

V.2. Lambs to Rams: The Ultimate Plan

In Gal 4:4, Paul noted that Christ was “born of woman”, showing that Joseph (*as a man in the flesh*) had nothing to do with the conception of Mary’s “child from the Holy Spirit” (*Mat 1:18*), thus making Jesus both man and God in the flesh in order for God to give the ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of His creation. God is spirit and cannot die but in the flesh He could suffer a physical death. That body that Jesus occupied was prepared (*Heb 10:5*) so that He could leave His Father’s side, come to the earth becoming one of us, live as a human with all that comes with it, in pain and temptation and yet do so without succumbing to “the sin which so easily besets us” (*Heb 12:1- MKJV*).

1Jn 3:5 And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

It was through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus that the Old Law was nailed to His cross (*Col 2:14*), therefore satisfying the requirement of the law of sin and death. His heal having been bruised, i.e. He died but His death resolved in His resurrection, was minor to the crushing blow Satan received.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Prophetic Accuracy and Fulfillment
The Birth of Jesus

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel (*Heb.6005- with us [is] God*). (*Emp. added*)

Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, **before** they came together (*thus stating that they eventually did*

have children between them- Lk 8:19-20), she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to **put her away** (*Gk.630- divorce*) privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the (*an*) angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS (*Gk.2424- Jehoshua*): for He shall save His people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a **virgin shall be with child**, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not ***till** she had brought forth her **firstborn** (*not only*) Son: and he called His name JESUS. **(Mat 12:46-49: "His mother and His brethren", thus showing the Mary later had children with Joseph.) (Emp. added)*

The Place of His Birth

Mic 5:2 But thou, **Bethlehem** Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, **yet out of thee shall He come forth** unto Me *that is* to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth *have been* from of old, **from everlasting** (*He has always existed*). (*Emp. added*)

Luk 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called **Bethlehem**; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, **while they were there**, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And **she brought forth her firstborn Son** (*she had other sons- Jn 7:5*), and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger;

because there was no room for them in the inn. (*Emp. added*)

The Attempt on Jesus' Life

Jer 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

Mat 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under (*thus showing that the wise men journeyed for about two years following the star; by the time they arrived Jesus was no longer in the stable but in a "house"- v. 11*), according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Jesus' Prediction of the Destruction of Jerusalem

Mar 13:1 And as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!* 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mar 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take anything out of his house: 16

And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. 17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck (*nurse*) in those days! 18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter (**Mat 24:20 adds "or on the Sabbath"*). 19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days.

*"The early training of many Christians led them to have scruples about breaking the Sabbath. It is possible that Jesus had these scruples in view, but by no means conclusive, for in fleeing they would need the support and friendship of their Jewish brethren, who would be apt, not only to hinder, but even in those troublous and turbulent days, to show violence to any who openly disregarded the Sabbath."
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In 70 A.D. the city of Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Romans led by their future Emperor, Titus.

"Titus now began to attack the city from the north. Three walls were used here to defend the city, but the first was breached within 15 days. Some soldiers during this early breakthrough were able to go all the way to the Temple and put up the Roman Eagle and their battle standards in the Temple (**abomination... standing in the Holy Place- Mk 13:14*). The Romans were repulsed. At about this time, Titus sent Josephus as an emissary to try and get the Jews to peacefully surrender the city and save further loss of life. He also withdrew the siege. It was at this point that all the Christians in the city fled to Pella. They did this because of the warning given by Jesus to flee when they saw the city surrounded by the armies. As far as we know all Christians were able to flee. The Jews rejected the offer of Titus and the siege began again for the last time. (**added*)

By July of 70 AD the fortress of Antonia had been captured. Yet the gates of the Temple held for one more week. Even after breaching the walls of the Temple grounds, the inner court held out for one more day. The Temple finally fell on the anniversary day of the capture of the Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BC.” (Pg. 15)

Ray Murray, Jr. / The Destruction of Jerusalem

The Price of Jesus’ Betrayal

Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **thirty pieces of silver**. 13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and **cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD**. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver **in the temple**, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and **bought with them the *potter's field, to bury strangers in**. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was valued, Whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And **gave them for the potter's field**, as the Lord appointed me. (*Emp. added*)

*Potter's field: The expression derives from the Bible, referring to a field used for the extraction of potter's clay, which was useless for agriculture but could be used as a burial site. (*Wikipedia*)

Jesus' Scourging, Death, Burial and Resurrection

Isa 53:5 But He *was* **wounded for our transgressions**, He *was* **bruised** for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him; and with **His stripes** we are healed. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 27:26 Then released he (*Pilate*) Barabbas unto them: and when he had **scourged Jesus**, he delivered *Him* to be crucified. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band of *soldiers*. 28 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and **mocked Him**, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head. 31 And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*. (*Emp. added*)

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as **a sheep before her shearers is dumb**, so He openeth not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation (*think about His age*)? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 27:12 And when He was **accused of the chief priests and elders**, He **answered nothing**. 13 Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? 14 And He answered him to

never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.
(*Emp. added*)

Isa 53:9 And He made His grave with the **wicked**, and with the **rich** in His death; because He had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in His mouth. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 27:38 Then were there **two thieves crucified with Him**, one on the right hand, and another on the left. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 27:57 When the even was come, there came a **rich man** of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And **laid it in his own new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. (*Emp. added*)

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put *Him* to grief: when thou shalt **make His soul an offering for sin**, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of His soul, *and shall be satisfied*: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant **justify many**; for He shall **bear their iniquities**. (*Emp. added*)

Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but **a body hast Thou prepared Me**: 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. 8 Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering for sin* Thou wouldest not, **neither hadst pleasure therein**; which are offered by the Law; 9 Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may

establish the second. 10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ** once *for all*. (*Emp. added*)

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him *a portion* with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and **made intercession for the transgressors**. (*Emp. added*)

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them**; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots. (*Emp. added*)

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day (*Christ's resurrection*), that **living waters** shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. (*Emp. added*)

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water**. 39 (But this spake He of **the Spirit**, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (*Emp. added*)

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**. (*Emp. added*)

Luk 24:44 And He said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written** in the Law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, **concerning Me**. (*Emp. added*)

Christ's Ascension

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *One* like the Son of man **came with the clouds of heaven**, and **came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 And there was **given Him** dominion, and glory, and **a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed. (*Emp. added*)

Act 1:9 And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and **a cloud received Him out of their sight**. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner** as ye have seen Him go into heaven. (*Emp. added*)

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up unto God, and to his throne**. (*Emp. added*)

Prophecies of His Return

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place (*Gk.5117- spot*) for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. (*Emp. added*)

Jesus, in Mat 16:18 said “**I will build** My church”. Now compare that with what he told His disciples in Jn 14:2-3 where He said He would “go **to prepare** (*Gk.2090- make ready*) a place (*Gk.5117- a spot [the church]*)” for them. Both passages have to do with something Jesus hadn’t delivered yet **at that time**. (*Emp. added*)

Jesus said here that He needed to go back to Heaven to prepare His bride (*the church glorified- Rev 21*) and since He did go He then at some time in the future will return and receive her “to Himself” (*Eph 5:27*). His bride, the church, is also the final kingdom of Daniel’s prophesy “which shall never be destroyed” (*Dan 2*). She exists in both realms; physical (*on earth*) as the church militant and spiritual (*in Paradise*) as the church victorious. When Jesus returns for her she will at that time become the glorified church which He is preparing according to John 14. According to Jesus, faithful Christians never die, they only pass into life (*Jn 5:24*).

1Co 15:24 Then *cometh* the end (*Gk.5056- conclusion*), when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Therefore, since we can trust the Bible’s prophetic accuracy can we not trust its warnings concerning the future state of God’s creation along with the salvation of mankind and his soul?

V.2. Questions

1. Why did Paul write that Jesus was “born of a woman”? a) to show that men cannot bear children; b) to show that Joseph had nothing to do with Mary’s conception of Jesus; c) as an encouragement to the women of that time.
2. How could God offer His Son as an atoning victim for man’s sins since He is spirit? a) He allowed Jesus’ spirit to die; b) He sent an angel to die in Jesus’ place; c) Jesus had to become flesh.
3. True or false: Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a perpetual virgin after having Jesus. a) true; b) false; c) the text does not say.
4. What does Emmanuel translated mean? a) God is great; b) God with us; c) God is light.
5. Through what is a person sanctified? a) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ; b) through a sacrificial system; c) through personal evangelistic works.
6. What is the O.T. passage that describes Jesus’ ascension? a) Genesis 3:15; b) Acts 1:9; c) Daniel 7:13-14.
7. What is the place Jesus said He was going back to Heaven to prepare? a) the mansion over the hilltop; b) His church in her glorified state; c) the kingdom.
8. When did Jesus send the kingdom to rescue man from his sins? a) on Pentecost; b) during Passover; c) AD 70.

