however, does not satisfy all problems...Henceforth, many Jews accepted the Christian faith which is to shed blood for the forgiveness of sins".

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The Christian faith, mentioned above by Chief Rabbi Kauffman Kohler, is based on the Torah, while modern Judaism is based on the Talmud. We forget that the Talmud are human commentaries (especially annotated commentaries) and only personal human opinions written by human hands.

- The Talmud is the word of men
- The Torah is the word of God

Since the creation of the world, men have proven to make mistakes. I prefer to rely on the Torah.

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#### AM I or WILL I BE CONTAMINATED?

Some of my fellow Jews will not read this book to its end. As they read certain passages they will be hurt or frightened. Overwhelmed by a feeling of fear of being poisoned, they will give up reading it to avoid contamination.

However, the substance of this book is based on our TANACH, the source of which comes directly from the Eternal One. This wholesome and spiritual nourishment can only satiate the reader while purging him of the unwholesome nourishment provided to him by modern rabbinical tradition whose source comes from the Talmud.

The ignorant will always say that the MAJORITY of the Jews did not accept Jesus and that if Jesus was really the Messiah it would not have taken 2000 years for the "MAJORITY" of the Hebrew people to have understood.

Noah, his wife, and children believed and understood the Word of God and built an Ark to be saved from the flood. Was this family part of the majority????

Lot, his wife, and his two daughters listened to the Word of God and came out of Sodom and Gomorrah a few minutes before God destroyed these two cities. Were they part of the majority??

**NO**. The majority is not always righteous, and God does not always save the majority.

The Eternal confirms this in:

#### Ezekiel 14: 12-16

וִיהָי דְבַר־יִהוָה אֵלֵי לֵאמְר: בֶּן־אָדָּם אֶבֶץ כִּי תָחֲטָא־לִי לִמְעָל־ מַעַל וְנָטִיתִי יָדִי עַלֵּיהָ וְשָׁבַרְתִּי לָה

> מַטֵּה־לֶּחֶם וְהֹשְׁלַחְתִּי־בָּה רָעֶּׁב וְהַכְרתִּי מָשֶּנָּה אָדָם וּבְהַמֵּה:

וְהָיוּ שִׁלֹשֶׁת הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶה בְּתוֹלָה לָחַ דָּנָאֵל כ וְאִיֶּׁוֹב הַמָּה בְצִּדְקַתָם יְנַצְּלוּ נַפְשָׁׁם נָאָם אֲדֹנֵי יְהוָה:

לִּי־חַיָּה רָעָה אַעֲבִיר בָּאָרֵץ וְשִׁכְּלֻתָּה וְהָיְתָה שְׁמָמָה מִבְּלִי עוֹבֵר מִפְּגֵי החַיֵּה:

שְׁלֹשֶׁת הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶה בְּתוֹכָה חֵי־ אָנִי נְאָם אֲדֹנֵי יְהוֹה אִם־בָּנִים וְאִם־ בָּנָות יַצִילוּ הַמָּה לְבַדָּם יִנָּצֵׁלוּ וָהָאָרֵץ תִּהֵיָה שִׁמַמָה: 12. The word of the LORD came to me:

- 13. "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its people and their animals,
- **14.** even if these three men--Noah, Daniel and Job--were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.
- **15**. "Or if I send wild beasts through that country and they leave it childless and it becomes desolate so that no one can pass through it because of the beasts,
- **16.** as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved, but the land would be desolate.

Even if the Jewish reader understands and sees the real path laid out for him by the Eternal, he will deny it to himself and struggle to overcome reality. He will blind himself to defend his so-called Jewish position and remain in darkness. His pride will destroy him. My hope is that a few will understand that the light from the Tanach expressed in this book is enlightening, not blinding.

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#### TO THE POINT

Most of my fellow Israelites believe profoundly in our Torah. We know that God created the universe, the world, vegetation, animals. We know that out of dust God created man and woman and gave them life.

Yet we find it difficult to admit that God can also easily restore life (resurrection) or impregnate a young virgin and manifest himself in the form of a man (the Messiah).

See our Tanach in Isaiah 7:14

The original version of our Holy Scriptures:

ּוֹלֶבֵן יִּתֵּן אֲדֹנֵי הֶוּא לָבֶם <u>אֲוֹת</u> הִנֵּה <u>הְעַלְמָה</u> הָרָה וְיֹּלֶדֶת בֵּׁן וְקָרָאת שְׁמִוּ עִמָּנוּ אֵל: (2) (1)

Now, here is the translation by Chief Rabbi Zadoc Kahn:

**ISAIAH 7:14** "Ah Certainly! the Lord is giving you a <u>sign</u><sup>(1)</sup> from himself - Here the <u>woman</u><sup>(2)</sup> has become pregnant, she is going to give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel (God with us)".

**Translator's Note:** We attempt to use the New International Version for our English translation. However, the verse above is translated verbatim because the author is attempting to make a point regarding two specific Hebrew words interpreted by Rabbi Kahn in his French translation.

Our Chief Rabbi has translated these two words as follows.

אוֹת = SIGN<sup>(1)</sup> הָעַלְמָּה = WOMAN<sup>(2)</sup>

However, we know that a woman becoming pregnant cannot be a sign that God gives us because this is a common fact and an everyday occurrence.

According to the 72 rabbis who worked on the translation "**THE SEVENTY**" of our Tanach, the word הָּעַלְמָה = ALMAH is translated
"Parthenos" which means virgin in Greek. Could these 72 best rabbis of our Jewish schools have all made the same mistake???

Moreover, this word is only used seven times in our Tanach. And each time it can only be a virgin. See the meaning of the word הָעַלְמָה "ALMAH" in these six other passages:

(EXODUS 2:8, PSALMS 68:25, SONG OF SOLOMON 1:3, PROVERBS 30:19, GENESIS 24:43, SONG OF SOLOMON 6:8)

In examining Hebrew dictionaries from different publications, I noted that all of them, without exception, translate these two words as follows:

אוֹת = MIRACLE (1) בּעַלְמֵּה = VIRGIN (2)

Translator's Note: English biblical translations for אָּוֹת is sign, however Hebrew-English dictionaries show the word miracle as an alternative.

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Here are the references of the Hebrew dictionaries examined:

#### **HEBREW DICTIONARY**

Edited by: Zevi Scharfstein

Published by: The DVIR Publishing Co.

**TEL AVIV** 

#### **ENGLISH-HEBREW DICTIONARY**

Edited by: Israel Efros, PhD

and Judah Ibn. Shmmuel Kaufman

**TEL AVIV** 

#### MEGIDO MODERN ENGLISH HEBREW DICTIONARY

Edited by: A. Levenston and Reuden Silva Published by: Megido Publishing Co. Ltd.

**TEL AVIV** 

### The COMPLETE ENGLISH-HEBREW DICTIONARY

Edited by: Reuben Alcalay

Published by: Prayer Book Press Inc.

Hartford, Connecticut

USA

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The chief rabbis who translate our scriptures are human. They have personal feelings of pride as do most of us. They may even be afraid of being criticized as traitors.

On the other hand, the great men who translate dictionaries seek to translate words as accurately as possible. They put their personal opinion aside because the closer the translation is to perfect, the more it sells.

With this POINT understood, let us read a passage from our Tanach, translated from Hebrew in a more accurate way.

# **ISAIAH 7:14**

"Ah certainly! The Lord himself gives you a **MIRACLE** <sup>(1)</sup>. Behold, the young **VIRGIN** <sup>(2)</sup> has become pregnant, she is going to give birth to a son, who will be God with us."

This is no longer a common everyday occurrence. It was the erroneous translation of these two words that hid the reality from us.

**Translator's Note**: New International Version for Isaiah 7:14 is "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel".

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#### THE REAL OBJECTION

Most of my fellow Israelites think they must defend the Jewish position about Jesus. Of course, there is no official position on this. There is a long tradition of opposition and disbelief towards Jesus and so all Israelites feel they must defend this hostile point of view - even if they do not understand why.

It follows that the objection to Jesus is not the fruit of a sincere personal reflection or a real study of the question, but a simple defense of the Jewish position. It is just a simple intellectual barrier to keep Jesus out of your mind.

The real objection to Jesus, the one we do not talk about, is that you do not want to face the consequences that a personal acceptance of Jesus would entail. We know very well that if we accept Jesus as the Messiah, we will be rejected by our family and considered by other Israelites as traitors.

By accepting Jesus as Messiah and personal savior, we would have to give up certain cherished customs. The price to pay is very high, and this is all the truer for an Israelite.

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#### **IRREFUTABLE PROPHECIES**

It is true that Jesus knew our Scriptures better than any of us and could have used this knowledge to fulfill many prophecies.

However, in going through our Tanach, we discover numerous prophecies that could have only been fulfilled by God - the true Messiah.

# "Born in Bethlehem" Micah 5:2

וְאַתָּה בֵּית־לֶחֶם אֶפְרָתָה צְעִיר לְהִיות בָּאַלְפֵי יְהוּלָה מִמְּךּ לִי יֵצֵא לְהִיות מוֹשֵׁל בִּישְׂרָאֵל וּמוֹצָאֹתִיו מִקָּדָם מִימֵי עוֹלם: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Obviously, it is possible that a false Messiah be born in Bethlehem and perhaps just pure coincidence that Jesus was born there. Although, in proportion to the rest of the terrestrial globe, there is less than one in a million chance for a man to be born in Bethlehem.

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# "The Massacre of Newborn Babies" Jeremiah 31:15

כָּה ו אָמַר יְהוָה לָּול בְּרָמָה נִשְׁמָע נְהִיּ בְּכִי חַמְרוּרִים רָחָל מְבַכָּה עַל־בָּגֵיהָ מֵאָנָה לְהִנָּחֵם עַל־בָּגָיהָ כִּי אֵינֵנּוּ: ס This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

Could Jesus, as a newborn, organize the slaughter of hundreds of children??? We know that a similar massacre occurred when Moses was born. It is perhaps still a simple coincidence that Moses, like Jesus, was a liberator.

# "Pierced" Zechariah 12:10

ְשָׁפַּכְתִּי<sup>°</sup> עַל־בֵּית דָּוִיד וְעַל וּ יוֹשֵב יְרוּשָׁלִם רְוּחַ חֵן וְתַּחֲנוּנִים וְהִבִּיטוּ אֵלֵי אֵת אֲשֶׁר־ דָּקֶרוּ וְסָפְּדִּוּ עָלָיו כְּמָסְפֵּד עַל־ הַיָּחִיד וְהָמֵר עָלָיו כְּהָמֵר עַל־ הַבְּלָור: "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Let us pause for a few moments to examine the six other Jewish translations recognized by the Hebrew people.

<u>Franz Rosenzweig</u> (1954-1962) ....they will look to me. The one that they stabbed, and they will then mourn.

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<u>S. Cahen</u>, Paris (1831-1851)....and they will look upon me because of the one they pierced.

<u>Dr. Ludwig Philippson,</u> Leipzig (1858)....they will look toward me for every one they have pierced

H. Torczyner, Jerusalem (1954)....and they will look to me, with him whom they have pierced

<u>Dr. Zunz, Dr. M. Sacs</u>, Frankfurt (1893)....they will look towards me, near the one they have pierced

<u>Translation of the Septuagint</u> (72 rabbis) ....and they will look to me, because they have pierced me.

This last translation by 72 rabbis is clear, God speaks to his people and says, "because they have pierced me".

Zadoc Kahn ends this verse...

...they will regret it as one regrets an only (son)\* and will mourn him bitterly as one mourns a firstborn."

\*Why did Zadoc Kahn put the word (son) in brackets??

Would a false Messiah, whose goal is to enjoy undue glory, allow himself to be pierced, just to have a prophecy fulfilled? **NO!** If this were true, this prophecy would have been the last. However, Jesus fulfilled prophecies even after his death.

# "Darkening of the Sun" Amos 8:9

וְהָיֶה וּ בּיִּוֹם הַהוֹּא נְאֻםֹ אֲדֹנֵי יְהוֹה וְהַבֵּאתִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בְּצָּהְרֵיִם וְהַחֲשַׁרָתִּי לָאָרֵץ בִּיִוֹם אִוֹר: "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD,
"I will make the sun go down at noon and
darken the earth in broad daylight.

Would a false Messiah, who allows himself to be pierced, have the intelligence to calculate the year and the day of an eclipse? (Not calculable at the time), moreover, where it would occur. AND..... calculate his death at the precise moment and at the exact place of the eclipse on the terrestrial globe.

The chance of being born in Bethlehem could be calculated, but the chance of this happening exceeds the threshold of impossibility.

# "Resurrected" Isaiah 53:10

וַיהנָّה חָפֵץ דַּכְּאוֹ הָחֱלִּי אִם־ הָשָּׁים אָשָׁם נַפְשׁׁו יִרְאָה זֻרַע יַאָרִידִּ יָמֵים וְתַפֶּץ יְהוָה בְּיָדָו יִצְלֵח: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

# "Resurrect on the 3rd day" Hosea 6:2

יְחַיָּגַוּ מִּיֹמֵיִם בַּיּום הַשְּׁלִישִּׁי יִקמֵנוּ וְנִחְיֶה לְפָנֵיו: After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

#### "Descendant of the tribe of Judah"

Our Torah tells us that the Messiah will be a descendant of the tribute of Judah (see Genesis 49:10). Also, a descendant of David (see Psalms 132:11). So, we have no doubt about the Davidic descendance of Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary. The genealogical records of the Temple have proven that he was of the tribe of Judah, a descendant of David.

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We also know that Joseph was a good Jew, his marriage was performed by a rabbi and was blessed under the holy law of Moses.

However, it is true that Joseph, not being the natural father of Jesus, we cannot consider Jesus as being a direct descendant of Joseph. And, since the women were not recorded in the genealogical archives of the Temple, it was impossible to prove Mary's descendance by consulting them. **BUT.....!** 

# God tells us in the Torah: Genesis 2:24

עַל־כֵּן יַעְזָב־אִּישׁ אֶת־אָבָיו וְאֶת־אִמָּו וַדַבַק בָּאִשְׁתִּו וָהַיִּוּ לְבַשֵּׁר אֲחַד:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mary, having become the same flesh as Joseph, was considered of the same tribe as the latter.

This consideration, accepted as satisfactory among most nations, is certainly not so for the Hebrew people.

God, knowing the incredulity of his people, confirms the direct lineage of Mary by pointing His sacred finger to two verses in the Torah.

# Numbers 36:8-9

וְכָל־בַּת יֹרֶשֶׁת נַחֲלָה מִמְּטֹות ּבְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל ְלְאָחָד מִמִּשְׁפְּחַת מַטֵּה אָבִיהָ תִּהְיָה לְאִשָּׁה לְמַעוֹ יִירְשׁוֹ בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אָישׁ נַחֲלַת אָבֹתֵיו:

וְלְאֹ־תִּסְּׁב נַחֲלָה מִמֵּטֶה לְמַטֵּה אַחֵר כִּי־ אִישׁ בְּנַחֲלָתוֹ יִדְבָּלֶוּ מֵטָות בְּנֵי ישׂראל:

- 8. Every daughter who inherits land in any Israelite tribe must marry someone in her father's tribal clan, so that every Israelite will possess the inheritance of their ancestors.
- 9. No inheritance may pass from one tribe to another, for each Israelite tribe is to keep the land it inherits."

Irrefutable proof that Mary's father had to be of the same tribe as Joseph's.

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#### **CAN ANOTHER SAVIOR COME?**

When a person truly seeks, he is satisfied and accepts the facts that Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. But we remain in our disbelief, no fact is valid, and we wait....and wait....

Is it possible that in the future, another man will appear, the true Messiah? And that he also fulfills all the prophecies without exception??....

#### IMPOSSIBLE!!!

# In our Torah, God tells us: Genesis 49:10

לְא־יָסְוּר שֵׁלֶבֶטֹ מְיהוּדָּה וּמְחֹקֵק מִבֵּין רַגְלָיו עַד כִּי־יָבָא שִׁילה כ שִׁילוֹ ק וְלָוֹ יִקְּהַת עַמֵּים: The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Chief Rabbis, Ben-Uzziel and Rashi translate this passage: "Until the Messiah Comes".

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But the Scepter has departed from Judah. This happened in the year 70, during the siege of Jerusalem by Roman troops, when God destroyed the Temple and its genealogical records. Since then, none of us, no Jew in the world can prove from which tribe he is a descended of. No other Messiah can fulfill this condition of the Lord.

# "His entry into the 2nd Temple" Malachi 3:1

הָנְגִי שֹׁלֵםׁ מַלְאָלִי וּפִנָּה־דֶּרֶךְ לְפָנֵי וּפִתְאֹם יָבּוֹא אֶל־הֵיכָלוֹ הָאָלְוֹן וּ אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּם מְבַקְשִׁים וּמַלְאַךְ הַבְּלִית אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּם חָפֵצִים הַנָּה־ בָא אַמַר יִהוָה צָבַאִות: "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

### Haggai 2:9

גַּדָול יֻהְיֶּה כְּבוֹד הַבַּּיִת הַזָּה הָאָחַרוֹן מִן־הָרִאשׁון אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאֵות וּבַמָּקִום הַזָּה אָתַּן שָׁלוֹם נָאָם יִהוָה צִבָּאִות: פּ The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

Malachi confirms Haggai's prophecy: The Messiah will enter his Sanctuary suddenly (the second Temple).

**Translator's Note:** Most interpretations of the temple in this verse include "this house", "present house", "latter house", "this Temple", "last house", "new house", etc. There are Jewish historical archives that refer to it as "the second temple."

This prophecy of Malachi, like that of Haggai, cannot be fulfilled after the destruction of the Temple (after the year 70). So, if the Messiah is to come, if that coming is real, it had to happen before the destruction of the Temple.

God is specific. The Messiah will only enter the 2nd Temple, not the first. If we build another one, it will be the third. Since the second Temple has been destroyed, no other Messiah will be able to fulfill this important condition of the Eternal.

Since the destruction of the second Temple, it has become impossible for anyone to prove their Davidic ancestry, even more so in the present time. The Messiah was to come before the year 70.

Even in the Talmud, rabbinical commentaries, we find an answer to the question concerning the time of the Messiah.

TALMUD – Sanhedrin Section (Folio 97 to 99): The world has no less than 85 jubilees (85 times 50 years, therefore 4250 years) and in the last jubilee, the son of David will come. (Commentaries of Chief Rabbi ASI).

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Even according to the Talmud, the Messiah was to appear in the first century of our era.

The prophet Zechariah also upholds that the Messiah will come before the destruction of the house of the Lord.

#### Zechariah 11:13

וּיֹאמֶר יְהוָה אַלֵּי הַשְׁלִיכֵהוּ אֶל־הַיּוֹצֵׁר אָדֶר הַיְלֶּר אֲשֶׁר יָקְרְתִּי מֵעְלִיהָם וָאֶקַחָה שְׁלִשִׁים הַבֶּּסֶף וָאַשְׁלִידְ אֹתָו בֵּית יָהוָה אֵל־הַיּוֹצֵר: And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"--the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD.

The thirty pieces of silver, ransom paid to the traitor who sold the Messiah, must be tossed into the treasury, in the Temple, which is to say, before its destruction (before the year 70).

Moreover, the prophetic pen informs us that the Messiah will be blessed and greeted from the depths of the house of the Lord (the Temple)

#### Psalms 118:26

בָּרוּךְ הַבָּא בְּעֵׁם יְהוֶה בַּרְכְנוּכֶּם מִבֵּית יְהוֶה: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

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All these prophecies were admirably fulfilled to perfection in the life of Jesus.

In our Tanach there are at least five prophecies which upholds the coming of the Messiah before the destruction of the second Temple. This fact is of extreme importance since a third Temple which in no case could be called "second temple" was never built. These five prophecies are:

# HAGGAI 2:7-9, MALACHI 3:1, ZECHARIAH 11:13, DANIEL 9:26, PSALMS 118:26

Five different prophets wrote these five irrefutable prophecies, all inspired by God. These five prophets were immortalized in our Tanach for over 2400 years. If we think that just one was a false prophet, then

we can no longer believe in our Tanach, in our God, in our Messiah.

After centuries of impatience, the Messiah suddenly enters his Temple! Less than a generation later, God, with a dramatic gesture, destroys this Temple and the city of Jerusalem, just as Jesus had proclaimed to his people.

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Having rejected the Messiah-Jesus, we tried several times to rebuild the Temple, to make it possible for the advent of a Messiah. So far, all these attempts have failed.

History teaches us that under the reign of [Roman emperor] Julian, out of hatred for Christians, offered to pay for the expenses of rebuilding the Temple. God stopped the work with an earthquake that caused rocks and balls of fire to spring up.

Now on the site of the old Temple there is a Muslim shrine called: Mosque of Omar.

Then, what are we waiting for? Are we not now at a greater risk of being deceived by a false Messiah?

Providence, by this significant fact, cries out to all the Jews of the world: "Awaken yourselves!! The Messiah has already come! He cannot come now, there is no more Sanctuary. The Messiah came before the destruction of the Temple."

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# PEACE THE TWO ASPECTS

If the Messiah we are waiting for has come and we did in fact despise and reject him, it would have been difficult, even impossible, for him to bring about a definitive peace in our hearts under these conditions. However, isn't that exactly what happened?

But the Messiah brings a peace that surpasses all understanding. One who believes in Him has perfect inner peace in his heart, even if the world does not have peace.

In our Tanach, the Messiah is presented to us under two very different aspects.

#### 1st ASPECT

- Tender plant
- Suffering servant
- Humble king mounted on a donkey.

#### Isaiah 53:2

וַיַּעַל כַּיּוֹנֵק לְפָנָיו וְכַשׁׁרֵשׁ מֵאֶרֶץ צִיָּה לֹא־תָאר לְוֹ וְלָא הָדֶר וְנִרְאָהוּ וְלָא־מַרְאָה וְנַחָמָדָהוּ: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

#### Zech. 9:9

גִּילִּי מְאֹד בַּת־צִּיוֹן הָרְיעִיּ בַּת יְרוּשָׁלַם הָנָה מַלְכֵּדְ יָבוֹא לָדְ צַדִּיק וְנוֹשָׁע הָוּא עָנִי וְרֹכֵב עַל־ חַמֵּור וִעַל־עַיָר בֵּן־אַתֹּנְות:

אַכֵן חַלַנֹנוֹ הָוּא נַשַּׁא וּמַכָאבִינוּ

סָבַלָם וַאַנַחָנוּ חַשַּׁבְנָהוּ נַגֵּוּעַ

וְהוּאֹ מְחֹלֵל מְפִּשֵׁעֵבוּ מְדָכַא

מְעַוֹנֹתֵינוּ מוּסָר שָׁלוֹמֵנוּ עַלַיו

מַכֵה אֱלֹהִים וּמִענֵה:

וּבַחַבַרתוֹ נָרַפּא־לְנוּ:

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

#### Isaiah 53:4-5

- **4**. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- **5**. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ASPECT

- Wonderful Counselor
- Divine Hero
- Prince of Peace
- King of Glory

### Isaiah 9:6

כִּי־יֶלֶד יֻלִּד־לָנוּ בֵּן נִתַּן־לָנוּ נַתְּהִי הַמִּשְׁרָה עַל־שָׁכְמֵּו נַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בָּלֶא יוֹעֵץ אָל גִּבּוֹר אָבִיעַד שַׂר־שָׁלִום: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### Psalms 24:7

שְׂאָוּ שְׁעַרִּים וּ רָאשֵׁיכֶּם ֻוְהִנְּשְׂאוּ פִּתְחֵי עוֹלֶם וְיָבֿוֹא מֻלֶּךְ הַכָּבְוֹד: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

#### CAN THE MESSIAH BE AT THE SAME TIME?

HUMBLE KING ON A DONKEY	AND	KING OF GLORY, PRINCE OF PEACE?
TENDER SHOOT OR PLANT	AND	WONDERFUL COUNSELOR?

SUFFERING SERVANT AND **DIVINE HERO?** 

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The Messiah cannot simultaneously manifest himself under these two opposite aspects, so we are compelled to make sense of this paradox. In other words, we conclude that He must come twice. It is to these two comings that is alluded to in our Tanach.

#### Hosea 5:15

אֵלֵךְ אָשׁוּבָהֹ אֵל־מְלְוֹמִי עַד אַשֶּׁר־יֶאְשְׁמָוּ וּבִקְשְׁוּ פָּגָי בַּצַּר לָהָם יִשַּׁחַרֶנִנִי:

"Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face-- in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

It has been some 2000 years since the Messiah appeared in the first aspect, which is to say; tender, suffering servant, humble King mounted on a donkey.

When he returns under the second aspect, that is to say; wonderful counselor, divine hero, prince of peace, King of glory, at that time He will reign on the throne of David. Then, and only then, will the world finally be at peace!

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### **OUR RABBIS FORGET**

Several passages of our Tanach are deliberately disregarded by our rabbis. The following is a striking example, among many others.

The prophet Isaiah, inspired by God in the year 698 BC., is considered by the Hebrew people as being one of the most important prophets of our Tanach. Upon the order of the Lord, Isaiah mentions in his book most of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah.

With regularity in our synagogues, rabbis read to us aloud from the books of the prophets, especially Isaiah. However, when the book of Isaiah is being read, normally from the Haftorah, most Rabbis skip chapter 53 and go directly from chapter 52 to chapter 54.

According to the Jewish Journal of Haftorah lecture, chapter 53 is not

read. Indeed, the Haftorah reading for Shofetim comprises of chapter 51 and 52, while the Haftorah reading for Noah begins with chapter 54. Chapter 53 of Isaiah is simply missing.

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In no synagogue in the world is it possible to listen to Isaiah chapter 53. Why??

I found one answer in the Jewish Public Library of Montreal, in the book "A Rabbinic Anthology" by C.G. Montefiore of H. Loewe, edited by: The Jewish publication of America. [Jewish] Year 5720 (1960).

Let's look at paragraph 1529 on page 544:

"Quotations from the famous 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah are rare in the Rabbinic literature. Because of the Christological interpretation given to the chapter by Christians, it is omitted from the series of prophetical lessons (Haftarot) for the Deuteronomy Sabbaths. These seven lessons are called the 'Seven (Chapters) of Comfort', and are taken from the preceding and following parts of the book: the omission is deliberate and striking (H.L.)"

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It's clear! The leaders of modern Judaism consider this chapter dangerous. It has been evaded, concealed, and deliberately omitted from almost all rabbinical literature. These leaders (rabbis and chief rabbis) have quite simply adjudicated God's Word and intentions. They judged that the Eternal One could not have written such a doubtful chapter which leads far too many Jews to Christianity.

Who are these leaders of modern Judaism who detract the Hebrew people and who second guess the Word of God???

With what authority can they intentionally omit an entire chapter from the Word of God? It is this Sacred Word that maintains us and guides us in the right path.

By omitting a chapter (even a single passage) from the Word of God, we are inevitably misled.

This chapter begins with Isaiah 52:13, which speaks of the Servant of the Lord who was despised and rejected by his own people.

Rabbis, having no valid answer to questions that can be posed to them, escape this problem by omitting portions of the Tanach.

If you ask your rabbi, who or what this chapter is about, he will tell you that it is about Jerusalem and not the Messiah.

Well!! Here is this chapter word for word. Enjoy it because you will never hear it read in a synagogue.

#### ISAIAH 52:13-15

הגַה יַשְׂבֶּיל עַבְדֵּי יָרָוּם וְנִשְֵׂא וְגָבַה מְאָד:

בַּאֲשֶּׁר שָׁמְמָוּ עָלֶּיךּ רַבִּּים כֵּן־מִשְׁחַת מֵאָישׁ מַרְאָהוּ וְתֹאֲרָו מִבְּגֵי אָדֶם:

בֵּן יַזֶּהֹ גֹויָם רַבִּים עָלָיו יִקְפְּצִוּ מְלָכָים פִּיהֶם בִּי אֲשֶׁר לְאֹ־סֻפַּר לָהֶם רַאוּ וַאֲשֵׁר לְאֹ־שַׁמְעִוּ הָתִבּוֹנַנוּ:

- **13.** See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
- **14.** Just as there were many who were appalled at him, his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness
- **15.** so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

#### **ISAIAH 53**

- 1 מִי הָאֱמֶין לִשְׁמֵעֶתֵנוּ וּזְרָוֹעַ יְהֹן, ה על־ מִי נִגְלֶתָה:
- 2 וַיַּעַל כּיוֹנֵק לְפָנָיו וְכַשׁׁרֶשׁ מֵאֶרֵ ץ צִיָּה לֹא־ תָאַר לָוֹ וְלָא הָדֶר וְנִרְאַ הוּ וְלָא־ מַרְאָה וְנֶחְמָדְהוּ:
- 3 נְבְזֶה נְחֲדֵל אִישִּׁים אָישׁ מַכְאֹבָוֹ ת וִידְוּעַ תֻּלִי וּכְמַסְתֵּר פָּנִים מִּמֶּנוּ נִ בִזָה וִלָּא חַשַׁבְנֵהוּ:
- 4 אָכֵן חֶלָנֵנוּ הָוּא נָשָׂא וּמַכְאֹבֵינוּ סְבָלֵם ואַנַחְנוּ חָשַׁבְנֵהוּ נָגָוּעַ מֻכֵּה אַלֹהִים וּמִעַנָה:
- 5 וְהוּאֹ מְחֹלֶל מִפְּשָׁעֵנוּ מְדֻבָּא מֵעֲוֹ נֹתֵינוּ מוּסִר שְׁלוֹמֵנוּ עֶלֶיו וּבַחֲבֵרָת וֹ נְרְפָּא־ לֵנוּ:
- ַּבְּלֶנוּ כַּצְּאוֹ תָּעִינוּ אָישׁ לְדַרְכָּוֹ כָּ גֵינוּ וַיִהוָה הָפִּגִּיעַ בֹּוֹ אֵת עֵוֹן כָּלְנוּ: גַינוּ וַיִהוָה הָפָּגִיעַ בֹּוֹ אֵת עֵוֹן כָּלְנוּ:

- **1.** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- **2.** He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- **3.** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- **4.** Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- **5.** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- **6.** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 נַגַּשׁ וְהָוּא נַעֲנֶה וְלָא יִפְתַח־ פִּיוֹ כַּשֶׂה לַטֶבַח יוּבָל וּכְרָחֵל לפְנֵי גֹזְזָי הַ נַאַלֻמָה וְלָא יִפְתַּח פֵּיו:

8 מַעְּצֶר וּמִמִּשְׁפָּטֹ לֵלֶּח וְאֶת־ דּוֹרְוֹ מִי יְשׁוֹחֵח כִּי נִגְזַר מֵאֶרֶץ חַיִּים מִ פֵּשַׁע עַמִּי נֵגַע לַמוֹ:

9 וַיָּתָּן אֶת־ רְשָׁעִים ׁ קְבְרֹוֹ וְאֶת־ עָ שִׁיר בְּמֹתֵיו עַל לֹא־ חָמֵס עָשָּׁה וְלְ א מִרמַה בָּפִיו:

10 ניהנָّה חָפֵץ דַּכְּאוֹ הֵחֱלִּי אִם־ תָּ שִׂים אָשָׁם נַפְשׁׁוֹ יִרְאָה זֻרַע יַאָּרִידְּ יָמֵים וְחֵפֶץ יְהֹוָה בְּיָדָוֹ יִצְלֶח:

11 מַעְמַל נַפְשׁוֹ יִרְאֶה יִשְׂבָּע בְּדַעְ הוֹ יַצְדָּיק צַדָּיק עַרָדָּי לֻרַבִּים וַעֲוֹנֹ תַם הַוֹּא יָסִבְּל:

12 לָבֵן אֲחַלֶּק־ לְוֹ בָרַבִּים וְאֶת־ עֲ צוּמִים ְחַלֵּק שָׁלָל ׁמַּחַת אֲשֶׁר הֶעֲרָ ה לַמָּנֶת נַפְשׁוֹ וְאֶת־ פֹּשְׁעִים נִמְגָה וְהוּאֹ חֵטְא־ רַבִּים נָשָׂא וְלַפּּשְׁעִים יַ פָּגִיעַ: ס

- 7. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- **8.** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- **9.** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- **10.** Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
- **11.** After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.
- **12.** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

God speaks about an individual, the Messiah, there has been only one person in all the history of the world who answers word for word to the description of this chapter: Jesus of the "Brit Hadaschad" (New Testament).

If your rabbi insists that it's about Jerusalem, let him explain these verses to you:

52:14 - beyond any "HUMAN BEING"

53:3 - "MAN" of suffering

53:5 - "HE" was crushed

**53:6** - laid on "HIM"

53:7 - "HE" did not open his mouth

Let us analyze the prophecy of this remarkable chapter verse by verse.

### Stunning exaltation of the Messiah. The greatness of his glory.

**52:13** See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

#### **Shocking Abuse of the Messiah**

**52:14** Just as there were many who were appalled at him, his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness

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If the magnitude of his glory was astounding, his suffering was even more so. A few hours before his crucifixion he was whipped barechested with leather straps imbedded with small sharp pieces of metal. A crown of thorns was hard-pressed on his head. His beard was pulled out, causing his flesh to rip.

His body bleeding, his head crowned with thorns forcing blood to run down his torn cheeks. Who, apart from the true Messiah, would have accepted such a sacrifice? How much must he have loved us to pay such a price for the sins of his people.

#### A message that will thrill many.

**52:15** so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

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Many nations fear God and have come to accept Jesus. Many presidents and other leaders are Christians and stand with their mouths shut before him.

#### The message that will not be believed by Israel.

**53:1** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

As strange as it may seem, the shocking message of the Messiah who, by his suffering, made many nations tremble, will find very few of his own people willing to believe in him.

In the "Brit Hadaschad" (New Testament) we read about the fulfillment of this prophecy.

**John 12:37-38** - Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

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# Supernatural birth and spiritual growth

**53:2(a)** He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

The mystical birth of the Messiah is implied in the phrase: "a root out of a dry ground" is a miracle because the essential element "water" is missing.

Let us also note the paradox of his natural and unnatural growth: "He grew up before Him". The Messiah was to grow up under the presence and supervision of the Lord and be brought up normally - like any child. He will grow and will not appear to us all at once as big and beautiful but will conform to the laws of normal growth.

### Disappointment of the Hebrew people

**53:2 (b)** He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

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When the Messiah arrived, his people were disappointed. The Jews were waiting for a great, strong, and powerful King, they did not notice his beauty nor the beauty of his Holiness, nor did they understand his true mission. The Messiah did not meet the ideals of the Hebrew people who did not find in Him neither beauty nor brilliance to merit their attraction.

The purpose of the Messiah at his first coming was to offer his soul and his body for the forgiveness of sins. This was not at all the idea of what the Messiah should do according to the Jews.

### Despised and rejected by mankind

**53:3** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

"Rejected by mankind", there was no high-ranking man or important person to support Him and his mission. Whom apart from God, who knows the end before the beginning, would dare offer a Messiah who is without any support from the leaders of his people??

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Yet history confirms the truth in this prophecy and one cannot overemphasize this point, which is so real in its accomplishment. The Messiah will be a "man of sorrows" in every way, including suffering for his people who rejected him and who continued in sin.

He was acquainted with grief, healed the deaf, the lepers, the blind, and so much more. But the high-ranking men turned their faces away from him, completely ignoring him.

### His people misunderstood

**53:4** Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

While he took on our iniquities and he suffered for our sins, we took him for an unfortunate. We thought that God was punishing and humiliating him.

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### The following verse requires no comment

**53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

#### God sacrifices Him for us

**53:6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

We were all wandering individuals adrift, each going our own way committing crimes and continuing in sin. And God allowed all our crimes to be borne by Him.

### The Messiah will suffer willingly and without complaint

**53:7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

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Normally a man in pain murmurs and complains, especially when he is innocent and unjustly tortured. The Messiah did not open his mouth. He voluntarily submitted to the most terrible suffering that a human being can imagine. Why? ...to erase the sins of his people and of the world whom He loves beyond all imagination.

He remained silent, like a lamb led to slaughter, like a sheep silent before those who shear it. This silence was broken when Jesus, nailed to the cross, prayed for his executioners. (see Brit Hadashad)

**Luke 23: 33-34** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

# Abandoned by his friends and faced judgment with no advocacy to assert his innocence

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**53:8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

Sanhedrin: Explained by the Larousse dictionary

**Translator's Note:** Larousse is a popular French encyclopedic dictionary.

SANHEDRIN - Tribunal of the ancient Jews, in Jerusalem, composed of priests, elders and administrative staff, Tribunal, supreme council which sat in Jerusalem.

During a trial, the Sanhedrin had the custom to have all those who were in favor of an accused testify on his behalf, especially when his life was at stake. Additionally, the Sanhedrin never operated at night. Yet, during the trail of Jesus, these rules were not followed.

On the contrary, this hasty, illegal trial, in which Jesus was ridiculed before the Sanhedrin, was a flagrant disregard of their own rules, and against the norms of justice and human rights.

He was betrayed by an apostle (Judah), denied by Peter, one of his greatest disciples, and abandoned by the other ten apostles who fled in hiding. (See the Brit Hadaschad)

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**Matt. 26:56** But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

When he needed them most, no one, not a single friend was there to defend him. He is left alone, completely alone. Never in living memory was a being abandoned and forsaken by his friends and loved ones in such a cruel way as was our Lord Jesus.

After his death, the humiliation ended. His grave was with the rich. 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Sentenced to death as a criminal, his body was supposed to be thrown over the wall and burned among the rubbish in western Jerusalem. But, after paying the price of sins, after suffering for our crimes, after his death, no indignation was allowed to his lifeless body.

This remarkable coincidence is as real as it is miraculous when we know that the great Jewish leaders of the Sanhedrin did everything possible to see the body of Jesus burned as were those of the two criminals who were crucified with Him.

But the Roman authorities ceded the body of Jesus to Joseph D'arimathee, a member of the Sanhedrin, who placed the body in the tomb of his own garden. Let's examine the Brit Hadaschad

**Matt. 27:57-58** As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

Suddenly we see the harmony between history and the prophetic word which can only be the work of God in the accomplishment of his word.

His honorable burial was so different from that prepared by his enemies because: "He did no evil and there was never any deceit in his mouth". (Review Isaiah 53:9). Another proof among many others, of His absolute innocence.

# After the body of the Messiah was served as a burnt offering for sin. God raised him up, he will live long days.

**53:10:** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

God has resolved to break him, to overwhelm him with our iniquities, our sins. The Lord wanted to see the Messiah voluntarily offer himself as an atoning sacrifice. After which, God will raise him up, he will see a posterity destined to live long days. This fact of the resurrection is further prophesied elsewhere in our Tanach.

#### Psalms 16:10-11

בָּי וּ לֹא־תַעְזָב נַפְּשֵׁי לִשְׁאֵוּל לְא־תִתַּן חֲסִידְדָּ לְרְאָוֹת שֶׁחַת : הְּוֹדִיעֵנִי אָרַח חַֿיָיִם שְׂבַע מָחוֹת אָת־פָּגָיְדְּ נְעִמְוֹת בִּימִינְדְּ גַּצַח:

- **10.** because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
- **11.** You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Moreover, the work of the Lord will prosper in his hands. He will fervently accomplish God's will in bringing salvation and righteousness to Israel and to all nations. Since the death of Jesus, millions of believers have been saved. The work of the Lord has truly prospered in the hands of the Messiah.

# Not only was the Messiah the righteous servant of God, He will save many souls by taking on their iniquities

**53:11** After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Here, God gives us a thundering prognosis of the truth. Let us now read three verses from the Brit Hadaschad.

#### Romans. 3:22-24

<sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

The justice of God is the expression of all that God asks and approves; it is manifested absolutely in Jesus Himself, who fulfilled in our place all the requirements of the divine law.

By substitution, Jesus became for us: wisdom, justice, sanctification, and redemption.

### Extraordinary occurrence at the Messiah's death

**53:12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and <u>was numbered with the transgressors</u>. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

As prophesied in Psalms 22:18, which foretells that the Messiah's garments will be cast by lot, we have here a concurrent occurrence, with authentic proof, that shows to be of divine origin. In short: the perfect fulfillment of the prophecy.

The point here is the prophetic phrase I underlined: "<u>was numbered</u> <u>with the transgressors</u>". The word "transgressors" is used for criminals or thieves, not for sinners (this is even so for non-Christians, who think that Jesus was a sinner). It is very important to point out that Jesus himself spoke about this prophetic phrase just before His crucifixion. Let's examine the Brit Hadaschad.

**Luke 22:37** "It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

And there it is! This prediction and its fulfillment became one of those remarkable coincidences that brought Providence between the prophetic phrase and the Messiah....Jesus was to be crucified between two criminals.

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#### RASHI'S INTERPRETATION

It is important to note that Rashi (11<sup>th</sup> century) was the first to suggest that the suffering servant of Isaiah chapter 53 represents Israel. Previously the suffering servant was universally recognized by the Hebrew people as the Messiah.

In no way does Rashi's interpretation represent the traditional Jewish interpretation. Here are some references that support this point.

# Rabbi Elyah of Vida (16th century) said:

"The Messiah bore our iniquities, which caused him to be broken for us...." Then he adds: "Those who do not admit that the Messiah suffered for our iniquities, we will have to endure the suffering themselves".

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**Rabbi Moshe Kohen Crispin (14**<sup>th</sup> **century)** asserts that the suffering servant cannot be Israel. That in this way it is impossible to understand the real meaning of this prophecy. He adds that this erroneous interpretation diverts us from the true description of the Messiah.

Chief Rabbi Moshe el Sheikh, of Safed said: "Our rabbis with one voice, accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet speaks of the King-Messiah, we ourselves must bow down and accept this fact"

Regardless, in this chapter, God describes the suffering servant as follows:

**53:9** He did no wrong...no lies came from his mouth

**53:10** He offered himself as an expiatory sacrifice

**53:12** He gave himself up onto death

Do you think any of these descriptions can apply to Jerusalem, to our people??

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#### DO OUR RABBIS IGNORE HIS NAME?

Our rabbis never mention that our Tanach references the name Jesus Yeshoua more than a hundred times.

And whenever a Hebrew word contains this sacred name; whether feminine or masculine, singular or plural; with or without prefix or suffix, God speaks of our SALVATION.

# Jesus אַלשׁיני Yeshoua

Here are some passages of our Hebrew Holy Scriptures containing this sacred name.

#### Isaiah 12:2-3

הַנָּה אֵל יְ<u>שׁוּעַ</u>תֵּי אָבְטַח וְלְּאׁ אָפְחֵד כָּ י־ עָזִי וְזִמְרָתֹ יָה יְהֹנָה וַיְהִי־ לֵּי לִ**ישׁוּעֵ**ה: **2.** Surely God is my <u>salvation</u>; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my <u>salvation</u>."

וּשְׁאַבְתֶּם־ מַיִם בְּשָׂעֻוֹן מִמַּעַיְגַי

**3.** With joy you will draw water from the wells of *salvation*.

- י י י ה<u>ישוע</u>ה:

#### Isaiah 25:9

וְאָמֵר בּיָּוֹם הַהֹּוֹא הַנֵּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ זָה ק וִינוּ לְוֹ וְיְוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ זָה יְהנָה קוּינוּ לֹוֹ נַגִּילָה וָנַשִּׁמְתָה בִּ**ישׁוּעַ**תִּוֹ: In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his *salvation*."

#### Isaiah 26:1

בּיָּוֹם הַהֹּוּא יוּשַׁר הַשִּׁיר־ הַזָּה בְּאֶבֶ ץ יְהוּדֶה עִיר עָז־ לָנוּ **יִשׁוּעַ**ה יָשִׁית חוֹמָוֹת וָחַל: In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city. *Salvation* is established as its walls and ramparts.

#### Isaiah 49:8

ְּכָּה אָמָר יְהֹּנָה בְּצֵת רָצוֹן עֲנִיתִּיךּ וּ בְיָוֹם **יִשׁוּצַ**ה עֲזַרְתָּיךּ וְאָצְּרְדּׁ וְאָתֶּנְ דְּ לִבְרָית עָּם לְהָקִים אֶׁרֶץ לְהַנְּחָיל נִחָלוֹת שׁמֵמִוֹת:

This is what the LORD says: "In the time of favor I will answer you, and in the day of <u>salvation</u> I will help you; I will keep you and appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land, to apportion its desolate inheritances,

#### Isaiah 52:10

חָשַׂף יְהוָהֹ אֶת־ זְרוֹעַ קָּדְשׁׁוֹ לְעֵינֵי כָּ ל־ הַגּוֹיֵם וְרָאוּ כָּל־ אַפְסֵי־ אָׁרֶץ אֵת יִ**שׁוּעַ**ת אֵלהֵינוּ: ס

The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will see the *salvation* of our God.

#### Isaiah 56:1

ְּכָּה אָמֶר יְהּוָּה שִׁמְרוּ מִשְׁפָּט וַעֲשִׂוּ צְדָקֵה כִּי־ קְרוֹבָה יְ**שִׁוּעַ**ְתִ<sup>י</sup> לְבֵּ וֹא וְצִדְקָתִי לְהִגָּלוֹת: This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for My *salvation* is coming soon, and My righteousness will be revealed.

#### Psalms 68:19

בָּרוּדְ אֲדֹנָ ״וֹם יִוֹם יַעֲמָס־ לָנוּ הָּאֵל יִשׁרּעַתֵּנוּ סֵלָה: Praise be to the Lord, to God our **Savior**, who daily bears our burdens.

#### Psalm 118:14

ָּעָזִי וְזִמְרָת יָה וְיְהִי־לִׁי לְ**ישׁוּעֵה**:

The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my *salvation*.

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#### **DANIEL, AN AMAZING PROPHET**

Before reading this chapter, the reader should understand the meaning of a prophetic week, which is a week of years, or 7 years. (See our Torah - Gen. 29:27 and Lev. 25:8)

Daniel, one of God's three favorite men (See Ezekiel 14:12-16), tells us some remarkable things about the coming of the Messiah.

In extremely clear language, God calculates for us the exact day of the coming of the Messiah as well as his violent death without successor and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

#### Daniel 9:25-26

וְתַלֵּע וְתַשְּׁבֵּל מִן־מֹצֶא דָבָּר לְהָשִׁיבׂ וְלְבְנָות יְרְוּשָׁלָם עַד־מָשִׁיח נָגִּיד שָׁבֵעִים שִׁבְעָה וְשָׁבַעִּים שִׁשִּׁים וּשְׁנַיִם תָּשוּבֹ וְנִבְנְתָהֹ רְתַּוֹב וְחָרֹוּץ וּבְצִוּק הַעְּתֵּים:

> וְאַחֲרֶי הַשָּׁבֵעִים שִׁשְׁים וּשְׁנַּיִם יִכָּרֶת מָשִׁים וְאֵין לְוֹ וְהָעִּיר וְהַלְּדֶשׁ יַשְׁחִית עָם נָגִיד הַבָּא וְקצָּו בַשֶּׁטֶף וְעַדֹ הֵץ מִלְחָמָה נָחַרֵצָת שׁמֵמִות:

**25.** "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixtytwo 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

**26.** After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

This prophecy is one of the most marvelous and miraculous portions of our Tanach. Let us analyze it word by word.

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**A.** Know and understand the moment when the order was given to rebuild Jerusalem.

The date of the command to begin rebuilding Jerusalem was in the royal decree of King Artaxerxes on March 14, 444 BC, granting the Jews permission to return to Palestine and rebuild the city of Jerusalem. (See

# Nehemiah 2:1,7-9 underlining **MONTH OF NISSAN** and **TWENTIETH YEAR**.

# Nehemiah 2: 1,7-9

וְיָהֵיוּ בְּּחָדֶשׁ נִיסָׁן שְׁנַת עֶשְׂרֵים לְאַרְתַּחְ שַסְתָּא הַמֶּלֶךְ יַיִוֹ לְפָנֵיו וָאֶשָׂא אֶת־ הַיֵּי וֹ וָאֶתְּנָה לַמֶּלֶךְ וָלֹא־ הָיִיתִי רַע לְפָנֵיו:

וָאוֹמֵר ๊ לַמֶּלֶךְ ֹ אָם־ עַל־ הַמֶּלֶךְ טוֹב אִגְּרוֹת יִתְּנוּד לִי עַל־ פַּחָוֹת עֵבֶר הַנָּהָר אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבִירוּנִי עַד אֲשֶׁר־ אָבָוֹא אָל־ יְהוּדָה:

וְאִגֶּׁרֶת אֶל־ אָסָף שׁמֵּר הַפַּרְדֵּס אָשֶׁר לִפֶּׁלָדְּ אָשֶׁר יִמֶּן־ לִי עַצִּים לְקַרוּ ת אֶת־ שַׁעֲרִי הַבִּירָה אֲשֶׁר־ לַבַּיִּת וּ לְחוֹמַת הָעִיר וְלַבַּיִת אֲשֶׁר־ אָבָוֹא אֵלָיִו וַיִּתֶּן־ לִי הַמֶּׁלֶדְ כְּיַד־ אֱלֹדָי הַטוֹבָה עָלֵי: וַיִּתֶּן־ לִי הַמֶּׁלֶדְ כְּיַד־ אֱלֹדָי הַטוֹבָה עָלֵי:

וָאָבֿוֹא אֱל־ פַּחֲווֹת עֲבֶר הַנָּהָּר נָאֶתְנָה לָהֶּם אַת אִגְּרוֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ וִיִּשְׁלָח עִ מִּיֹ הַמֵּלֶךְ שֵׂרֵי חַיָל וּפַרֲשִׁים: פ

- 1. In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before,
- **7.** I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?
- 8. And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.
- **9.** So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

# Why March 14 in the year 444 before Jesus Christ?

Examining our Tanach in Nehemiah, Chapter 2, Verse 1, we determine that it was in the month of NISSAN and in the twentieth year of the reign of King ARTAXERXES Longuemain. The Larousse [French] dictionary gives us the following reference:

<u>ARTAXERXES</u> 1<sup>ST</sup> <u>LONGHAND</u> - King of Persia (464-425 BC), son of Xerxes. He was defeated by Cimon and received Themistocles into exile, whom he filled with honor.

However, if he was king of Persia during the period (464-425 BC), the twentieth year of his reign brings us to 444 BC. (in accordance to our Tanach)

The prophet Nehemiah specifies the year and the month (Nissan), but not the day. However, by Jewish custom, when the day of the month is not mentioned in our Tanach, we must include the whole month and consider that it was the 1st day of the month. So, according to our Tanach, the exact date is 1st Nissan, 444 BC.

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According to the book "The Coming Prince" by Robert Anderson, at his request, the Royal Observatory in Greenwich was kind enough to carry out the task of converting the date 1st Nissan 444 BC to our calendar.

According to research and astronomical calculations made by worldrenowned astronomers, this date, corresponding to our current calendar, is:

# March 14, 444 BC

This result has been supervised, certified, and signed by: G.B. Airy, Royal Astronomer Greenwich Royal Observatory

**B.** Until the Anointed One comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens' for Jerusalem to be rebuilt. It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench....

Until the Messiah-Prince there will be two periods. The first is the 49 years (7x7 weeks of a year) to rebuild Jerusalem (see Nehemiah and Ezra).

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History tells us that this period of 49 years was exactly the time it took to complete this enormous task.

During the second period (sixty-two 'sevens') that is: 434 years, Jerusalem flourished on the holy land with streets and trenches. It is at the end of this period that God must bring us the Messiah-Prince.

**C**. But in times of trouble. And after these sixty-two 'sevens' an Anointed One will be put to death, and will have nothing...

In times of trouble and after these 434 years, after the coming of the Messiah, this one will be cut off (with a violent death) without having a legitimate successor.

**D**. The city and the sanctuary will be ruined by the people of a coming ruler; finally, this one will be violently carried out, but until the end there will be war and devastations.

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Jerusalem and the Temple will be destroyed by the Romans, by the people of the sovereign Caesar; Eventually, the Romans will be swept away, but the wars will continue.

What is most interesting in this prophecy are points **A** and **B**. That is, the period between:

"The decree, the Royal pronouncement" and "The Coming of the Messiah-Prince"

This period (7 weeks of a year) plus (62 weeks of a year) totals:

7 + 62 = 69 Weeks of a Year

I present here the result of my calculations whose data, mentioned above, come from God (through Daniel and Nehemiah).

To calculate the exact day of the coming of the Messiah, we must take leap years into account.

The Larousse [French] dictionary confirms that a leap year is when the last two digits of the year are divisible by **4**: 19**64**, 19**68**, 19**72**, 19**76**, etc.

This would eliminate secular years. However, when the centuries of the secular year are divisible by 4, they will be bissextile years: **4**00, **8**00, **12**00, **16**00, **20**00, etc.

Assuming for a moment that all secular years are leap years, we would get for the period BC.

444 / 4 = **111 leap years** 

Now subtract the three secular years that were not leap years (300, 200, 100), and we obtain for the period BC.

111 - 3 = 108 leap years

In the period of the Julian calendar, from the year "0" (ZERO) to the year 32, the year of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, there were:

32 / 4 = 8 leap years

Therefore, the complete period from the year **-444** to year **+32** has a total of:

108 + 8 =**116 leap years** 

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Starting with March 14 of the year **-444**, the date of the royal decree from King Artaxerxes to start rebuilding Jerusalem (first day of the calculations) to and the end of this period (last day of the calculations) with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem [on a donkey]. See Zechariah 9:9

From the year 444 BC to the year The prophetic year of the 32 there are 476 years. Therefore: Tanach being 360 days, the 69 weeks of a year (see "B") from this prophecy of Daniel 476 X 356 days = <u>173,740 days</u> From March 14 to April 6, the day of Jesus' triumphal entry into 69 Jerusalem, there are: (including 7 both dates) 24 days. 783 x 360 Add 116 days for the leap years, 173,880 days and we get a total of: 173,740 24 116 = 173,880 days!!! Therefore, the time given by Daniel since the order to: "Restart the rebuilding of Jerusalem" until "Messiah-the-Prince" arrives aligned exactly and perfectly day by day.

This authentic prophecy, detailed like a road map, is unmarred by any dubious or obscure expression. In addition, it demonstrates infallibly and with certainty that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah Prince who was suppressed (with a violent death) and without having a legitimate successor.

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All these proofs identifying the Messiah are given to us by the Eternal so that we can recognize him when he arrives. The exactitude of the timeline of this divine prediction was perfect. The slightest error would have been fatal, but everything was in perfect harmony: Jesus of Nazareth accomplished everything; his lineage, the place, the circumstances of his birth, as well as the exact day of his entry into Jerusalem.

Some of my religious cohorts, non-believers, will tell me that Jesus could have easily done these childish calculations. They will say that by pure coincidence, Jesus existed at the right time, and that he managed

to return to Jerusalem on the exact day planned by the Lord.

This is true! But then, among the thousands of Jews who entered Jerusalem on that same date as Jesus, who among them is the true Messiah???

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Because God chose Sunday April 6 of the year 32 to bring his Messiah into Jerusalem.

- The day before would have been too early.
- The day after would have been too late.

#### **FALSE MESSIAH**

It is true that several false Messiahs have presented themselves, so we must be extra careful. Because of them enormous wounds have been opened within Israel. Even when healed, these wounds have left memorable scars.

Fortunately, none of these false Messiahs lasted more than a generation. At the death of each of them the deception was discovered. None of them died as prophesied in our Tanach, that is, with pierced hands and feet. Let's see:

#### Psalms 22:15-18

נַבָשׁ כַּחָבשׁ ו כֹּחִי וְלְשׁונִי מֻדְבָּק מַלְקֹוּחָי וֻלַעַפַּר־מֵוֵת תִּשִׁפְּתֵנִי: בָּי סְבָבֿוּנִי כְּלָבִים עֲ<u>ד</u>ָת מֻרֵעִים הַקּיפוּנִי כַּאַרִי יִדִי וְרַגְּלֵי: אַסַפֵּר כָּל־עַצְמוֹתָי הֵמָה יַבִּיטוּ

יְחַלְּקָוּ בְגָדֵי לָהֶם וְעַל־לְבוּשִׁׁי יַפִּילוּ

- 15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death.
- **16**. For dogs surround me; a band of evil men encircles me; they have pierced my hands and
- 17. I can count all my bones; they stare and gloat over me.
- 18. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

Jesus didn't last a mere generation. It's been over 2000 years and he still IS.

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## **OUR LOSS**

God proclaims to us that he himself begot his son, he warns us that we will head towards our destruction if we do not pay homage to his son who can shelter and save us. Let's read from our Tanach:

# Psalms 2:7,10,12

אָספְּרָה אֱל חָק יְהנָה אָמֵּר אֵלֵי בְּנִי אֲתָה אַנִּי הַיִּוֹם יִלִדְמִידְּ: **7.** I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.

ַןעַתָּה מְלָכִים הַשְּׁכֵּילוּ הַּנָּסְרוּ שִׁפְטֵי אָרֵץ: נִשְׁקוּ־ בַּר פֶּן־ יָאֵנָף וֹ וְתֹאבִדוּ דָּרֵךְ כֵּי־ יִבְעֵר

**10.** Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

בָּמִעֵט אַפָּוֹ אַשְׁרֵי כַּל־ חָוֹסֵי בְוֹ:

**12.** Kiss his son, or he will be angry, and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him

From the spiritual point of view, we wander astray. For the devout Jews, the most precious phrase of the Torah is:

Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

Judaism boasts of having given the world the knowledge of a one true God. But it has lost the essential point of this doctrine: *awareness of the holiness of God*. A holiness so great that it can have no contact with sin.

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For hundreds of years, we pray, we pray, and we still pray. We do not even realize that all these prayers are not heard. Our Tanach, however, is very clear:

#### Isaiah 59:1-2

הָן לְא־קַצְרָה יַד־יִהְוָה מֲהוֹשִׁיע וְלֹא־ כָבָדָה אָזְנִו מִשְׁמִוֹעֵ: **1.** Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

בֶּי אִם־עֲוֹלְתֵיכֶם הָוָוּ מֵבְדְּלִּים בֵּינֵכֶּם לְבֵין אֱלְהֵיכֶם וְחַטְאותֵיכֶׁם הִסְתִּירוּ פַנֵים מִכֵּם מִשִּׁמִועַ: **2.** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

The whole system of blood sacrifice was instituted solely for the forgiveness of sin. To open a pathway by which man might approach God.

Today's Judaism has no sense of sin, no knowledge of blood sacrifice, nor any understanding of it.

We are so filthy with sin that God no longer wants to see us or listen to us. Yet, He is so good that He sacrificed himself to give us another chance.

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## **GOD GIVES US ANOTHER CHANCE**

Reading through our Tanach:

# Psalms 2:7,12

אֲספָּרָה אֵל חָק יְהוָה אָמֵר אַלִּי בְּגִי אָתָה אֲנִי הַלִּים יְלִדְתִּיךְ:

נַשְׁקוּ־בַּׁר פֶּן־יֶאֲנֵף וּ וְתֹאֹבְדוּ דֶּרֶךְ בִּי־יִבְעַר כִּמְעַט אַפָּוֹ אַשְׁרֵי כָּל־ חָוֹסֵי בְוֹ: **7.** I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.

**12.** Kiss his son, or he will be angry, and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

#### Isaiah 53:4-6

אָבֵן חֶלָיֵנוּ הָוּא נָשָׂא וּמַכְאֹבֵינוּ סְבָלֵם וַאַנַחְנוּ חֲשֵׁבְנֵּהוּ נָגָוּעַ מֻבֵּה אֱלֹהִים וּמְעֵנָה:

> וְהוּאֹ מְחֹלֶל מִפְּשָׁצֵׁנוּ מְדֵכָּא מֵעֲוֹנֹתֵינוּ מוּסִר שְׁלוֹמֵנוּ עָלָיו וּבַחֲבֵרָתִו נִרְפָּא־לֵנוּ:

בַּלָּנוּ בַּצָּאן הָעִינוּ אָישׁ לְדַרְכָּו פָּגֵינוּ וַיהוַה הָפִגִּיעַ בֿו אָת עֲוֹן כַלַנוּ: **4**. Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

**5**. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**6**. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## Isaiah 25:8

בָּלֵע הַפָּׂנֵת לָנָּצַח וּמָחָה אֲדֹנֵי יְהְנֵה דִּמְעָה מִעַל כָּל־פָּגִים וְחֶרְפַּת עַמֹּו יָסִיר מַעַל כָּל־הָאָרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה דְּבֵּר: פ He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

## **IN SUMMARY**

- a) Our sins have cut us off from all communication with God.
- b) We are heading for destruction, which is eternal death.

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- c) God begets his own son, the Messiah.
- d) God asks us to pay homage to his son, otherwise it is our loss. He specifies: "Blessed are those who take shelter in him"

- e) God sacrifices his only son for our sins and iniquities, specifying that all our crimes fell upon him.
- f) God promises us that this sacrifice, the pledge of our salvation, has won us healing, that our shame has disappeared, and that eternal death is annihilated.

## **CONCLUSION:**

By washing away our sins in the blood [sacrifice] of Jesus the Messiah, we restore communication with the Lord.

He sees us pure. He listens to us. He saves us. It is eternal life. We are not obliged to accept it. We have the choice; we can refuse it by rejecting the sacrifice of the Eternal.

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#### **GOD'S ACCUSATION**

Our greatest spiritual difficulty is our absolute lack of notion about sin. We make no effort to seek salvation because we do not feel the need to be saved.

With long discourses, we attempt to defend our so-called righteousness.

- We don't hurt anyone
- We pay our debts
- We take care of the poor
- We obey the law

But let's stop for a bit!!
And examine God's accusation:

# Isaiah 1:4

הָוּי וּ גָּוִי חֹטֵּא עָם כֶּבֶד עָוֹּן זֶרַע מְרֵעִּים בָּגַים מַשְׁחִיתֵים עַזְבָּוּ אֶת־ יְהֹוָה נָאָצֶוּ אֶת־קְלָוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל נָזְרוּ אַחִּור: Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel

We therefore must admit that we are:

- Sinful Nation
- People laden with iniquities
- Breed of evildoers
- Degenerate children

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Yet, by the calling of Abraham and the sending of Moses, we have become the chosen people to be a light in the world, and to teach the Gentiles the knowledge of our God.

In our long history, what has been our mindset toward this call??

- In the desert, we cherished the golden calf!
- In the promised land we were dissatisfied, and we asked for a king!
- Later we stray into idolatry, which results in the bitter lesson of 70 years of Babylonian captivity!
- By pushing our madness to the maximum our leaders declared that they want "no king but Cesar"!
- At the highest level of our errors, we rejected the Messiah, which results in the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, and this was less than one generation after the death of Jesus Christ!

Throughout the chapters of tragic Jewish history, revolt against the will of God constantly appears. However, Moses warned us and in the Torah we find his words.

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## **Deuteronomy 31:27**

כִּי אָנֹכִי יָדַעְתִּיֹ אֵת־מֶרְיְדְּ וְאֵת־ עַרְפָּדָ סַמְּעָה הָן בְּעוֹדָנִיּ סִׁי עִמְּכְׁם סִיּוֹם מַמְרִים הָיִתֶּם עִם־יְהֹּוָה וְאַף כִּי־אַחַרֵי מוֹתִי: For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the LORD while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die!

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# **ARE WE MISSIONARIES?**

We have consistently refused to be a people of ministers and missionaries, separate from others. Today in the Jewish world, apart from the few voices that rise from the midst of our moral desolation to implore a deeper spiritual life, we seem to forget that our people have a mission on this earth.

Judaism has so lost its vocation to spread the knowledge of the true God throughout the world and even boasts of not being a missionary religion.

This jealous tradition, which is not official, is found in the Talmud. Let us examine, once again, our Holy Scriptures, our Tanach, the direct word of God (not annotated commentaries).

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# Psalms 96:1-3, 10

ֿשַּירוּ לַיהנָה שָיר חָדֶשׁ שִׁירוּ לַיהנָה כַּל־הָאָרֶץ:

שִׁירוּ לֵיהוָה בַּרָכְוּ שְׁמֵּו בַּשְּׂרִוּ מִיְּוֹם־ לְיוֹם יְשׁוּעָתְוֹ:

סַפְּרַוּ בַגּוֹיֵם כְּבוֹדֶוֹ בְּכָל־דָּגְעַמִּים נָפְלְאוֹתָיו:

אָמְרָוּ בַגּוֹוָם וּ יְהֹוָה מְלֶּדְּ אַף־תִּכְּוֹן הַבֵל בַּל־תִּמְּוֹט יָדֵין עַמִּים בְּמִישָׁרִים:

- **1**. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- **2**. Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.
- **3**. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all peoples.
- **10.** Declare among the nations: "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved; He judges the peoples with equity.

Not only are we turning a deaf ear, but we are doing the opposite. When a NON-JEW shows his desire to join our people he will be discouraged and tormented by our rabbis for years.

<u>Warning</u> – The Eternal has promised to chastise the authors of these evil deeds.

## Jeremiah 23:1-2

הָּוֹי רֹעִים מְאַבְּדָים וּמְפִצֵים אֶת־צָאׁן מַרְעִיתָי נָאָם־יָהוָה:

לֶכֵן כְּה־אָמֵּר יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵׁל עִל־ הָרֹעִים הָרֹעִים אֶת־עַמִּי אַתֶּם הָפִצֹתָם אֶת־צֹאנִי וַתַּדְּחוֹם וְלָא פְקַדְתָּם אֹתָם הִנְנִי פֹקֶד עֲלַיכֶם אֶת־ רֹע מעללִיכִם נאם־יִהוֹה:

- 1 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord.
- 2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord.

**Author's Note:** Let us point out to the novices that the word "sheep" signifies "individuals" of the people of God. Whereas the word "flock" signifies "people" of God. The word "shepherd" chosen by our Chief Rabbi Zadoc Kahn requires no explanation.

#### IS GOD RESERVED FOR THE JEWS?

We always confine ourselves to our people, our nation. For all others, whomever is a non-Jew, is a "GOI" [Gentile], he does not interest us, we do not want to know anything about him.

However, God explains to us that the liberator (the Messiah), despised and rejected by the people, will not be reserved exclusively for the Jews. God wants to make Him the light of the nations and his instrument of salvation for the whole earth. Let's examine our Tanach:

#### Isaiah 49:6-7

וּיֹאמֶר נָלֵל מָהְיוֹתָךּ לִי עֶּבֶד לְהָקִיםׂ אֶת־ שִׁבְטֵי יַעֲלֶב וּנְצוּרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְהָ שֵׁיב וּנְתַתִּיךּ לְאָוֹר גּוֹיִם לְהָיָוֹת יְשׁוּעָ תָי עַד־ קְצֵה הָאָרֶץ:

בְּה אֲמַר־יְהוָה גֹאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל קְדׁושׁׁוּ לְבְזֹה־נָּפֶשׁ לִמְתָעֵב גֹּוי לְעָבֶּד מֹשְׁלִים מְלָכִים יִרְאַוּ וָלֶּמוּ שָׂרָים וְיִשְׁמַחַנִּוּ לְמַעַן יְהנָה אֲשֶׁר נָאֱמָׁן קַדֹשׁ יִשִּׁרָאֵל וַיִּבְחַרְבַּ:

- **6**. He says, "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
- 7. This is what the Lord says, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

"A Christian, in the eyes of God, is more faithful than an Israelite who turns away and ignores him"

#### Isaiah 56:6-7

וּבְגֵי הַנֵּכָּר הַנִּלְוָים עַל־ יְהנָהֹ לְשְׁרְתֹּוֹ וְ לְאַהָבָהֹ אֶת־ שֵׁם יְהוָה לִהְיָוֹת לְוֹ לַעֲבָ דֵים כַּל־ שֹׁמֵ

ר שַׁבָּתֹ מֵחַלְלוֹ וּמַחָזִיקִים בִּכְריתִי: וַהְבִיאוֹתִּים אֶלֹ־ הַר קַדְשִׁי וְשִׁמַּחְתִּים בְּבֵית תְּפִלָּתִי עוֹלֹתִיהֶם וְזַבְחֵיהֶם לְרָצְ וֹן עָל־ מִזְבְּחֵי כִּי בִיתִי בֵּית־ תִּפְּלֶּה יִקְ רֵא לְכַל־ הַעַּמֵּים: **6.** And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant

**7**. these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

It is clear that the "foreigners" of whom the Lord speaks are Gentiles (GOIM). That they will be filled with joy in his house and that his house is for "all nations". But if we carefully reread the word of God above (Isaiah 56:6-7), we notice that the non-Jews of whom the Lord speaks are Christians. That these Christians are blessed by our God because they fulfill the conditions of his word.

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Should the chosen people ignore God's blessed gentiles? Or should he consider them as brothers? I want to point out that I know hundreds of Christians and as many Jews. All Christians without exception cannot hide their love for the Hebrew people. Every Christian considers the Jew as a brother.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for my own people.

# **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

OUR HOLY SCRIPTURE SAY	JEWISH	CHRISTIAN	CATHOLIC
Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number;	Rabbis can marry.	Pastors can marry.	Priests remain celibate
Deuteronomy 16:22 and do not erect a sacred stone, for these the LORD your God hates	No statue found in synagogues	No statues found in churches	Statues of Mary, Jesus, St. Peter, etc. found in Catholic churches worldwide
Exodus: 34:14  Do not worship any other  God, for the LORD, whose  name is Jealous, is a jealous  God.	Prays directly to God	Prays directly to God	Prays to the saints and confess to a priest
Isaiah: 43:25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.	Only God can forgive sin	Only God can forgive sin	A priest can forgive sin
Isaiah 7:14 Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.	Virgin Mary not recognized	Virgin Mary was the instrument by which God brought forth our Savior	Virgin Mary is the mother of God and possesses a divine nature
Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me: You are My Son; Today I have begotten You.	Son of God? Impossible	Son of God, equal to God. One with God in the divine trinity	Son of God, equal to God. One with God in the divine trinity

## THE NEW COVENANT

It is only in the Talmud, (rabbinic commentaries) that we learn to loathe the New Testament, that we should not approach it, not even hear about it.

I repeat, the Talmud (human commentaries) are only personal human opinions written by human hands. Whereas our Tanach, sacred word coming directly from the mouth of the Eternal, was written by the hand of God through his prophets.

In Jeremiah 31:31-34, God tells us that he will make a "new" covenant with us (Brit Hadaschad), because we have violated, therefore broken, the old covenant (the holy law of Moses). God specifies that it will no longer be necessary to be instructed by the Torah to know of the Eternal. He assures us that the new covenant will be in our hearts, that it will forgive our shortcomings and erase our sins.

Here are the words of the Lord, translated from the original Hebrew by Chief Rabbi Zadoc Kahn.

Translator's note: The New International Version is used for our English translation.

# Jeremiah 31:31-34

הָבֶּה יָמִים בָּאָים נְאַם־יְהֹוֶה וְכָרַתִּׁי אָת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־בֵּית יְהוּדָה בְּרֵית חֲדָשֶׁה:

לְא כַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר כָּרַתִּיֹ אֶת־אֲבֹותָׁם בִּיום הֶחֶזיקִי בְיָדָם לְהוֹצִיאָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרֵיִם אֲשֶׁר־הַמָּה הַפֵּרוּ אֶת־בְּרִיתִׁי ואַנֹכֵי בַּעַלִתִּי בַם נָאָם־יִהוַה:

בֵּי זָאת הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר אֶכְרֹת אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל אַחָבִי הַיָּמִים הָהֵם נְאָם־ יְהֹּנָה נָתַתִּי אֶת־תְּוֹרָתִי בְּקְרְבָּׁם וְעַל־ לַבָּם אֶכְתַּבֶנָּה וְהָיִיתִי לָהֶם לֵאלהִים וְהָמָה

ְיָהְיוּ־לֵי לְעֲם: וְלָּא יְלַמְּדָוּ עוֹד אֵישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵׁהוּ וְאִישׁ אֶת־אָחִיוֹ לֵאמֹר דְּעָוּ אֶת־יְהוֶה כִּי־ כוּלָם יֵדְעוּ אוֹתִי לְמִקְטַנָּם וְעַד־ גְּדוֹלָם נְאֵם־יְהֹּוָה כִּי אֶסְלַח לְעֲוֹנָם וּלְחַטַאתִם לִא אָזָכַּר־עִוֹד: ס **31** "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

**32.**It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

**33.** "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**34.** No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

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This passage of our scriptures that you have just read is certainly the most important of our Tanach. In other words, God is telling us to abandon the Torah, sacred laws that I gave to your fathers, laws which you have broken. Don't instruct yourselves in it anymore but recognize the law of the new covenant. The Eternal tells us to let the law of my new covenant penetrate within you, a law which I want to inscribe in your heart. Then, I will forgive your faults and erase your sins."

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Is it possible that God is asking us to give up the ten commandments, this law that maintains our lives, this law that protects us??

**There is only one answer** - The two and only commandments of the new covenant that protect us just as much as all the commandments of the Torah!

## THE TWO COMMANDMENTS

"Brit Hadaschad"
[the New Testament]

#### Matt. 22:37-40

<sup>37</sup> "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". <sup>38</sup> "This is the first and greatest commandment". <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>40</sup>. "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

These are not human commentaries, these are the words of Jesus, the messenger of God.

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The law of this new covenant seems very simple. Even too simple. Yet it encompasses all the Torah commandments that protect us.

The first commandment of the new covenant having remained the same, let us examine the second.

NEW COVENANT	TORAH	
Love your neighbor as yourself	<ul> <li>Honor your father and your mother.</li> <li>Do not commit adultery.</li> <li>Do not commit larceny (theft).</li> <li>Do not covet your neighbor's wife.</li> <li>Do not bear false witness against your neighbor (lie).</li> <li>Do not covet your neighbor's house</li> </ul>	

Can one who loves his neighbor as himself violate any of these Torah commandments???

If God has decided to change his law, that is his business.

Who are we to judge God?

The Eternal gave us the Torah, he alone can modify it.

He did it.

How can God convey these modifications to us?

At first glance there are three possibilities:

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- 1 The Lord comes Himself
- 2 He sends us a messenger
- 3 He advises us through his prophets

In reading our Torah, we discover that the first one is not possible because God said to Moses:

## Exodus 33:20

אָת־פָּגֵי בֶּי "You cannot see my face, for no one may see "You" אָת־פָּגַי הָאַדָם וַחַי: "אַת־פָּגַי בָּי me and live."

The other two possibilities were both utilized by the Eternal One.

- 2 The messengers (Jesus)
- 3 The prophets (Jeramiah, Hosea, and Isaiah)

[We just read in Jeramiah 31:31 about the New Covenant]

To be even more persuasive, God utilizes two other prophets.

## Hosea 2:13

וּפָקדְתֵּי עָלֶיהָ אֶת־יְמֵי הַבְּעָלִיםׂ אֲשֶׁר תַּקְטִיר לָהֶׁם וַתַּעַד נִזְמָהֹ וְחָלְיָתָׁה וַתָּלֶךְ אַחָרֵי מְאַהָבֵיהָ וְאֹתִי שָׁכְחָה נְאֵם־יְהֹוֶה: פ I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the Lord

## Isaiah 1:11-16

לָמָה־לֵּי רֹב־זִבְחֵיכֶם יֹאמַר יְהֹוָה שָׁבַעְתִּי עֹלְוֹת אֵילִים וְחֵלֶב מְרִיאֵים וְלַם פָּרָים וּכְבָשֵׂים וְעַתּוּדֵים לְאׁ חַפַּצִתִּי:

כִּי תָבֿאוּ לַרָאָות פָּנֵי מִי־בַקֵּשׁ זָאׁת מיָדֶכֶם רְמָס חַצֵּרֵי:

לָא תֹוֹסִׁיפּוּ הָבִיאֹ מִנְחַת־שֶּׁוְא קְטָּרֶת תֹּועֲבֶה הָיא לֵי חָדֶשׁ וְשַׁבָּתֹ קְרָא מִקְרָא לֹא־אוּכַל אָנָן וַעַצַרֵה:

חָדְשֵׁיכֶם וּמֹועֲדִיכֶם שָׁנְאָה נַפְשִּׁי הָיָוּ עַלֵי לַטָּרח נִלְאֵיתִי נִשְׂא:

וּבְפָּרשְׁבֶם כַּפֵּיבֶׁם אַעְלֵים עֵינֵי מִבֶּׁם גַּם כִּי־תַרְכִּוּ תִפִּלָּה אֵינֶנִּי שֹׁמֵע יְדִיכֶם דָּמִים מְלֵאוּ:

רַחֲצוּ הַנַּלוּ הָסֶירוּ רַעַ מַעלְלֵיכֶם מָנֵגִד עִינֵי חִדְלוּ הַרֵע:

- 11 "The multitude of your sacrifice what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
- **12.** When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?
- **13.** Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths, and convocations. I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
- **14.** Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
- **15.** When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!
- **16.** Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

God wants us to understand once and for all that the sacrifices, the sabbaths, the feasts, the congregations, etc... have become a burden to him and that he is beyond tolerating them.

All the commandments that have not protected us from each other are by God's command done away with.

Over 2,000 years ago, at the time of the new covenant, God granted us the impossibility of offering him, for Yom-Kippur, a pure lamb whose blood purified our sins. The Lord made us understand that the Messiah Jesus, his son, (the lamb of God), had been sacrificed once for all, and that his pure blood washes away the sins of whoever believes, and this is for eternity.

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Times and periods change. The law should change.

God allowed Abraham to engender three wives. He allowed Lot to engender his own daughters. Yet these men were righteous, God saved Lot from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Even the twelve tribes of Israel are descended from the four wives fathered by Jacob.

All these things, normal at the time, were no longer so when God, through Moses, gave us the Torah.

1500 years after Moses, the times are changing again, it's another era, God sends us the Messiah with his New Covenant.

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# THE LAST WORDS OF GOD (TANACH)

The last words of God were transmitted to us by his prophet MALACHI, the last of all the prophets of our Tanach.

It was in the year 424 BC that God spoke to us for the last time.

Here are his words:

## Malachi 3:1

הָנְגִי שֹׁלֵם מַלְאָלִי וּפְנָּה־דֶּרֶךְ לְפָּנֵי וּפִתְאֹם יָבַּוֹא אֶל־הֵיכָלוֹ הָאָדְוֹן וּ אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּם מְבַקְשִׁים וּמַלְאַׁךְּ הַבְּּרִית אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּם חֲפֵצִים הַנָּה־לָא אָמַר יְהנָה צְבָאִות: "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

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Within our Tanach, the longest prophetic silence lasted only 267 years, it was between the prophet Joshua and the Judges. How can we explain a silence of more than 2400 years? Especially when the last words of God were:

# "Behold, he is coming"

Such silence is inexplicable unless we admit that the revelation of God has already been brought to mankind.

Between Moses and Malachi (our complete Tanach) only 1068 years had passed. Would God wait more than 2400 years, twice the length of two Tanachs, when his promise was so specific: "Behold, he is coming"???

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#### SIX MILLION

Under Hitler's regime, six million of our people were exterminated, a third of the Jewish people. Around the year 470 BC., Haman had prepared this same kind of massacre. (See our Tanach Esther 3:13)

## Esther 3:13

וְנִשְׁלֹוֹחַ סְפָּרִים בְּיֵדְ הָרָצִים ٛ אֶל־כָּל־ מְדִינְוֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ לְהַשְׁמִׁיד לַהָרָג וּלְאבֵּד אֶת־כָּל־הַּיְהוּדִים מִנַּעַר וְעַד־זָלֵן טַף וְנָשִׁים בְּיִוֹם אֶחָׁד בִּשְׁלוּשָׁה עָשָׂר לְחָׁדֶשׁ שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר הוּא־חָׂדֶשׁ אֲדֶר וּשְׁלַלָם לַבִּוז: And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

However, on the same day when all the Jews should have been exterminated, God halted the massacre. The next day, Haman and his ten sons were hanged.

# Esther 7:8-10,

ְוַהַמֶּׁלֶךְ שָׁבֵּ מִגְּנַּת הַבִּיתָׁן אֶל־בֵּית ו מִשְׁתַּה הַיַּיִן וְהָמֶן נֹפֵּל עַל־הַמְּטָּה אֲשֶׁר אֶסְתַּר עָלֶיהָ ויָאמֶר הַמֶּּלֶךְ הָגַם לְרָבָּוֹשׁ אֶת־הַמַּלְכָּה עָמָי בַּבָּיִת הַדְּבָׁר יָצָא מִפִּי הַמֶּלֶךְ וּפְנֵי הָמָן חָפְוּ: ס

וְהַמֶּלֶךְ שָׁבֵּ מִגְּנַּת הַבִּיתָׁן אֶל־בֵּית ו מִשְׁתַּה הַיַּיִן וְהָמֶן נֹפֵּל עַל־הַמִּטָּה אֵשֵׁר אֵסְתַּר עַלֵּיה וַיִּאמֵר הַמְּלֵךְ הָגַם

- 8. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.
- **9**. And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for

לְכְבָּושׁ אֶת־הַמַּלְכָּה עִמָּי בַּבָּיִת הַדְּבָּׁר יָצָאֹ מִפִּי הַמֶּׁלֶךְ וּפְנֵי הָמָן חָפְוּ: ס

וַיִּתְלוּ אָת־הָמֶּו עַל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר־ הַבִּין לְמַרְדָּבֵי וַחָּמַת הַמֶּלְדְּ שָׁבֵּכָה: פ Mordecai, who spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

**10**. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

## Esther 9:14-15

ניָאמֶר הַמֶּלֶדְ לְהַעֲשְוֹת בֵּׁן וַתִּנְּתַן דָּת בְּשׁוּשָׁן וְאֵת עֲשֶׂרֶת בְּנֵי־הָמֵן תָּלִוּ:

נִיּקָהְלוֹּ הַיְּהוּדִיִּים כ הַיְּהוּדֵים ק אֲשֶׁר־ בְּשׁוּשָׁן גַּם בְּיָום אַרְבָּעָה עָשָׁר לְחָדֶשׁ אֲדָּר נִיִּהַרְגִּוּ בְשׁוּשָׁן שְׁלִשׁ מֵאִות אֵישׁ וּבַּבּּוָּה לְאׁ שַׁלְחִוּ אֵת־יַדֵם:

- **14**. And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.
- **15**. For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

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**Translator's Note:** The author, here, is saying that the names HANAN and HITLER are the same.

What an extraordinary coincidence that a man with the same name "HAMAN" was tried and convicted in the 20th century by the people of Israel for the extermination of millions of innocent Jews.

This time, God did not stop the massacre. WHY???

Let's reiterate what Rabbi Elijah De Vidas said (16th century)

"Those who do not admit that the Messiah suffered for our iniquities will have to endure the suffering themselves."

There is a Jewish proverb based on the Talmud.

TALMUD, Sanhedrin section, folio 38a

- Anyone who destroys a life in Israel is considered destroying the world.
- Anyone who saves a life in Israel is considered saving the world.

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The Talmudic commentaries are sacred to the Hebrew people, so it only remains for us to attribute the responsibility [for this massacre] directly to God.

This feeling is firmly demonstrated by Richard L. Rubinstein in his book entitled: "After Auschwitz".

"How can we believe in the benefits of an almighty God after Auschwitz? Traditional Jewish theology maintains that God is the ultimate allpowerful actor in this dramatic story. All major catastrophes in Jewish history have been interpreted as God's punishment for Israel's sins. I cannot understand how this position can be maintained without admitting that Hitler and his SS were instruments of God.

To see a purpose in death camps, the believer is forced to admit the most diabolical, anti-human explosion in all our history as the eloquent expression of God's intention.

This idea is simply too obscene for me to accept."

Why don't we try to understand what God wants to tell us through this carnage?

Taken from our scriptures, here are some passages from the word of God.

## 1 - The Deceitful Heart

#### Jeremiah 17:9-10

עַקָּב הַלֵּב מִכָּל וָאָנֵשׁ הָוּא מִי יַדְעֵנוּי: אָנְי יְהוֶה תֹקֵר לֻב בֹּחֲן כְּלָיֶות וַלַתַת לָאִישׁ כָּדַרְכֹּו כ כִּדְרַבַּיו ק כָּפָרָי מַעֵלָלֵיו: ס

- 9. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
- 10. "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Progress is beautiful. Life is getting easier and easier. But we ignore the word of God when he says that the heart of man is weak, deceitful, and capable of all crime and cruelty. [We ignore] that God will compensate each one of us.

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# 2 - The Neglected Word of God

For several centuries our Jewish people have distinguished themselves by their remarkable intelligence. Indeed, we have provided the world with many men [and women] of talent in science and the arts.

Despite our small numbers (less than 1% in contrast to other nations) Jews have often won the Nobel Prize.

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- Koch isolated tuberculosis
- Shick controlled diphtheria
- Weizman made available to England T.N.T. (1914), which was the strongest explosive at the time
- Einstein, was an unrivaled physicist
- Fritz Kreizler, was a composer and violinist of great talent.

Despite all this, we are a paradox; for, with all our intelligence, we are today like our ancestors in the time of the prophet Isaiah, plunged in thick darkness, and in extreme ignorance of the most elementary truths.

Notwithstanding the honor and privilege that He has given us, God reminds us of the special responsibility that we have to him:

# **Amos 3:2**

רָק אֶתְכֶם יָדְעְתִּי מִלֶּל מִשְׁפְּחָות הָאָדָמֵה עַל־כֵּן אֶפְקֹד עֲלֵילֶם אַת כָּל־ עַוֹּנְתֵיכֵם: "Only you have I known from all the families of the earth; therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities."

We instruct our children without considering the word of God, yet the Tanach is the one (and only) book that justifies the existence of our people, of our nation. Our Jewish children go to colleges and universities, totally ignorant of the most basic principles of our religion.

Practicing Jews send their children to "Yeshivot" where they are taught the word of men (the Talmud). Because in the Yeshivot, the study of the Talmud is more important than that of the Tanach.

These children are unaware of the true path traced by the Eternal, and, as a result they follow the contorted path of the Talmud. Path traced by man.

While our Jewish children grow up by the word of men, Christians translate our Hebrew scriptures into hundreds of languages, while we, who brought the Tanach to the world, stand aside observing them while we worship the Talmud.

#### **GOD WARNS US**

## Isaiah 1:4-6

הָוי וּ גִּוי חֹטֵא עַם כֶּבֶד עָוֹן זֶרַע מְרַעִּים בָּנִים מַשְׁחִיתֵים עַזְּבָוּ אֶת־ יְהֹוָה נְאָצֶוּ אֶת־קְלָושׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל נָזָרוּ אָחָור: **4.** Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.

עַל מֶה חַכֶּוּ עִּוד תּוֹסִיפוּ סָרֶה כָּל־ רִאשׁ לִחלִי וְכַל־לָבֵב דַּוִּי:

**5.** Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted.

מִכַּף־רֶגֶל וְעַד־רֹאשׁ אֵין־בָּו מְתֹם בָּצַע וְחַבּוּרָה וּמַכָּה טְרִיֶּה לֹא־זֹרוּ וַלָא חַבָּשׁוּ וַלָא רִכָּבַה בַּשִׁמֵן:

**6.** From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness-- only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil.

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Let's analyze verses 4b and 5a. The Lord says to us:

**4b** They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him

If the Lord spoke of himself, he would say: "They have forsaken me and spurned me, they have turned their backs on me".

However, God speaks in the 3rd person and calls this person "Holy One of Israel"

For the Jew, as for the Christian, only a divinity can be called HOLY. \*

God speaks to his people, the Jews. In other words, this is how I see verse 4b:

(They abandoned JESUS, despised the MESSIAH of Israel, turned their backs on Him).

**5a** Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion?

The word "anymore" is important. It means that God has already struck (think of the carnage in our history). And God goes on to say that if we persist in rebellion, he can strike again.

Author's Note: \* Not to be confused with some Catholic teachings where all the apostles and prophets, as well as Joseph, Mary and many other humans are considered "Holy".

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#### What do we have to do?

We must confess our faults and repent, first as individuals, then as a nation, God's chosen people.

Are we ready to correct our mistakes? If so, we must confess, directly before God, that we have offended him, that as a chosen people we have a greater responsibility than other nations.

We must study the word of God and search for the answer. If we search sincerely, then, we find that our greatest mistake was not to have accepted our own Messiah and savior who still calls us. If you're alive, it's not too late.

Are you ready?

Taken from our scriptures, here it is

## Hosea 6:1

לְכוּ וְנָשְׁוּבָה אֶל־יְהנָה כֵּי הָוּא טָרָף וִירפַּאָנוּ יַדְ וְיַחְבְּשׁנוּ: "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

Taken from the Brit Hadasha (Words of Jesus)

## Matthew 23: 37-39

<sup>37</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling! <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup>. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

#### THE WORST IS YET TO COME

Throughout our Hebrew Scriptures, we see a red line, the solemn warning of the consequences of Israel's rebellion and sin. We know that God will strike because he often warns us through his prophets.

## Amos 3:6-8

אָם־יִמָּקָע שׁופָר בְּעִּיר וְעָם לְא יָחֲרֶדוּ אָם־מִּהְיֶה רָעָה בְּעִיר וַיהוָה לָא עָשֵׂה:

בָּי לְאׁ יַעֲשֶׂה אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה דָּבֶר כָּי אִם־ גָּלָה סודו אֶל־עֲבָדָיו הַנְּבִיאִים:

אַרְיֵה שָׁאָג מָי לְאׁ יִירֵא אֲדֹנֵי יְהוְהֹ דּבֵּר מִי לִאֹ יִנָּבֵא:

- **6.** Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord has not done it?
- **7.** Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets.
- **8.** The lion has roared, who will not fear? the Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy?

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# The Voice of Salvation

We can escape this judgment only by accepting Yeshua Hamachian (Jesus the Messiah) who affirms:

## John 5:24

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

What a tragedy that God, after having given the savior to the world, we, his people, have rejected him!

## He said in John 5:39

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.

# What are we waiting for? God calls us.

## Isaiah 1: 18-20

לְכוּ־נָגְא וְנַוְּכְחָה יאמֵר יְהוָה אִם־יִהְיּוּ חָטָאֵיכֶם כַּשָׁנִים כַּשָּׁלֶג יַלְבִּינוּ אִם־ יַאָדִימוּ כַתּוֹלֶע כַּצָּמֶר יִהְיְוּ:

> אָם־תּאֹבָוּ וּשְׁמַעְתֶּם טָוּב הָאָרֵץ תּאַבֵלוּ:

וְאָם־תְּמָאֲנָוּ וּמְריתֵם חֲרֵב תְּאֻכְּלוּ כֵּי פִּי יְהוָה דִּבַּר: ס

- **18.** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- **19.** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land:
- **20.** But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

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Since the destruction of the Holy City, never has the ordeal been so tragic as that which our people have endured during the last century.

HAMAN's trial in the 20th century sufficiently retraced in all their horror the ordeal of 6,000,000 of ours, the memory of which is still vivid.

But all this is only the beginning of the time of anguish.

The worst is yet to come.

## Hosea 9:7

בָּאוּ וּ יָמֵי הּפְּקַדָּה בָּאוּ יְמֵי הַשְׁלֵּם יֵדְעוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֱנִיל הַנָּבִיא מְשַׁנָּע אָישׁ הָרֹוּחַ עַל רָב עֲוֹנְדְּ וְרַבָּה מַשִּׁטֵמָה: The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired person a maniac.

# Isaiah 2:12

בָּי ״ום לִיהוָה צְבָאֶות עַל כָּל־גַאָה וַהָם וַעַל כַּל־נִאֵא וִשְׁפֵל: The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),

#### Joel 1:15

אָהָה לַיָּוֹם כֶּי קַרוֹב יָוֹם יְהֹנָה וּכְשָׁד מִשַׁדַּי יָבְוֹא: Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

## Isaiah 13:6-9

הֵילִّילוּ כִּי קָרָוב יָום יְהוֶה כְּשׁׁד מִשַּׁדִּי יָבְוא:

עַל־בָּן כָּל־יָדָיִם תּּרְפֶּינָה וְכָל־לְבַּב אֲנָושׁ יִמֶּס :

וְנִבְהָּלוּ וּ צִירֵים וַחֲבָלִים יְאֹחֵזוּוּ כַּיּוֹלֵדָה יְחִילְוּן אָישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ יִתְמָׁהוּ פְּנֵי לְהָבָים פְּנִיהֶם:

> הָגָּה יום־יְהנָהֹ בָּא אַכְזָרָי וְעֶבְרָה נַחֲרָון אָף לָשִׂנִם הָאָׁרֶץ לְשַׁמָּה נַחַפַאִיה יַשְׁמֵיד מִמֵּנַה:

- **6.** Howl; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
- **7.** Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:
- **8.** And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in labor: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.
- **9.** Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners from of it.

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## **JEWISH HISTORY FROM YEARS 33 TO 135**

Jesus was a Jew. The disciples were Jews. The messianic movement occurred on Jewish soil. The messianic hope was a Jewish hope.

After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the hostility of the religious leaders against Jesus was redirected towards his disciples. Several waves of persecution against the Jews took place from AD 33 to AD 70. Nevertheless, these Hebrew-Christians living among the Jewish people were going to the Temple and Synagogue in observance of religious services.

During the 37-year period between the resurrection of Jesus and the destruction of the second Temple (in AD 70), there was a distinction between the Hebrew-Christian and the Gentile-Christian. The Gentiles were called Christians and the Jews were called Nazarenes. The Nazarenes were, nonetheless, a sect within Judaism.

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In the year 68 the great Jewish revolt against Roman control broke out. Before long, the Roman army advances on Jerusalem and the city was surrounded. The fanatical Jews armed themselves against the Romans, but not the Hebrew-Christians; they are stuck, caught in a dilemma, they remember the words spoken by Jesus.

## Luke 21:20-22

<sup>20</sup> And when you shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the city depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter into it. <sup>22</sup> For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

These Hebrew-Christians were no longer ignorant of the prophecy of Daniel.

## Daniel 9:26-27

וְאַחֲרֵי הַשָּׁבֵעִים ׁ שִׁשִּׁים וּשְׁבַּיִם יִּבֶּרָת מָשִּׁים וְאֵין לְוֹ וְהָעִּיר וְהַלְּדָשׁ יַשְׁחִית עַם נָגָיד הַבָּא וְקצִּו בַשָּׁטֶף וְעַדֹ קֵץ מִלְחָלָה נָחֶרֶצֶת שֹׁמֵלִות:

וְהָגְבָּיר בְּרֶית לָרַבִּים שָׁבְוּעַ אֶּחֶד וַחָצִּי הַשָּבוּעַ יַשְׁבִּית וּ זֶבַח וּמִנְּחָׁה וְעַל כְּגַף שָׁקּוּצִים מְשֹׁמֵׁם וְעַד־ כַּלַה וָנֵחַרַצִּה תִּתַּדְּ עַל־שׁמֵם: פּ **26.** After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

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According to this prophecy, the Temple and Jerusalem were to be destroyed. The Hebrew-Christians knew that seeing the Romans around the city, they had to flee. For this reason, the Jewish believers refused to fight against the Romans. Not to desert their Jewish co-religionists, but because of their faith, to obey the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

In the year 70 the Roman legions will lift the state of siege for a few days. The Hebrew-Christians took advantage of this to flee to the mountains of Trans-Jordan. Later, the Romans return more numerous and better armed and destroy the city and the Temple.

The destruction of Jerusalem was accepted by Hebrew-Christians as the fulfillment of the words of Jesus and the prophecy of Daniel.

This destruction led many Jews to accept Jesus as the Messiah. The number of Nazarenes increased and their faith in Jesus-the-Messiah was strengthened.

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## THE BIRTH OF RABBINIC JUDAISM

The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple caused the dispersion of the Jews and brought about a terrible national and religious crisis among them. Two questions arose:

- 1. How can Judaism, born of the Temple and the system of sacrifice, survive religiously?
- 2. How can the Jewish people, dispersed in the world of the Gentiles, survive as a nation?

This terrible crisis is what lead the synagogues to be the center of Jewish life. Traditional Judaism was replaced by Rabbinical Judaism. The rabbis emerged in the forefront and became the drivers of Jewish life.

This new system of rabbinical Judaism was not accepted by the Hebrew-Christians because of their faith and conviction that Jesus-the-Messiah, by his sacrifice, fulfilled the law of Moses and brought about a new era of grace. Despite everything, the Hebrew-Christians continued to live among their Jewish co-religionists.

Half a century after the destruction of Jerusalem, another revolt broke out because the Romans did not comply with Trajan's pact that gave the Jews permission to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. This revolt caused much blood to flow while tightening the Roman noose.

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This cruel oppression accentuated the need for a savior, it was then that the inevitable idea arose that only the Messiah could lead military activities to certain victory.

In the year 132, at the beginning of the revolt led by Bar Kochba, this idea [of a military conqueror] was imagined more precisely by Rabbi Akiba who presented his idol — BAR KOSHBA - to the Hebrew people in the following manner:

"THIS IS THE KING MESSIAH" \*

\* See: Encyclopedia Judaica Jerusalem, volume 4-8 page 230 See: Akiba, by Louis Finkelstein, page 11 and 239 See: The doctrine of the Messiah, by Joseph Sarachek p.17

At first, Hebrew-Christians joined in the battle with their fellow Jews, recognizing that it was a national cause. Subsequently, they withdrew from the battle, because they refuse to recognize Bar Kochba as the Jewish Messiah. A complete rupture emerges between Hebrew-Christians and their co-religionists.

From this moment, the Christian Jews believing in Jesus the Messiah were banished from the rest of the Hebrew people.

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This terrible mistake by Rabbi Akiba drowned the revolt led by Bar Kochba in blood, which resulted in the final catastrophe of the unforgettable carnage. Hundreds of thousands of Jews were tortured and massacred (including Rabbi Akiba), entire towns were burned down and all Jewish land and property confiscated.

At the age of seven, children had to work if they wanted to eat. Only one blanket was provided per group of six. Men were starving to death and freezing in the streets.

Any Jew in possession of Holy Scriptures was condemned to death. Circumcision was strictly forbidden; every circumcised Jewish child was massacred - as well as his parents. All education was forbidden to Jews.

The city of Jerusalem was baptized AELIA CAPITOLINA; only the Gentiles could enter it. The province of Judea was called PHILISTINIAN SYRIA.

The false Messiah: Bar Kochba, is to blame. Because of him, Christianity became a "RELIGION OF GENTILES", in addition, the church was separated from the synagogue.

Bar Kochba not having died as prophesied in our scriptures (PSALMS 22:17), the deception was discovered, and many Jews join the Jewish-Christian alliance whose numbers grew more and more.

## INDESTRUCTIBLE ISRAEL

## Amos 9: 14-15

וְשַׁבְתִּי שֶׁתִ־שְׁבְוּת עַמְּי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבְנוּ עָרִים נְשֵׁמּות וְיָשָׁבוּ וְנָטְעַוּ כְרָלִים וְשָׁתָוּ אֶת־יֵינָם וְעָשִׁוּ גַּנּות וְאָכָלָוּ אֶת־פְּרִיהֶם:

וּנְטַעְהָּים עַל־אַדְמָתָם וְלֹא יִנְּתְשׁוּ עוד מַעַל אַדְמָתָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְהֶׁם אַמֵר יִהוָה אֵלֹהֵידְּ: **14.** And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

**15.** And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

# Israel, May 1967

A large group of tourists arrive [in Israel] from New York. Hundreds of Orthodox Jews and Jewish-Christians. They went as a single group to obtain a low airfare.

A few days later, the smell of war spreads all over Israel. War is imminent, inevitable.

That same day, the airport of Tel-Aviv is flooded with orthodox Jews wishing to return to New York immediately. They paid the full price plus a surcharge for leaving the group and returning early.

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The Jewish-Christians did not budge, they chose to stay in Israel. Not to save the airline surcharge, but because they were convinced that the state of Israel can no longer be destroyed. Just like in the year 70, they knew that Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed.

Their conviction, based on the truth of the Tanach and the Brit Hadaschad, concerns the indestructibility of the reconstituted Jewish State. Many nations will unite to combat Israel. God will overthrow them all.

The Jewish-Christians chose to remain in Israel based on their faith and their national conviction of being members of the Jewish people.

# 1947-1948 The War of Independence

May 15, 1947, at 05:25, bombs launched by enemy planes flying over TEL-AVIV interrupt BEN GURION's speeches. On the day of its birth, the tiny state of Israel, with its 650,000 [inhabitants] was attacked from all sides by Arabs states totaling 60,000,000. The ratio was overwhelming. About one poorly armed Jew against a hundred Arabs armed to the teeth and fully supplied.

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In 1949, the war ended at the cost of 6,000 men. The tiny Jewish army got the better of the overwhelming Arabs. Not only has Israel survived, but it is expanding its territory. After the armistice, it was 21% greater than when it was born. Nearly two years later, approximately 500,000 new Jews had immigrated to Israel. In 1953, the population had doubled.

## Ezekiel 36:24

וְלָקַחְתָּי אֶתְכֶם מִן־הַגּוֹיִם וְקַבַּצְתִּי אָתְכֶם מִכָּל־הָאָרָצֵוֹת וְהַבֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם אַל־אַדְמַתָּבֵם:

For I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land

# 1956 The Blitzkrieg

Israel finds itself again under the fire of its enemies. Easy victory. In a lightning war, which was interrupted by the great powers [Britain and France] to save Egypt from a total crush, Israel conquered the Gaza Strip.

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# 1967 Nasser's Attack

On May 17, Radio Cairo announces that the Arab countries are ready to destroy Israel. The next day, Nasser calls for the withdrawal of the UN forces that were protecting the peace between Israel and the Arabs. On May 18, Nasser announces that there is no longer an international force to protect Israel, and that the extermination of Zionist existence is necessary.

Taking advantage of this dangerous situation, the Russians sent huge quantities of ammunition, weapons, and heavy equipment along the borders of Egypt and Syria. On May 28, Nasser declares to the world that he does not accept any coexistence with Israel, and that, since 1948, the Arabs are always at war against the Jewish State.

# On May 30 [1967] Nasser announces:

"The armies of Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon are posted on the borders of Israel ready to attack, while the armies of Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait and Sudan are in the rear, ready to join us".

In other words, all the Arab nations were ready to exterminate Israel, (more than 60,000,000 [people] were united to destroy the work of God).

To declare war without seeming to, Nasser blocks the port of Eilat in the Gulf of Aqaba, a crucial point which allows Israel to survive.

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The Jews have seen and heard enough, without waiting, they attack the Egyptian plane. Israelite tanks roll over the Sinai. Hard battles are taking place on the Golan Heights and in Jerusalem.

The Russians, hoping for a quick and overwhelming Arab victory, warned the world to stay away, but.... the prophecy of Amos was being fulfilled. Israel can no longer be destroyed, God has promised. (Amos 9:14-15).

In six days, all the Arab forces were in retreat. The Jews conquered Sinai and the Golan Heights. Once again, the Russians are asking for peace.

Of course, the Jews have reclaimed the beloved city of Jerusalem. For the first time since the year 70, the holy city was entirely in the hands of the Hebrew people.

This victory was not only military. The Russians lost \$3 billion in armaments which they never recovered from the Arabs, and Israel gained the world's respect for its military power.

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# 1973 Yom-Kippur

On October 6th, 1973, most Jews were in their synagogues, fasting and observing Yom-Kippur.

Taking advantage of this religious situation, Egypt attacks Sinai and Syria attacks the Golan Heights. Eleven Arab nations send troops and military equipment against Israel.

The surprise of Yom Kippur cost the Israelites many dead and wounded, as well as significant material losses, however, within days, the Jews turned the battle in Israel's favor.

This violent battle of the Golan ended with the capture by the Jews of strategic positions endangering Damascus. On the Egyptian front, Jewish soldiers crossed the Suez Canal and marched onto Cairo.

With the two main Arab nations in retreat, Russia, once again, was asking for peace.

Once again, the tiny nation of Israel had defended itself, alone, and successfully.

The prophetic words of God do not lie.

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# Are UFOs protecting Israel?

Cape May, New Jersey, (U.S.A.) August 10, 1977

Mr. Robert Barry, director of the UFO office in Yoe, Pennsylvania, is convinced that the State of Israel is protected by UFOs sent by God and his angels.

According to Mr. Barry, UFOs, driven by angels, tipped the balance in Israel's favor during the four Arab-Israeli wars of 1947-48, 1956, 1967 and 1973.

Speaking this week in Cape-May, Mr. Robert Barry held a conference entitled: "UFOs and the invincibility of Israel". He pointed out that every time (and without exception) that there was a war between Israel and the Arabs, the presence of UFOs has been observed in the air.

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Thus, Mr. Barry affirms that at the height of the 1967 war, the Jews were saved by "MIRACLES", and this, when UFOs were seen above the battlefields. On another occasion, thousands of Egyptian soldiers surrendered to 100 Jewish soldiers after having "VISIONS" of thousands of Israeli soldiers with hundreds of tanks besieging them.

<u>AUTHOR'S NOTE</u>: Instead of looking for things that maybe don't exist, why not just refer to our Tanach?

## Psalms 121:3-4

אַל־יִתַּן לַמַּוֹט רַגְּלֶךְ אַל־יָנוֹים שְׁמְרֶךְ: הַנָּה לְאֹ־יָנוּם וְלָא יִישָׁן ומֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל:

- **3.** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- **4.** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

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#### WHAT IS A JEW?

A Jew is a descendant of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, he is therefore a Jew not by choice, but by the inscrutable purposes of God.

Therefore, the Jew is a member of a race; whatever he may believe or do, it does not affect his position in any way: he was born a Jew, he will die a Jew, just as a Negro will always be black, and this, regardless of his beliefs, he is born black, he will die black.

A Gentile is a non-Jew, (a Goi). He is not a descendant of a tribe of Israel. Even if he is converted by a rabbi and has joined our people, he will always be Gentile. He's not a descendant of Abraham, he'll die a Gentile.

A Christian is one who freely chooses his faith in the Jewish Messiah, the Lord Jesus.

It does not matter the race or the color; there are Gentile-Christians, Negro-Christians, Jewish-Christians.

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It is impossible to be born a Christian.

This word (noun or qualifying adjective) requires an act of free will as well as personal responsibility. A baby, not having the usage of reason, cannot be a Christian.

Some of my co-religionists are unaware of the distinction between Christian (i.e., a true Christian) and any other Goi (Gentile). For them, whether Hitler, the Pope, Cesar, or others, they all fall into the same category: "The Christians" where most of them are anti-Semitic and persecutors of the Jews.

A Christian believes and obeys the Messiah-Jesus.

When our rabbis say that the Jews of Europe were massacred by Christians, we know that is a lie. "Never" did the Messiah-Jesus teach his disciples to persecute the Jews; on the contrary, anyone who claims to be a Christian and disobeys Jesus is simply an hypocrite.

The Hebrew-Christian may not accept baptism on the condition of losing his Jewish identity. He would never be considered a Christian but rather a TRAITOR.

On the other hand, a Hebrew-Christian may be proud to be a Jew and all-the-while, proud of his faith in Jesus-the-Messiah!

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# Open letter - Am I a convert?

I am constantly accused by my co-religionists of having abandoned true Judaism, of having broken the chain that binds us to Abraham. In a word, I am accused of being converted.

The accusation concerning the "CONVERSION" from JEWISH to CHRISTIAN troubles me. I was born a Jew and I will die a Jew.

What does a conversion imply? For me, as a Jew, conversion implies that I must give up Judaism and accept other things, which would be foreign to Jewish beliefs, thoughts, and customs.

Now, let's see how acceptance of the Messiah removes me from true Judaism, and what parts of traditional Judaism have I abandoned.

Have I forsaken the one true God? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?? **SURELY NOT**.

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Have I abandoned one or more passages of our Tanach (the Old Testament)?? **NO**.

So! I am converted from what to what??

I imagine that my fellow Jews will tell me that I no longer respect Jewish customs. That is true.

However, Jewish customs of today are different from those of traditional Judaism.

Reformed Judaism, they themselves, have abandoned the traditional belief in the coming of the Messiah.

Are those Jews who attend a Reformed Temple converted because they enter the Temple without a Tallit and with their heads uncovered? **NO** 

I am much more Jewish today than I ever was, because now I read the Tanach (the Old Testament) with understanding and belief, whereas before I did not.

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A Christian is not born a Christian as most of my colleagues think. More exactly, a Christian is one (Jew or not) who has accepted the death and resurrection of Messiah-Jew in his personal name. Consequently, he knows that the law of Moses was fulfilled.

The first Christian church was in Jerusalem. The totality of the members of this first church was Jewish, thousands of Jews who accepted the death of Jesus-the-Messiah as fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah.

What does a Gentile (a GOI) who wants to become a Christian need to do?

- He must accept the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- He must accept the Tanach (the Old Testament)

In a word, he must accept the basis of true Judaism. And more importantly, he must accept the Jewish-Messiah as a substitute for the traditional Sacrifice.

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- a) Believe in our only and true God.
- b) Believe in our Torah
- c) Believe in our prophets.
- d) Believe in our Tanach.

That is.... True Judaism

Yes, I am a Christian of Jewish origin. I have not been converted, but, more exactly, I have been completed by accepting what was promised to the Hebrew people and to the world.

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son of: Moise Lewandowski

and Rachel Birenbaum.

### **Translator's Note:**

In the original French manuscript, the letter "R" usually appears in the form of a prefix; "Re" implies "Again". The prefix "re" usually precedes a verb.

## THE BIG "R" OF ISRAEL

# Revive yourselves Redress yourselves Repent yourselves

# Prophecies largely already fulfilled for Israel

**Return of the dispersed:** From the four ends of the earth, two million immigrants have come from at least one hundred nations since 1948

Isa. 11: 11-12, 43: 5-6, 60: 8-9 Jer. 16: 14-16 Ezek. 11: 17, 28: 25

**Restoration of Israel:** "in the land of its fathers" Remembering the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 17:8, to Isaac in Genesis 28:4, to Jacob in Genesis 48:4 and to Moses in Deuteronomy 34:4

Isa. 14: 1-2 Jer. 23: 7-8, 30: 3 Ezek. 36: 24, 37: 21

**National Resurrection:** May 14, 1948, at the cost of terrible battles, like in the time of Joshua (remember the image of the "FIG TREE" in Matthew 24:32).

Asa. 66: 7-9, 41: 15-16 Ezek. 37: 1-14 **Reflowering of the desert** (Galilee, Samaria, Judea, Negev)

Asa. 35: 12, 41: 18, 51: 3 Joel 2: 18-27 Amos 9: 13-15

**Reforestation of barren hills:** Over one hundred and fifty million trees have been planted

Asa. 41: 19-20, 55: 12-13, 60: 13

**Renewal of ravaged cities:** Dimona-Aradetc... (See Joshua 15:22 and Judges 1:16)

Asa. 58: 12, 61: 4 Ezek. 36: 10, 33-35, 38: 8

Wealth (Richness) exploited more and

*more:* But also, more and more coveted. (Remember Deut.8: 8:9, Deut. 33:24, and 1 Chr. 22:16)

Asa. 27: 6 60: 5-6, 17

**Reunification of Jerusalem:** June 7, 1967, giving new dimensions to the capital of Israel which has been "trampled on by the Gentiles" for more than 2,500 years (see Luke 21:24)

Asa. 44: 26, 66; 10-14 Micah 4: 11-13 Zech. 1: 14, 2: 5. 12, 13 8: 3-8

**Retreat of the borders:** See the [specified] boundaries in Ge. 15:18-21, Exod.23:31, Deut.11:24, Deut. 34:14, and Josh. 1:4

Asa. 26: 16 Ezek. 47: 15-20 Obad. 1: 17-21 Zech. 10: 10

**Spiritual Remnant:** Saved by the acceptance of grace (see Romans 1:16, 10:12-13, Galatians 3:28, Eph. 2:14-18). But to this day Israel had to remain

Rom. 11: 5

without sacrifice...without a king...without a leader...Let us examine the TANACH in HOSEA 3:4

#### Hosea 3:4

בָּי ו יָמִים רַבִּּים יֵשְׁבוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵׁל אַין מֶלֶדְּ וְאַין שֶׁר וְאֵין זֶבַח וְאֵין מַצֵּבֵה וְאַין אֵפָּוד וּתְרָפִים: For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods.

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# Prophecies nearing fulfillment in Israel.

*Israel's withdrawal from the U.N.* This will be the obvious sign of the rapid end of the "time of the nations".

Exo. 33:16 Num. 23:9 Deut. 7:6, 32:8-9

**Ravage of Gog** and his multitude on the mountains of Israel in a time of peace (this expedition will be without return for Gog.

Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 in particular

**Reconstitution of the 12 tribes** in order to receive their inheritance in the country.

Ezek. 37: 16-23 48: 1-35 Micah 2:12, Rev. 7: 3-8

**Reconstruction of the Temple** with sacrificial offerings

Ezek. 37:26 and chapters 40 – 47 Jer. 30:18, Dan. 9:27 Rev. 11: 1-2

**Spiritual revival** sparked by an elite witnessing in a time of persecution (see Matt. 24:9-14, Luke 21:12-19)

Rev. chapter 7 Ezek. 37: 9-10 **Dictatorship of the Antichrist**. Who will make Israel suffer cruelly.

Dan. 9: 26-27 Matt. 24; 15-27 Luke 21: 20-24, Rev. 13: 5-7

**Rendezvous at Armageddon** of all the nations to occupy Jerusalem and specially to oppose the return of the Lord

Psalm chap. 2 Joel 3: 1-2 Zech. 12: 1-9

# Return in glory of the King of Kings

Zech. 14: 1-7 Rev. 16:13-16, 19:11-21

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**Residue purified in Israel.** It is through this last trial that the nations will come to a terrible judgment.

Jer. 23: 3-8, 30:11 Ezek. 5:12 Zech. 13: 8-9

**Recognition by Israel.** Repentance from those who pierced Him

Hosea 3:5, Zech. 12:10 Matt. 23:39, Rev. 1:7

*Israel's final rally* still dispersed. None will be left behind (remember the divine promise in Deut. 30:3-4)

Isa. 27:12-13 Ezek. 39:28, Amos 9:9 Matt. 24:31 Mark 13:27

**Redemption of all Israel** delivered forever from their enemies (Luke 1:69-75)

Jer. 15: 20-21 Ezek. 36: 25-30 Rom. 11: 25-26

Reintegration into the divine covenant. (Ezekiel 16:60-62, 20:37, 37:26)

Jer. 32: 40 Rom. 11:15, 11; 23-27

# *Messianic Kingdom established* on the whole earth by the Prince of Peace

Isa. 2:4, 11:1-10 65: 17-25

# Rebuilding of the House of David. (Luke 1:32-33)

Isa. 9:6; Amos 9:11 Zech. 6;12-13 12:8, 10-14 (Act. 15; 16) Ezek. 37: 24-25

**Restoration of the Royal sacrifice** allowing the nation of Israel to fulfill its calling, that is to say: "To be a source of blessing for all the families of the earth" (see Ge.12:2-3)

Isa. 49:6 Zech. 8: 20-23 Rev. 20: 4-6

**Radiation** of the glory of God in Jerusalem, which has become the metropolis of the world.

Psa. 132: 13-14 Isa. 2: 2-4 Jer. 3:17 Micah 4: 1-2

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# **Some Fulfilled Prophecies**

Events	<b>Tanach</b> [Old Testament]	Brit Hadaschad [New Testament]
Posterity from a woman	Genesis 3:15	Hebrews 2:14
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1, 5, 6
Fuence the stude of ludeb	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:1,3
From the tribe of Judah	Jeremiah 33:14	Revelation 5:5
Care of Douid	Jeremiah 33:15	Matthew 1:6, 9:27,
Son of David	Jeremiah 23:5	12:23, 15:22
Massacres of children at His birth	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
Path prepared	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 11:10, 17:12-13
	Isaiah 40:3	Mark 1:2-4, Luke 1:76
Pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34,37
No bones are broken	Psalm 34:20; Exodus 12:46	John 19:33,36

		John 1:29;
His atoning death	Isaiah 53:5-12	Romans 4:24-25;
The darkening of the sun	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45;
Buried in a tomb with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Luke 23:45
		Matthew 27:57-60
Resurrected	Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53	Mark 16:6;
on the third day	Hosea 6:2	Matthew 17:23
on the time day	110364 0.2	Luke 24:34; Acts 2:31
Death of the traitor	Psalm 109:17	Acts 1:16-20
False witnesses accuse him	Psalm 109:2	Matthew 26:59
Silent before his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12,14
		1 Peter 2:23
Judged, condemned unjustly	Isaiah 53:8	Mark 15:1-15
Beaten, mistreated	Isaiah 50:6, 53:7	Mark 14:65, 15:19 John 19:1,5
Spat upon His face	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67; 27:30
Unrecognizable, disfigured	Isaiah 52:14	Matthew 27:29;
		Luke 22:64
He bore our infirmities	Isaiah 53:4	Matthew 8:17
He was smitten for the sins of the people of God	Isaiah 53:8	John 11:51-52

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Was numbered among the sinners	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28
Nailed to a cross	Psalm 22:16	Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33
Mocked at the cross	Psalm 22:8-9; 109:25	Matthew 27:39-43
He intercedes on behalf of his	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34;
executioners	1581811 33.12	Hebrews 7:25
His clothes drawn by lot	Psalm 22:18	Matthew 27:35
This clothes drawn by lot	r 3diiii 22.10	John 19:23-24
His thirst	Psalm 22:15,	John 19:28-29
Wine to quench your thirst	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:33-38
Seemingly forsaken by God	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
His last words	Psalm 31:5	Luke 23:46
Sent on a mission of salvation	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-21

Preaching in parables	Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:31-35
His presence in the Temple	Malachi 3:1 Haggai 2:7-9	Like 2:22,46; 22:53 Matthew 26:55
Healing the blind  " the deaf  " the lame  " the mute	Isaiah 29:18; 32:4 35:5, 35:6	Matthew 9:22,27; 20:30 Mark 7:32; 9:17 John 5:2
The incredulity of the Jews	Isaiah 53:1	John 12:38
Entering Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:4-5
No deceit in him	Isaiah 53:9	1 Peter 2:22
Hated without a cause	Psalm 22:7; 69:5	John 15:25
Rejected and despised	Psalm 69:9 Isaiah 49:7; 53:3	Mark 9:12; 12:10-11 John 10:30; 18:40 Acts 4:11
Betrayed by an unfaithful apostle and sold for 30 pieces of silver	Psalm 41:9 Zechariah 11:12	John 17:12 Acts 1:20 Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50
Ransom thrown into the treasury of the Temple	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3-7
Rejected by his own	Psalm 88:18; 142:4	Matthew 26:31, 56, 74

## SUMMARY CONCLUSION

We have seen (m.p.11) that the TALMUD is a library of commentaries on the scriptures that were retained in memory.

At the time (in the year 135), under the empire of Adrian, every Jew found in possession of Holy Scriptures was condemned to death (m.p.108). Our rabbis taught verbally [from memory].

We have seen that some of these commentaries contradict the TORAH. As most believing Jews are zealous in reading the TALMUD, the result is that the leaders of modern Judaism are automatically sidetracked from the only path traced by the Eternal. Because...

THE TALMUD is the word of men.

THE TORAH is the word of God.

AND.....Since the creation of the world, men have proven that they make mistakes.

In the chapter "To the Point" (m.p.18), we saw that the great rabbis who translate our Scriptures are human, have pride, and are perhaps afraid of being criticized by their colleagues or be considered traitors.

We have seen how the erroneous translation of two words hid the reality from us.

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We have seen (m.p.23) seven irrefutable prophecies that could have only been fulfilled by God, the true Messiah.

(m.p. 30) Our Scriptures prove that the Messiah has already come and that another can no longer come. Five different prophets call for the coming of the Messiah before AD 70. And these five prophets have been immortalized in our TANACH for more than 2400 years.

We have seen (m.p.40) how the leaders of modern Judaism confuse the people and judge God. How they skip over a whole chapter of our Holy Scriptures.

Debate between Jews and Christians

The two most important topics discussed between Jews and Christians are:

- 1. Christians maintain that the Messiah has come.
- 2. They acknowledge that Jesus is the Messiah
- The Jews deny these two propositions.

If it can be shown that: the prophecies to be fulfilled after the coming of the Messiah have been fulfilled, it will necessarily follow that the Messiah must have already come.

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If we don't acknowledge these facts, then the prophecies would have been lies and justifiably subjected to the mockery of the unbelievers. **But...** 

**1 - Jacob**, (the father of the twelve tribes of Israel) predicts that the SCEPTER will not depart from Judah, nor the authority from his descendants until the Messiah comes, (see m.p.30; GE. 49:10). Whatever meaning we give to the word "SCEPTER" or tribal staff, it no longer exists because we are no longer subject to a tribal chief.

Hence it is unquestionable that the SCEPTER, whether it be the Royal SCEPTER or the tribal SCEPTER, and with it the authorized legislator, departed from Judah. So....according to the TORAH....The Messiah has come.

**2 - Daniel**, in his famous prophecy of the 69 weeks of years (see m.p.64), he fixes the coming of Messiah to a certain period; and predicts that after the advent of the Messiah, sacrifices and offerings will cease (see m.p.109; Daniel 9:26-27)

All these [prophetic] events have taken place. The daily sacrifices in the Temple of Jerusalem have been abolished (some 2000 years now), our government was overthrown by the invasion of the Romans, and the land of Judah was desolated by a highly destructive war. These are all historical facts that cannot be denied.

It is therefore fitting that Daniel places the coming of the Messiah before the realization of these historical facts. So, according to the TANACH...the messiah has come.

Most of my co-religionists claim that the coming of the Messiah is conditional and postponed because of our sins. But in the prophecy of Daniel, it is so distant from being characterized as conditional because he fixes at a definite time, just as the 70 years of the Babylonian captivity, and the 430 years of our stay in Egypt. And it is so far from being represented as subject to delay, on the pretense of iniquity, because the stated objective [of His coming] is a means to seek the forgiveness of sins.

The Messiah having to come because of iniquity abounded, it is therefore a clear contradiction to say that the abundance of this same sin must postpone his coming. (p.43, Isaiah: 53)

In this conclusion, I have set out three significant reasons that proves the Messiah must have come centuries ago.

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- 1. He was to come before the SCEPTER departed from Judah.
- 2. He was to come before the abolition of the Temple sacrifices.
- 3. He was to come before the second Temple was destroyed.

All these historical events have already taken place. Therefore...we must admit to one of the following two alternatives:

- 1. Our ancient prophets were false prophets.
- 2. The Messiah has come.

The first alternative is not admissible, neither by Jews nor by Christians. And so, to be consistent amongst themselves, they should admit to the second. Since the Messiah has come, we then ask ourselves: Who is the Messiah???

Since the Messiah was to come before the destruction of the second Temple, he had to come before the year 70. This diminishes the claims of Bar Kochba and all the other false Messiahs who had arisen after that time. As for those who arose before that time, we [jews] are no more inclined than Christians to recognize the validity of their claims.

From there, it follows that the only point of debate between Jews and Christians is to know if Jesus is or is not the Messiah.

Christians say he is. They say that since the Messiah came before the year 70, there is no one who can claim any right to this title, except JESUS OF NAZARETH. However, if Jesus is not the Messiah, the Christians ask us to show them WHO IS!!! Otherwise, we confess to them that our ancient prophets were total impostors.

There is also proof in the result of my calculations from data provided directly by God. It demonstrates in a sure way that the date chosen by the Eternal to bring his Messiah into Jerusalem is Sunday, April 6 year 32. (m.p.64)

Even though all this is conceded true, it may still be objected by my coreligionists that other confirmed impostors arose around the period specified by our ancient prophets. And therefore, it is difficult to prove the claims of Jesus.

My response to this is that no impostor could have fulfilled all the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. No impostor died with his feet and hands pierced (Zac 12:10 and Ps 22:16-17)

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I further add that ISAIAH 11:10 informs us that the nations will turn to the Messiah and that the glory will be his residence. Thus, we find that all known impostors have failed in this point.

I also maintain that all the prophecies concerning the sufferings and death of the Messiah in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, were perfectly fulfilled in the sufferings and death of Jesus, to which no impostor would have voluntarily submitted for the sole purpose of pretending to be the Messiah.

I conclude from this that Jesus, appearing when the Messiah was predicted to come, accomplishing, and suffering what the Messiah was predicted to have accomplished and suffered, must necessarily be the Messiah. (m.p.43)

To negate the force of this argument, Rashi, followed by Abarbanel, denies that the 53rd chapter of Isaiah relates to the Messiah, and interprets it as relating to the sufferings of Israel (m.p.60)

This interpretation cannot be accepted because the character of the person described by Isaiah does not accord with the character of Israel.

# Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53:5	<ul> <li>This person should be punished for the sins of others.</li> <li>Israel was punished for her own sins</li> </ul>
Isaiah 53:7	<ul> <li>This person had to submit to being slain like a lamb - that is to say, without resistance.</li> <li>Far from obediently submitting to our fate, we have always strongly opposed and resisted the Romans, (more recently the Arabs)</li> </ul>
Isaiah 53:8	<ul> <li>This person was to be cut off from the living.</li> <li>According to Jeremiah, Israel will always exist.</li> <li>Jer. 30:11 'I am with you and will save you,' declares the LORD. 'Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only in due measure; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.'</li> </ul>
Isaiah 53:9	<ul> <li>This person had to be without sin.</li> <li>We do not pretend to say that this is the case of Israel.</li> </ul>
Isaiah 53: 8-9	<ul> <li>This person was to be smitten for the sins of the people.</li> <li>Israel could not be smitten for the sins of Israel and at the same time be innocent!</li> </ul>

In short, one has only to read this chapter with Rashi's interpretation in mind and one cannot fail to be struck by the strange contradictions and absurdities which results.

Some of my co-religionists give pretext for their disbelief saying that the Torah, which emanated from God, is a "PERPETUAL OBLIGATION", whereas Jesus abolished it and released his disciples from its numerous duties we are bounded by. This, they say, is nothing more than blasphemy.

To such an objection, my response is that God himself speaks of ritual observances in such a way as to show that they have no real value in his eyes. (See m.p.92; Hosea 2:13 and Isaiah 1:11-16)

1. If they had been eternal obligations, they would have been given in such a way as to be applicable to all nations.

The Lord sent the Messiah for all the nations of the earth. (See m.p.84; Isaiah 49:6). If the Torah had been of perpetual obligation, all the nations at the time of the Messiah would have had to go to Jerusalem three times a year, which would have been simply impossible. The ordinance in question therefore cannot be a perpetual obligation, for God does not command impossibilities. The same applies to Temple sacrifices.

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2. If they had been of eternal obligation, God would have arranged them in such a way that they could be perpetually observed.

If ever his ordinances cease to be observed, it must be because he wanted it, and NOT because he was unable to prevent it.

In His providence, God permitted or caused our dispersal and the destruction of the Temple, making it impossible to observe our laws and our ceremonies relating to the Temple, nor to meet three times a year in Jerusalem.

Therefore, the laws which my co-religionists say is of perpetual obligation have been suppressed by God in the course of his just dispensation of them, because he rendered their observances impossible.

If most of my co-religionists maintain that the Torah is an eternal obligation, then I have the right to ask them why they themselves do not observe many of its principal points. And how should gentiles who convert to Judaism observe these laws in the presumed future advent of the Messiah??

3. If it had been an eternal obligation, a new and better covenant would certainly not have been promised.

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One must admit that the law of God is itself its best interpreter. Therefore, if the law teaches us that the rites and ceremonies of the Torah must be fulfilled and replaced by a new inner spiritual covenant, then all these objections drop-off on their own. Now, this fact is positively affirmed in Jeremiah 31:31-34. (See m.p.88)

Here a new covenant is promised and described. It was not to be a covenant of rites and ceremonies because such was the nature of the Torah given to us when God brought us out of the land of Egypt. The new covenant is declared to be of a different nature to the Torah and purely spiritual, and to consist of having the law of God "written on the heart".

As the meaning of this passage could not be doubted, the chief rabbis themselves recognize its application. In truth the SIPHRA on LEVITICUS XXVI.9, followed by RASHI and the PESIKTA ZUTARTA (Lekach Tob) apply it to the days of the Messiah without explaining how the alliance will be a new one.

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We are told in <u>JALKUT</u>, that God would give a new law by the hand of Messiah.

Since, according to Jeremiah and Jewish commentators, the ceremonial covenant was to be replaced by a spiritual covenant, and since this spiritual covenant was to be established by the hand of the Messiah, I do not see how my co-religionists can by abstract notion impair the right of Jesus to be the Messiah.

The Messiah was to, at whatever time he came, bring a new covenant according to Malachi 3:1 (m.p.94). Therefore, whether Jesus is or is not the Messiah, it is at least clear that a new covenant was to be established (and I believe a better one). This fact cannot, by itself and according to Israelite principles, to be a reason not to believe in him.

He did not do anything more than what Jeremiah told us he would do; he did exactly what our Jewish commentators expected of the Messiah. He thereby showed himself to be the Messenger of the covenant predicted by Malachi 3:1

These are but a few points of arguments that can serve to prove that Jesus as the Messiah is not so fundamentally devoid of substance, as my co-religionist believe - who base their opinion on simple preconceived ideas.

I believe that the rejection of the promised Messiah is the cause of all the calamities in our history.

In the year 605 BC we were relentless idolaters. God inflicted on us the captivity of Babylon that lasted 70 years. Since our liberation from this captivity, we have not (at least as a nation) fallen back into idolatry, which is presented to us in our Scriptures as one of the greatest sins against God.

A century later (470 BC) the order was given to destroy, exterminate and annihilate all the Jews, young, old, children and women, in a single day. On the very day when the Jews were to be exterminated God stops the massacre, despite the terrible sin of the previous century. (See Esther 3:13, m.p.97)

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37 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus (in the year 70), thousands of Jews are massacred by the Romans who also destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.

If God is just, an infinitely greater crime than idolatry must have been committed.

Half a century later, the Jews revolt against the Romans because they have not respected Trajan's pact [allowing for the rebuilding of the Temple]. This revolt caused a great deal of blood to flow while tightening the Roman noose.

In the year 135, another revolt led by the false Messiah Bar Kochba ended in a catastrophe of unforgettable carnage drenched in the blood of more than 1,100,000 (one million one hundred thousand) Jews who were tortured and massacred.

God is just, he seeks to make us understand that a crime infinitely greater than idolatry has been committed. (See Isaiah 1:4-6, m.p.102)

The Hebrew people were scattered around the world for 2,000 years. We remained isolated, without a nation, without a king, without sacrifice (m.p.129).

In the 20th century, six million of ours were tortured, massacred, and burned - a third of the chosen people. God is the ultimate actor in this carnage which is the most diabolical explosion in our entire history.

We are obliged to admit, that there must surely be something very special in our history to have attracted such seemingly disproportionate punishment!!

God is love. If God is just (and I believe that he is), he rewards and punishes us justly and perfectly. That is to say that we receive from God only what we have deserved.

However, if we sincerely repent, if we ask for forgiveness, God will forgive and forget our faults. (See Isaiah 43:25, m.p.86)

Over 2,500 years ago, idolatrous Israel was punished by captivity for 70 years. Since then, repentant Israel has never fallen back into idolatry. God forgave and forgot this terrible sin. A century later, God stops the massacre of thousands of Jews.

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Israel, a zealous enemy of idolatry, was punished in the following ways:

- 1. In the year 70, the destruction of JERUSALEM and the Temple.
- 2. In the year 120, the revolt of Trajan. The blood of thousands of Jews is spilled, and the Roman noose is tightened.
- 3. In the year 135, more than 1,100,000 Jews were stripped, tortured, and massacred.
- 4. A dispersion for almost two thousand years.
- 5. In the 20th century, six million of our people were stripped, tortured, and burned in death camps.

Note that these punishments, which are gradually increasing, began a generation after the death and resurrection of Jesus. God is trying to make us understand something of immense importance. A crime, unforgiven, and infinitely more terrible than idolatry must have been committed.

### What could this crime have been?

I did not write this manuscript with the intent to insult my own people, far from it. I have written this manuscript simply to awaken the conscience of my co-religionists by a serious examination of this great question posed to them.

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It is why, in praying on their behalf, I would like to reason and discuss with them in accordance with our Holy Hebrew Scriptures, so that God fulfills the prophecies of his prophet ZACHARIA.

#### Zechariah 12:10

וְשָׁפַּכְתִּי שַל־בֵּית דָּוִיד וְעַל וּ יוֹשֵב יְרוּשָׁלִם רְוּחַ חֵן וְתַחֲנוּנִים וְהִבִּיטוּ אֵלֵי אֵת אֲשֶׁר־ דָּקֶרוּ וְסָפְדָוּ עָלָיו כְּמִסְפֵּדׁ עַל־ הַיָּחִיד וְהָמֵר עָלָיו כְּהָמֵר עַל־ הַבְּלָור:

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

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My goal is to touch the hearts of many of my Jewish co-religionist and to show them life's most sensational discovery:

"Why and how my people have been detracted from the only path traced by the eternal".

I demonstrate this authentic fact by the Torah and the prophets, which is to say by the Tanach, the direct word of God.