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What would you think if someone directed your attention to some sacred writings which claimed to be inspired by God, written several hundred years before you were born, referring to you by name, along with some major events you would accomplish during your life?

Well, Cyrus the king of Persia, who reigned during the fifth century B.C. had this experience. Prior to him reigning, the Babylonians had invaded the land of Israel, killed many of the Jews, destroyed their city and temple, and took many captives back to Babylon, including Daniel. The Jews remained in exile for 70 years until the Persians conquered the Babylonians, resulting in Cyrus becoming king.

Unbeknown to Cyrus, about 200 years before he was born, the Jewish prophet Isaiah was inspired by the God of Israel to refer to him by name and prophesy that he would conquer nations, release captives and authorize the rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem. This prophecy is recorded in the Bible in Isa. 44:24 to 45:7.

History testifies to the fact that Cyrus did become king of Persia and that he gave permission to the Jewish exiles to return to their land and rebuild the temple. Josephus the Jewish historian says that Cyrus' attention was directed to Isaiah's prophecy in the Scriptures (probably by Daniel) and it stirred his heart, resulting in him making a proclamation that the Jews could return to the land of Israel and rebuild the temple.

According to Josephus, this is what Cyrus said and wrote: "Thus says Cyrus the king: Since God Almighty has appointed me to be king of the habitable earth, I believe that He is that God which the nation of the Israelites worship; for indeed He foretold my name by the prophets, and that I should build Him a house at Jerusalem, in the country of Judea." (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, book 11 chapter 1 verse 1).

Cyrus' proclamation is also recorded in the historical record of the Bible in Ezra chapter one. However, instead of referring to it as being a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, Ezra refers to it as being a fulfilment of one of Jeremiah's prophecies. Jeremiah lived a century or so before Cyrus and prophesied that the Jews would be in exile for 70 years and then return to their land (Jer. 25:11-13. 29:10). Cyrus' proclamation was made around the time that the 70 years was fulfilled! The exile commenced around 607 B.C. and Cyrus made his proclamation in 537 B.C. It is not hard to understand why Cyrus was impressed and moved by the prophecies made concerning him so long before he was born, resulting in

him acknowledging the God of Israel who inspired them. No doubt these remarkable prophecies and their fulfilment would have had an inspiring effect on others who became aware of them, convincing them that Cyrus was divinely foreordained and that the Word of prophecy containing these prophecies was truly inspired by God and reliable.

But these prophecies concerning Cyrus fade into insignificance compared to the prophecies concerning Jesus. Prophecies concerning Jesus don't merely pre-date him by two hundred years, but thousands of years. And they are far more numerous and incredibly detailed. During the 4,000 years prior to the birth of Christ, literally hundreds of prophecies were given in the Bible concerning him, painting a full and complete portrait of him. These prophecies provide information as to when, where and how he would come; what he would do, as well as when, where and how he would die.

These prophecies make it abundantly clear that Jesus was not a chance happening or accident in history, but divinely foreordained!

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES ARE LIKE AN ADDRESS

We could liken all the Messianic prophecies to an address. As we know, most people have an address by which they can be found and identified. By using 4 to 6 specifications, any person living in any part of the world can be found and picked out from the rest of the billions living on the planet. Take for example an envelope addressed to:

Edgar Edwinson
50 Owen Street
Wanganui
New Zealand.

These specifications will locate this man and isolate him from the billions in the world.

There are many countries in the world, but the address has eliminated all but one, namely: New Zealand. This immediately narrows the search down by confining it to a specific area of the globe.

There are many cities and towns in New Zealand, even though it is a relatively small country. The address has eliminated all but one, namely: Wanganui. This narrows the search down further to a much smaller area.

There are many streets and roads in Wanganui, but the the address has eliminated all but one, namely: Owen Street.

The address has also eliminated all the houses in Owen Street but

one, i.e. number 50. This narrows the search down to one single house in the whole wide world.

There may be a number of Edwinsons living there, but the address has eliminated them all but one, namely: Edgar. He alone has all the specifications listed in the address. No one else upon the planet or during history, has all those specifications. He alone fits the address.

Now, the same is true in principle of the prophecies concerning Christ. Not just 4 or 6, but literally hundreds of “specifications” or details were prophesied in the Bible concerning him before he was born, enabling him to be recognized and identified when he came. He is in fact the focal centre of Bible prophecy - the “hub” around which God’s spiritual universe revolves.

The prophecies concerning Christ reveal that he was not some “accident” of history, or a last minute thought or decision prior to his birth. His coming was planned from the beginning. He was “foreordained before the foundation of the world” (1 Pet. 1:20).

Jesus alone fulfils the Messianic prophecies, and by them he can be picked out from all other men who have ever lived, including all the various religious leaders of the different world religions. Bible prophecy makes Jesus absolutely unique and exclusive. No other religious leader in history has had such credentials.

LIKE A MOULD OR PIECES OF A PUZZLE

All the prophecies relating to the Messiah form a mould into which only one person in history can fit. And there is no doubt about it: Jesus fits it perfectly. He does not have to be forced or squeezed into it, and you could not force or squeeze anyone else into it. Putting all the prophecies together is also like putting a jigsaw puzzle together in order to see what picture is produced.

The first piece relates to the first Messianic prophecy in the Bible in Gen. 3:15, given around 4,000 B.C. In symbolic language this prophecy foretold that Messiah would deal the death blow to sin and death, but in the process his walk in life would be temporarily halted. The masculine gender is used in this prophecy indicating that the Messiah would be a man, not a woman. Half of the human race was therefore eliminated from the search for Messiah.

Around 2,500 B.C. just after the flood in Noah’s day, another statement eliminated two thirds of the males throughout the nations, by

indicating that the Messiah would come through the line of Noah's son Shem, not the other two sons, Ham and Japheth (Gen. 9:26).

Five hundred years later, around 2,000 B.C. the Word of prophecy eliminated all the descendants of Shem except one, namely: Abraham. He was told that he would be the progenitor (ancestor) of the Messiah through whom all nations of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3. 22:17-18. Gal. 3:16).

Abraham had many sons, but all were eliminated as progenitors from the holy genealogical line except Isaac. He was the next in line to Abraham in the Messianic chain - the next piece in the jigsaw puzzle (Gen. 17:21. 21:12).

Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau who were twins, although they didn't look alike and were as different as chalk and cheese in character and disposition. Jacob was chosen to be next in line as progenitor of Messiah, not Esau (Gen. 25:19-23. 27:28-29. 28:13-15. 35:9-12. Ex. 3:6).

Jacob's name was changed to "Israel," and he had 12 sons whose descendants ultimately formed the nation of Israel. The Word of prophecy eliminated all other nations in the world and proclaimed that this nation would be the focus of God's attention and His chosen channel of blessing (Deu. 7:6. Ps. 147:19-20. Rom. 3:1-2. Am. 3:1-2).

The nation of Israel consisted of 12 tribes, but all were eliminated from being the progenitor of Messiah except one, namely: the tribe of Judah. A prophecy in Gen. 49:19 which states "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah," indicated that Judah would become the royal tribe from which Messiah the king would come (Mic. 5:2. Ps. 60:7. 78:67-68).

Now, about 1,000 years before Christ, the tribe of Judah consisted of many clans and families, involving hundreds of thousands of people. It was a large tribe and occupied a sizeable area of the promised land. At that time the Word of prophecy made another announcement, adding another link to the Messianic chain or piece to the puzzle. All the clans and families in the tribe of Judah were eliminated except David's. Various prophecies were given declaring that the Messiah would be a direct descendant of King David and ultimately sit on his throne at Jerusalem (2 Sam. 7:12-17. Heb. 1:5. Lk. 1:30-33).

David himself had many sons and all were eliminated except Nathan. Nathan was chosen above all of David's sons, including Solomon, to be the next link in the chain. Solomon represented the high line and Nathan represented the low line. God's choice of the low line was predicted in Ezk. 17:24. 21:26.

Nathan also had sons, and so the process of selection goes on through Old Testament history, narrowing the search for the Messiah. The genealogical chain which culminated with Christ is recorded in detail in the Bible. Finally, as it is put in Gal. 4:4: “When the time had fully come,” God chose Mary, a direct descendant of David and Abraham, to be the one He would cause to conceive by the divine power of the Holy Spirit and give birth to His son, the Messiah.

The complete genealogy of Jesus is recorded in Lk. 3:23-38, tracing his ancestry on his mother Mary’s side, back through Nathan, David and Abraham to Adam, covering a period of 4,000 years. What other religious leader has been able to do this? No such holy genealogical line going back that far in history in such detail, has been recorded and preserved in any religious writings in relation to any other man.

Christ’s genealogy is like an address which only belongs to one man. It is like a mould into which only one person in history can fit comfortably and snugly. Here it is, summarized in its 7 major stages, in the form of an address on an envelope:

1. A male.
2. A descendant of Shem.
3. A descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
4. A member of the nation of Israel.
5. A member of the tribe of Judah (a Jew).
6. A descendant of David and Nathan.
7. Conceived by Mary.

Now, there are other details, features and specifications involved in the Messianic mould formed by the Word of prophecy, which add to the evidence and confirm that Jesus fits it. For example, the time of his coming in history, the nature of his birth, the place of his birth and the nature of his death. Bible prophecy prophesied these and many more details centuries before his birth.

THE TIME OF HIS COMING

Regarding the time when the messiah would come and be revealed: the prophet Daniel was specifically told by the angel Gabriel when it would be and it is recorded in an amazing prophecy in Dan. 9.

Daniel was told that Messiah would come when 69 heptads, i.e. 69 seven-year periods (483 years) had run its course. (The Authorised Version translation says 69 “weeks” but the original Hebrew literally

means 69 “sevens” and refers to 69 periods of 7 years i.e. 69 heptads which is 483 years). The countdown for this period had its starting point when the decree was given to rebuild and restore the city of Jerusalem which had been destroyed by the Babylonians (Dan. 9:25).

It is important to realize that Bible prophecy uses the lunar year of 360 days, which involved twelve thirty-day months. But on the basis of a solar year being 365¼ days, 483 lunar years would work out at about 476 solar years. And it is solar years on which secular encyclopaedias base their dates.

The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given around 445 B.C. by the Persian king Artaxerxes in his twentieth year of reign and is referred to in the second chapter of Nehemiah. 476 solar years from 445 B.C. takes us to around A.D. 30-31 when Jesus was, as we read in Lk. 3:23: “About 30 years of age.” It was at this time that he was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit power of God, making him the Messiah (Lk. 3:21-23). (The title “Messiah” or “Christ” means “anointed,” i.e. endowed with divine power, which is what happened to Jesus at his baptism. It was at that time that he formally and officially became the Messiah).

The Jews living contemporary with Jesus were aware of the 69 heptad prophesy in their Scriptures in the book of Daniel, and they knew that its time of fulfilment was near. For this reason therefore they were in expectation of the coming of Messiah as we read in Lk. 3:15.

It is clear from all of this that Messiah’s coming was predetermined - “foreordained.” A date had been set in heaven for the event, and nothing could prevent, postpone or prolong it. The same also applies to the Second Coming of Christ!

THE NATURE OF HIS BIRTH

Around 700 B.C. the prophet Isaiah uttered a Messianic prophecy under the inspiration of God and said: “The Lord Himself shall give you (Israel) a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son ...”

Under normal circumstances a woman who conceives and gives birth to a child cannot remain a virgin. In order to conceive, her virginity is terminated. Isaiah’s prophecy therefore indicated that Messiah’s mother, in order to conceive, would not have a normal conception. It would be an abnormal one - a supernatural conception.

Only God could cause a woman to conceive without terminating her virginity, and if God did this, the child would be divinely begotten and

therefore the Son of God. For this reason God Himself inspired the Psalmist to prophesy that on a certain day, Messiah would be begotten by Him and become His son: “Thou art my son; this day have I begotten you” (Ps. 2:7).

In the ensuing verses in this Psalm we are told that God will ultimately give all the nations on earth to His Son for His inheritance, and He will bring them all into subjection to His authority with a firm iron rule. All are therefore advised to receive instruction and be wise by showing respect and affection to the Son of God lest He be angry and cause them to perish.

In view of what has been said, it is not surprising that when Mary conceived by the Spirit of God and gave birth to Jesus; these events were referred to as a fulfilment of the prophecies in Isa. 7 and Ps. 2. (Matt. 1:20-25. Act. 13:33. Heb. 1:5. 5:5).

So then, Jesus’ references to himself being the Son of God, were not the rantings of a deluded conceited fanatic. He was simply confirming what God Himself said Messiah would be, centuries before through the prophets. Therefore, to criticize and condemn Jesus for this is to criticize and condemn God.

It is surely significant that the angel Gabriel who was sent to give the prophet Daniel a special prophecy in relation to the time when Messiah would come (Dan. 9), should also be the same angel who was sent to tell Mary that the time had come for him to be born, and that she had been chosen to conceive him and be his mother. This is what Gabriel said:

“Fear not Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of David for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then Mary said to the angel, how shall this be seeing I have not been intimate with a man. And the angel answered and said to her, the Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore that holy child which shall be born of you, shall be called the Son of God” (Lk. 1:30-35).

Notice how the angel Gabriel refers to Jesus as being “The Son of the Highest” and “The Son of God.” He stated twice that Jesus was to be God’s Son!

THE PLACE OF HIS BIRTH

Regarding the place where the Messiah was to be born: Bible prophecy clearly stated 700 years before Jesus was born, that he would be born at Bethlehem, which was in the tribal territory of Judah, in the land of Israel. Mic. 5:2 says: “But thou, Bethlehem, formerly known as Ephrathah; though you are the least among the many townships of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth to me - the one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose comings forth (i.e. family descent) have been from old time, ages ago” (Matt. 2:4-6).

Now, Mary was not living at Bethlehem when she conceived Jesus, and the New Testament gospels narrate a very interesting story as to how the providential hand of God controlled circumstances in such a way that caused her to go there and be there when the time arrived for the child to be born (Lk. 2:1-7).

But Mary and Joseph didn't stay at Bethlehem. Even though it was the city of Joseph's nativity, they didn't settle down to live there. They went to Egypt for a period to escape Herod's intention to kill baby Jesus, then they returned to the land of Israel and went to Nazareth, up in the Galilee district. It was here that Jesus spent his boyhood years and grew up into manhood. These movements were all prophesied in the prophetic Scriptures long before Jesus was born (Matt. 2:13-23).

Many prophecies of course, especially in Isaiah's writings (750 B.C.) spoke about the profound knowledge, wisdom and understanding that the promised Messiah would manifest during his ministry (Isa. 11:1-3. 53:11). The New Testament certainly bears witness to this (Lk. 2:40:47. Jn. 7:15, 46. Matt. 22:46). It was even prophesied that Messiah's teaching would consist of parables and this also proved to be the case (Ps. 78:2. Matt. 13:34-35).

The prophetic Word also referred to the signs, wonders, miracles and healings that the Messiah would perform and the New Testament gives ample testimony to that (Isa. 53:4-5. Matt. 8:16-17. Isa. 35:5-6).

During the last week before he was crucified, Jesus made a triumphal entrance to the city of Jerusalem, riding upon an ass (Matt. 21:1-9). Five hundred years prior to this event, it was prophesied in Zech. 9:9.

It was also prophesied in the Psalms that one of Messiah's friends would betray him (Ps. 41:9). This was of course fulfilled by Judas Iscariot (Jn. 13:18).

MORE AMAZING DETAILS

The amazing detail of some of these Messianic prophecies can be seen in Zech. 11:12-13 where it was prophesied that Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver which would end up being cast to the potter in the house of the Lord. As most know, Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:15). However, he repented and cast the pieces of silver on to the temple floor and went and hanged himself. The Jewish leaders ended up giving the money to potters to purchase a field from which they extracted clay to make pottery (Matt. 27:1-10).

Long before Messiah came it was predicted that the Jews would hate him without cause, and they did! (Ps. 35:19. 69:4. Jn. 15:25).

It was also predicted that when Messiah was seized and smitten, his followers would scatter and desert him: “Smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered” (Zech. 13:7. Matt. 26:31, 56).

The prophecy of Daniel which refers to Messiah coming when 69 heptads were fulfilled, goes on to say that half way through the final 70th heptad, (which would be 3½ years after Messiah commenced his ministry), he would be “cut off” (killed) as a sacrifice and confirm the divine covenant (Dan. 9:27). In other words, Messiah’s ministry prior to his death would only involve a short period of time. And so it was that after 3½ years ministry, Jesus was killed. He died a sacrificial death at the peak of manhood, and confirmed the new covenant.

But the Word of prophecy was not content with just predicting his death. It described in detail the nature of his death i.e. the way in which he would be put to death. Ps. 22:16 says his hands and feet would be pierced. This of course refers to crucifixion which was one of the cruel forms of capital punishment inflicted by the Romans who were the occupying power in Israel at the time of Christ.

At the time the prophecy in Ps. 22:16 was given (1,000 B.C.) the Romans were a long way from coming to power. Their particular form of crucifixion involving the nailing of the hands and feet to a cross was not known and had not been seen. It was therefore quite a remarkable prophecy, fulfilled to the very letter when Jesus was nailed to the cross outside the city walls of Jerusalem.

A prophecy in Zech. 12:10, given around 500 B.C. stated that the Jews would look upon their pierced Messiah. This was fulfilled to the very letter when they saw him nailed to the cross and a Roman soldier pierce his side with a spear as he hung upon the cross (Jn. 19:33-37). It

will also have a fulfilment at the Second Coming when the Jews see the nail and sword imprints in his hands, feet and side, resulting in a national mourning and repentance for rejecting him.

It was also prophesied in Isa. 53:12 that in his death, Messiah would be “numbered with the transgressors” i.e. share the same fate as criminals. This also was fulfilled inasmuch as two thieves were crucified with him, as we read in Mk. 15:27-28: “And they crucified two thieves with him; one on his right hand and the other on his left. And so the Scripture was fulfilled which declared: and he was numbered with the transgressors.”

Although the Word of prophecy declared that Messiah would be pierced, it stated that none of his bones would be broken (Ps. 22:17. 34:20). This is why none of the bones of the Passover Lamb were allowed to be broken, for it foreshadowed the Messiah (Jn. 1:29. 1 Cor. 5:7. Rev. 13:8). And so it was that although the Romans broke the legs of the two thieves who were crucified with Christ to speed up their death, due to the holy Sabbath day approaching, they did not break the legs of Jesus because he had already died (Jn. 19:30-37).

While Jesus was dying on the cross, we read in Jn. 19:23-24 that the soldiers who crucified him took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took the robe, which was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it. The soldiers said to one another: “Let’s not tear it; let’s throw dice to see who will get it.” This happened in fulfilment of the Scripture which says: “They divided my clothes among themselves and cast lots for my robe.” The Scripture that predicted this is Ps. 22:18, and was written 1,000 years before Jesus was crucified.

Believe it or not, the same Psalm predicted the words that Jesus would utter just before he died on the cross, namely: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me” (Ps. 22:1-2. Matt. 27:46).

Not only that, but the 22nd Psalm also predicted the words that the Jewish leaders would scornfully utter against Jesus as he hung on the cross, namely: “He trusted in the Lord that He would deliver him: Let Him deliver him if He delighted in him” (Ps. 22:8. Matt. 27:43).

It was even prophesied in Isa. 53:9 that Messiah would make his grave with the rich. The fulfilment of this can be seen in Matt. 27:57-60 which refers to “a rich man from Arimathaea named Joseph” who implored Pilate to let him have the body of Jesus, and he laid it in his own new tomb he had hewn out of the rock.

A MAN OF DIVINE DESTINY

And so we could go on! The details prophesied concerning Christ over such a long period before he was born, are truly amazing, showing that he was a man of divine appointment and destiny. He was “foreordained before the foundation of the world” so that it could be known that he was ordained by God. In view of the volumes of prophecies in the Bible concerning him, it was no exaggeration on the part of one of them in Ps. 40:7 to state that his coming is written “in the volume of the book.” This is quoted in Heb. 10:7 and applied to Christ.

And the prophecies do not stop at the crucifixion! They continue in relation to his burial, resurrection, ascension to heaven, Second Coming, battle of Armageddon and his rule over the earth from the New Jerusalem. Just as many if not more prophecies are given in equally as amazing detail in relation to these events.

Mathematicians have estimated, according to the law of compound probabilities, that if a prophecy concerning a person, place or event, has 25 details beyond the possibility of human calculation, collusion, collaboration, comprehension and coincidence; there is only one chance in more than 33½ million of it being accidentally fulfilled! Yet, in Christ’s case, there are hundreds of details, making it quite impossible for them to be fulfilled by chance by one person.

Such prophecies are Christ’s credentials, providing evidence that demands the verdict that he is the true Messiah, the one and only divinely begotten Son of God and appointed Saviour and ruler of the world.

Jesus is clearly not self appointed, and he is quite unique in this respect. No leader of any other religion in the world has ever been able to lay claim to such credentials. Neither Buddha nor Confucius could appeal to prophecies in their writings that predicted their coming and details of their life, centuries before they were born. No! They wrote the writings themselves!

Neither can Muslims appeal to prophecies in the Koran that predicted the place where Mohammed would be born, the year he would become a prophet, or the time, place and manner in which he would die, not to mention resurrection etc. No! The contents of the Koran were written by Mohammed long after his birth, and after his death his followers collected them into the book now known as the Koran. Muslims believe the angel Gabriel revealed the writings in the Koran to Mohammed. If so, why is it that when the angel Gabriel spoke to Daniel and Mary, he uttered amazing

prophecies about Jesus, but did not utter such prophecies to, or about Mohammed? There are no prophecies in the Koran that are of the calibre or fit into the category of the Messianic prophecies in the Bible, by which the claims of Mohammed can be tested and proved to be divinely inspired. Neither did Mohammed perform signs, miracles and healings like Jesus, which included raising the dead. There is no evidence of Mohammed being divinely foreordained. He was a self-appointed self-styled prophet who never prophesied!

But Jesus had nothing to do with the writing of the prophecies in the Bible which predicted his coming. They were written over a 4,000 year period prior to his birth. And they were not written by a group of men living in the same place at the same time, who might have conspired to do it. No! the prophecies were written over a period of many centuries by many different prophets who lived in different places at different times, and who therefore had no contact with each other.

No other religious leader has ever been able to appeal to the kind of evidence contained in the Bible's prophecies in relation to Jesus, to confirm and vindicate the claim of divine appointment and destiny. They have all been self appointed or appointed by man, and they are all dead and buried and need deliverance.

Jesus however, as was prophesied in the Scriptures, rose from the dead, having gained complete power and authority over sin and death. (Send for the free booklet: "Christ's Resurrection - Hoax or History?")

Jesus is alive today and lives forevermore! Due to his obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, God has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord (master), to the glory of God the Father (Plp. 2:8-11).

He is "the way, the truth, and the life," and no one can come to the Father except by him (Jn. 14:6). There is no other name given among men under heaven by which we can be saved (Act. 4:12). He is "the door into the sheepfold." Those who refuse to enter by the door and try to enter by climbing up some other way, are thieves and robbers (Jn. 10:1-).

What do you think the reaction would be of a wealthy powerful owner of a world-wide business, who appointed his only son to be manager of it, and then discovered that other men were denying he was his son, rejecting and opposing him as manager, and appointing themselves or someone else? This basically is the position of all religionists who deny that Jesus is the only begotten son of God who has

been divinely appointed to be the Saviour and ruler of the world.

Being the son of God, Saviour and redeemer; Jesus has been given the power to raise the dead and bestow immortality upon all who make him master of their life and who follow his example - be they Arabs, Jews or Gentiles of any other nation. There is no partiality and no national or racial distinctions in Christ. He loves all and died for all. In him all national, racial, political and religious differences, controversies, animosities and hatreds can be abolished. In him all can become one and united in love.

To achieve peace and harmony in the world among all nations requires one ruler, one government and one religion. Bible prophecy, which has proved to be so accurate so many times in relation to the first coming of Jesus, teaches that this will be achieved at Christ's Second Coming.

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