



Revelation 10

✝ And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm bared, and you shall prophesy against the city. Ezekiel 4:7 ESV

“Arm bared” in the Old Testament means the same thing as “Roll up your sleeves” to us today. Ezekiel the Prophet was told by GOD it was time to go to work for Him condemning back sliding self righteous idolatrous Sinning Apostate Israel.
So, within Revelation ten the time of Israel’s demise draws nigh.

Welcome to Revelation chapter ten.

Here we are in Heaven once again Bible friends as Revelation 10 begins.

This is between
the 6th & 7th
Trumpets

Rev. 10:1 KJV

✠ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

This mighty Angel of the Lord confuses the Christian heart and mind because this sure looks like Jesus.

Clothed in a cloud i.e. with the Holy Spirit, having a rainbow above His head like Heavenly Father, & with His face as bright as the sun as if He was made of Divine Holy Light.

Also, Revelation 1:14-15 describes Jesus's as having legs of fire ending with feet of Brass that serve forever in Heaven as the Living ultimate Atonement/Sacrificial Altar of GOD.

Meaning this sure sounds a lot like Jesus because most Biblical Theologians agree this is Jesus!

Never forget after Chapter 3 Revelation is not for the Church but is Daniel's last 70th week of uncompleted unfulfilled Sabbatical Law from Israel's perspective.

This is why many Christians have a hard time identifying Jesus here because Christ is being seen and described as He appeared to GOD's Prophets preincarnate. (Old Testament)

Meaning this is how Jesus looked as He appeared to the Prophets Ezekiel & Daniel as the Divine Law keeping future Messiah yet to be born human.

In Theological Seminary within early Bible history any appearance of any of the Trinity is called a "Theophany." Our point being; The Angel of the Lord is King Divine Jesus as Christ as in the yet to be human born Messiah.

This is how Jesus appeared to those under GOD'S Law as in this is THE Judge of GOD'S Law about to make an official ruling.

Jesus has each Legally by Law "Redeemed" GOD'S Title Deed and by the "Way" of His Cross now and forever He has been appointed by GOD as humanities Savior.

Meaning King Christ is Legally & by GOD'S Grace either our Savior or Judge.

No one takes anything out of the hand of GOD unless it was earned & willed by GOD

✠ And he (Jesus/Lamb) went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

Revelation 5:7 ESV

✠ Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.

Rev. 10:2 NASB

John 5:22 NIV

✠ and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;

Ok, in verses 1 & 2 the words John used to describe the preincarnate Christ indicates immense size & mighty power while the words he chose to describe Jesus's legs imply massive nearly infinite immovable Temple Columns. This scroll open in Christ's hand is the very same GOD'S Title Deed that Jesus Redeemed looking tiny and small in the palm of His Divine Heavenly hand.

One foot on the land & one on the sea means the entirety of the Earth AND commands to each Jews/Land & Gentiles/Sea- as in a legal proclamation to everyone is about to be made by King Christ.

✚ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring; when he called out, the seven thunders sounded.

During Jesus's first Advent He was known as the Lamb of GOD, however Genesis 49:9-10 defines that Messiah will forever be known the "Lion" of the Tribe of Judah.

Jesus is now speaking not as the Lamb of GOD because His work as the Lamb of Salvation is complete. Now King Jesus roars as the Lion having authority!

Whereas in Scripture Isaiah 11:2 explains that 7-fold means the Holy Spirit and Father GOD throughout the Scriptures is always described as having a voice of many thunders.

Jesus broke the Seals on the Earth's Title Deed setting the inscribed legal aspects and requirements placed upon the Deed into motion but now- John is witnessing in Heaven as Jesus is making His first legal proclamations that each the Holy Spirit & Heavenly Father are each endorsing.

Rev. 10:4 NKJV

✚ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them." (Note 7 Thunders their voices are plural)

Countless books and unending speculation & worse with self-serving false teachers including movements such as Branch Davidian, the Latter Rain, or the manifest sons of God, & Millennial Dawnism to name a few each having come and gone were based upon and using someone's thoughts of what GOD forbid for John to write down. If GOD wanted us to know it would have been so. Also, the word in Greek #3772 for Heaven is GOD'S Throne meaning GOD is speaking.

Rev. 10:5-7 ESV

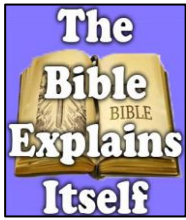
✚ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

Vs 5- Land & Sea to the whole Earth Jew & Gentile.

Vs 6- Jesus swears an oath of no more delay unto His Heavenly Father & as High Priest He is Praising GOD.

Vs 7- that the events transpiring in Heaven & on Earth between the 6th & 7th Trumpets THE top paramount Biblical Mystery Prophesized event will be completed.





What Pray tell is THE mystery of GOD ?
It is called "GOD'S plan for man."
The Redemption of fallen Sinful human
beings before Holy Just and Pure GOD.

The 2-fold Theme of Revelation 10 is:

- 1.. The Delayed Mystery fulfilled.
2. Then & Again sweet scroll of Jacobs Judgment

✝ And I will put enmity (open hostility)
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed;
He shall [fatally] bruise your head,
And you shall [only] bruise His heel. Genesis 3:15 AMP

When satan deceived Eve then
humanity fell in Sin this was when-
GOD said for Justice a human would
defeat satan as he considers humanity
to be inferior & beneath him.



Angels are astonished at Grace by Faith.

The Pardon of our Sins in Him- GOD born human to Redeem us.

✝ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1st Peter 1:10-11 NIV



Old Testament Prophecy as in GOD's Law is issued.
New Testament Fulfillment of this Prophecy/Law.

✝ The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Psam110:1 KJV

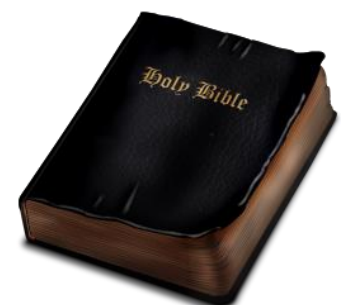
✝ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:11-14 NKJV

Jesus willingly completed His work Redeeming us by GOD'S Law using
GOD'S given Grace by Faith meaning a Pardon from our Sin if we believe
and accept Him Jesus as our Saving Christ.

After Messiah King Christ completed His Redemptive work on our behalf
Jesus then ascended to Heaven (Acts 1) sitting enthroned by His Father and
is now like us awaiting Daniel 12:9 which explains Jesus's Legal Regal

3 Coronation will happen in GOD'S Time. That Time is NOW! Rev. 10:5-7



The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to Ephesus explains THE Mystery of GOD & when it happens

✝ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:7-10 NIV

GOD'S Mystery is our Salvation through the Lawful Sacrifice of Jesus as our Christ who then Redeems those who Believe & accept Jesus as their Savior then we become a part of GOD'S adoptive family. Notice Paul also said in the End Times this happens as GOD Wills. So, what is GOD'S Will?

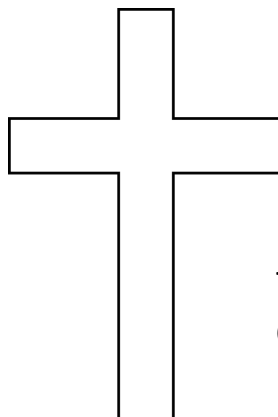
✝ For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

Hebrews 10:10 NLT

✝ that is, the mystery which was hidden [from angels and mankind] for ages and generations, but has now been revealed to His saints (God's people).

Colossians 1:26 AMP

GOD's Law looked forward
to a Divine human King
Messiah/Savior



GOD's Grace looks back at
a Divine human King
Messiah/Savior

✝ The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 59: 20 NIV

✝ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Cor. 5:19a & 21 NLT

✝ He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his CROSS.

Colossians 1:15 & 20 RSV

✝ Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth. ²⁶Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I will see God. JOB 19: 25-26 NASB

✝ I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44:22 ESV



Old Testament prophecy of what Christ will do!

✚ Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take the scroll which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.”

Father GOD/Holy Spirit command John to receive from Jesus’s hand the Title Deed.

Jesus is giving His Authority & His Will symbolically back to humanity as in His Church!

Jesus Redeemed the Title Deed for us!

✚ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’”

This is a “Then & Again” Parallel of Prophecy.

Meaning another occurrence of a previously established GOD’S Law.



Unrepentant Jacob denied & crucified Jesus & now for 3 ½ years rebellious Jews have aligned politically with the blaspheming antichrist while they are sacrificing at the 3rd Temple Praying for the arrival of the prophesized Messiah while they still deny Jesus as their Christ.

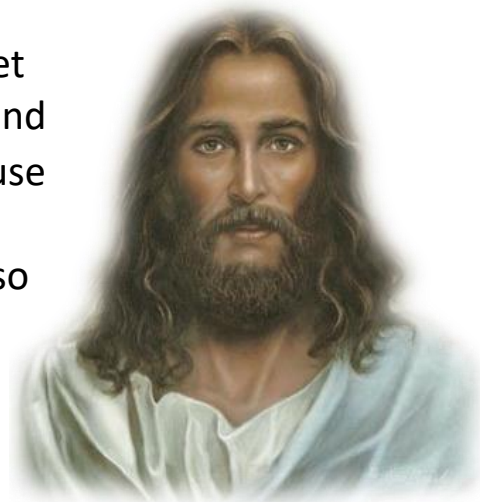
✚ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and lo, a written scroll was in it; ¹⁰and he spread it before me; and it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 2:3,9-10 RSV

✚ Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. ³And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

Ezekiel 3:1-3 NASB

✚ Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. Therefore, as I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged;



This is the last mention in Scripture of the scroll Title Deed; Later GOD'S Wrath comes straight from His Throne.

✝ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

Jesus finally commences Judgement against Apostate Jewish Jacob.

After denying Jesus as Christ for 2 Millennia and having Crucified Him- Then during the Tribulation agreeing with the antichrist & making Sacrifices at a new Temple for Sin meaning no more of these Jews will be coming to Him and their legal eviction notice is served.

John's Christian Code:

Old Testament references in chapter 10

10:4- Dan. 8:26,12:4 & 9

10:5- Deut.32:40, Dan. 12:7

10:6- Gen.14:19, Exod. 20:11, Neh. 9:6, Ps 146:6

10:7- Dan. 9:6 & 10, Amos 3:7, Zech.1:6

10:9 & 10- Ezek. 2:8,3:1-3

10:11- Jer.1:10, 25:30, Dan. 4:4,7:14

Also, John having to eat the scroll of course means having to consume and digest its meaning as in understanding Why? This dreadful Judgement is upon the Jewish people who continue to deny Jesus. GOD'S Wrath will also soon consume the rebellious Gentile nations.

Meaning John eagerly received this scroll from the hand of Jesus and that was sweet to his Soul, but when John understood this scroll/book was a woe of punishment that he was to forewarn each Israel & the Gentile nations about- it became sadly bitter in his heart & mind. Then John is told he must Prophesy again this meaning further information about specific people events and nations are yet to come in Revelation. As in was John starting to think things were complete when he saw the Divine timeline of Jesus now installed as King of the Earth? Perhaps- we have the luxury of knowing there is much more yet to come in Revelation.

Conclusion a Then & Again Parallel of Prophecy fulfilled in Rev.10

✝ For there will no longer be any false vision or deceptive divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵ For I the LORD will speak whatever word I speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, you rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord GOD."

²⁶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²⁷ "Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies of times far off.' ²⁸ Therefore say to them, 'This is what the Lord GOD says:

"None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed," declares the Lord GOD.

When a Prophecy repeats itself normally it happens twice. As in Israel's Judgement was delayed twice in Ezekiel.

For further study Jeremiah 36 also contains a scroll of Judgement

The 7-Fold Mysteries of the New Testament:

1. Mystery of Faith (requirements)- 1Timothy 3:9
2. Mystery of Israel's blindness- Romans 11:25
3. Mystery of the Rapture(s)- 1 Corinthians 15:51
4. Mystery of the Kingdom (believers only)- Matthew 13:1
5. Mystery of Godliness- 1 Timothy 3:16
6. Mystery of Iniquity (restrainer)- 2 Thessalonians 2:7
7. Mystery of GOD (THE)- Revelation 10:7

The Old Testament contains about 425 prophecies as in requirements for the Messiah. Presented here is a small sample in rough chronological order are predictions & fulfillment.

GOD WOULD COME TO EARTH & BE BORN AS A HUMAN MALE

Isaiah 9:6-7 [6] 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. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. ... 700 B.C.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John 1:1-3, 14 [1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

BORN OF A VIRGIN

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. 700 B.C.

Matthew 1:20-23 [20] But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23] "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" --which means, "God with us."

FROM THE HOUSE OF JUDAH

Isaiah 37:31 Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. 700 B.C.

Matthew 1:1-2, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son [descendant] of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, [16] and [a later] Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

FROM THE ROOT AND STUMP OF JESSE

Isaiah 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. 700 B.C.

Isaiah 11:1-5 [1] A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. [2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- [3] and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; [4] but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. [5] Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. 700 B.C.

7 Romans 15:12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

Matthew 1:1-2a, 5-6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [5] ... Obed the father of Jesse, [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

FROM THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Isaiah 16:5 In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it--one from the house of David--one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness. 700 B.C.
Matthew 1:1-2A, 6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

BORN IN BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH

Micah 5:2 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. 700 B.C.

Matthew 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

BE FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE

Isaiah 9:1-2 [1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan -- [2] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 700 B.C.

Matthew 2:22-23 [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, [23] and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Matthew 4:13-16 [13] Leaving Nazareth, he [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali-- [14] to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: [15] "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- [16] the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

HIS BIRTH WOULD TRIGGER A MASSACRE OF INFANT BOYS

Jeremiah 31:15 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 her children are no more." 625 B.C.

Matthew 2:16-18 [16] When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. [17] Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: [18] "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

COME OUT OF EGYPT

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 725 B.C.

Matthew 2:14-15 [14] So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, [15] where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

MISSION WOULD INCLUDE THE GENTILES

Isaiah 49:6 he [the Lord] 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 you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." 700 B.C.

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6 [1] "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. [2] He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. [3] A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; [4] he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." [6] "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 700 B.C.

Matthew 12:14-21 [14] But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. [15] Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, [16] warning them not to tell who he was. [17] This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: [18] "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. [19] He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. [20] A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. [21] In his name the nations will put their hope."

Note that in Biblical usage the Gentiles are often referred to as "the nations."

MINISTRY WOULD INCLUDE MIRACULOUS HEALINGS

Isaiah 29:18 In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. 700 B.C.

Isaiah 35:5-6a [5] Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. [6a] Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. 700 B.C.
Luke 7:20-22 [20] When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?' " [21] At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. [22] So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

MINISTRY WOULD DELIVER SPIRITUAL CAPTIVES

Isaiah 61:1-2 [1] The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 700 B.C.

Luke 4:16-21 [16] He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. [17] The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: [18] "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." [20] Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, [21] and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 700 B.C. The Crucifixion narratives in all four Gospels show this prophecy fulfilled.

HATED WITHOUT CAUSE

Psalms 69:4 Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. 1000 B.C.

Isaiah 49:7 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 rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." 700 B.C.

John 7:48-49 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? [49] No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them."

John 15:24-25 [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

REJECTED BY RULERS

Psalms 118:22 The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone [cornerstone of a building]; [23] the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. before 400 B.C.

Matthew 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:" 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes' John 7:48-49 Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? [49] No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them.

REJECTED BY HIS OWN BROTHERS

Psalms 69:8 I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons 1000 B.C.

(Side note: this pretty much kills the Catholic Church's claim that when the Gospels name Jesus's brothers they are talking about His cousins.)

Mark 3:20-21 [20] Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. [21] When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

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BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER

Zechariah 11:12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. 500 B.C.

Matthew 26:14-15 [14] Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests [15] and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

SILVER RETURNED & USED TO BUY POTTER'S FIELD

Zechariah 11:12-13 [12] I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. [13] And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"--the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter. 500 B.C.

Matthew 27:3-10 [3] When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. [4] "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." [5] So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. [6] The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." [7] So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. [8] That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, [10] and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

DISCIPLES WOULD SCATTER

Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones." 500 B.C.

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

BEATEN WITH A ROD

Micah 5:1 Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. 700 B.C.

Mark 15:19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.

GIVEN VINEGAR AND GALL TO DRINK

Psalms 69:21 They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. 1000 B.C.

Matthew 27:34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. (This Gall of the rich Jewish women was a mercy because it contained drugs)

Matthew 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

HANDS AND FEET NAILED

Psalms 22:16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. 1000 B.C.

John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES

Isaiah 53:5-6 [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 700 B.C.

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SUFFERED FOR THE SINS OF OTHERS

Psalms 69:4 Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. 1000 B.C.

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Zechariah 12:10 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. 500 B.C.

John 19:33-34; 36-37 [33] But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. [36] These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," [37] and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

NO BONES BROKEN

Psalms 22:17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. 1000 B.C.

Psalms 34:20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. 1000 B.C.

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SOLDIERS GAMBLE FOR HIS CLOTHES

Psalms 22:18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. 1000 B.C.

Matthew 27:35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

BRUTALLY KILLED

Isaiah 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 700 B.C. See all four Gospels.

ASSIGNED A GRAVE WITH THE WICKED

Isaiah 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death 700 B.C.

Crucifixion was normally reserved for criminals and people the Romans wanted to "make an example of". As a crucifixion victim, Jesus would have been assigned a grave (if any) with such people.

BURIED IN A RICH MAN'S TOMB

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Matthew 27:57,59-60 [57] As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. [59] Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, [60] and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

THE MESSIAH WOULD RETURN FROM THE DEAD

Isaiah 53:8, 11 [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. [11] After the suffering of his soul, 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. 700 B.C.

Matthew 28:2, 5-7, 9 [2] There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. [5] The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. [6] He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." [9] Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

FAMILIAR WITH SUFFERING

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 700 B.C.

The Crucifixion of Jesus was not an anomaly in how people treated Him because:

Jesus was often run out of town:

Mark 5:14-17 [14] Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. [15] When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. [16] Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man--and told about the pigs as well. [17] Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

People tried to stone Him:

John 10:31-33 [31] Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, [32] but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" [33] "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Some Jewish leaders conspired to kill Him:

John 7:1 After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

Matthew 12:14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

His own family thought He was crazy:

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His brothers told Him to go to a festival, expecting He would be killed.

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Finally, unless Jesus was operating under the authority of God, then how could Jesus arrange to fulfill any of the following Messianic prophecies:

Born in Bethlehem, Be from Nazareth, Come out of Egypt, (as a young child) Descended from Judah, Descended from Jesse, Descended from David, No bones broken, Betrayed by a friend, Betrayed for exactly 30 pieces of silver, 30 pieces of silver returned, 30 pieces used to buy the potter's field, Born of a virgin, Perform miracles, Be Crucified and then Rise from the Dead at an exact time on an exact Jewish Feast Day fulfilling Messianic Prophecy & Sabbatical Law precisely.

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