THE TESTIMONY OF THE SCRIPTURES

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"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." {John 5:39} In the book of John, Christ encourages the Jews to look at the Old Testament record concerning the Messiah. Did they testify of Him? Can men tell the future?

"1 will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." {Genesis 12:3}

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel. "{Genesis 3:15}

A great spiritual conflict was predicted between the Seed of woman and the serpent. Victory would be realized by the Seed, by power over sin and death. Christ fulfilled. Please read 1 Corinthians 15:55-57; Hebrews 2:9-14.

Abraham's seed would be the access whereby all would be blessed. Christ fulfilled. Please read Galatians 3:16-29.

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people."{Genesis 49:10} What tribe did Christ come from? Judah. Please read Matthew 1:2; Hebrews 7:14.

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,... And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. "{Deuteronomy 18:15,19}

Christ was the one who was raised from His own brethren-a prophet without honor in His own country. Please read John 1:11; Acts 2:23-24.

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." {Isaiah 7:14} What were the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ? Please read Matthew 1:18-25.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." [Micah 5:2] Where was our Lord born? Please read Matthew 2:1.

"Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed" {Isaiah 53:4,5}

What evil did the Lord die for? What law had He broken? Why was He on the cross? Please read 1 Peter 2:21-24; Hebrews 4:15.

"Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter If; that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter. "{Zechariah 11:12, 13}

How much money did Judas betray the Lord for? Please read Matthew 26:14,15.

"Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me. "{Psalm 41:9}

Jesus Himself told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Did it happen? Please read Matthew 26:21-25.

Jesus gave good advice to those Jews! All they had to do is look at the OT evidence! ***