

How to Spot the Messiah When He Appears

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Dedication

To my Jewish friends from Tulane.

INTRODUCTION

Over the centuries, God went to great lengths to prepare the Jews to recognize their Messiah. This included prophecies about the Messiah's life and Scriptural accounts of people who prefigured the Messiah. For example, Joseph, David, and Samson clearly foreshadowed the Messiah in the events and circumstances of their lives.

Through his prophets, God plainly foretold events in the life of the Messiah.	
He would be born in Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2
He would be born of a virgin.	Isaiah 7:14
He would be in the line of David.	Isaiah 9:6-7
Tragedy would surround his birth.	Jeremiah 31:15
He would be a Jew.	Deuteronomy 18:15
A prophet would announce his ministry beforehand.	Isaiah 40:3
He would be like Melchizedek.	Psalms 110:4
He would speak in parables.	Psalms 78:2
He would heal the blind and the deaf.	Isaiah 35:5
His brothers would not accept him.	Psalms 69:31
He would be passionate about the Temple.	Psalms 69:9
He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey.	Zechariah 9:9
His close friend would betray him.	Psalms 41:9 and 55:12-14
He would be sold out for 30 pieces of silver.	Zechariah 11:12
He would be hated without any reason.	Psalms 35:19
He would be falsely accused.	Psalms 35:11
He would be despised and rejected	Isaiah 53:3
He would be persecuted and die for our sins.	Isaiah 53:5
He would bear the sins of all.	Isaiah 53:6 and 53:12
He would not answer their false accusations.	Isaiah 53:7
He would be scorned and mocked.	Psalms 22:6-7
His enemies would surround and accuse him.	Psalms 22:12-13
His hands and feet would be pierced.	Psalms 22:16
He experiences during crucifixion are described.	Psalms 22
His bones would not be broken.	Psalms 22:17 and 34:20
Soldiers would gamble for his garment.	Psalms 22:18
His burial place would be among the rich.	Isaiah 53:9
He would rise from the grave.	Psalms 49:15
He would ascend into heaven.	Psalms 68:18

**Through numerous people in Scripture,
God prepared the Israelites to recognize their spiritual King.**

Aaron	Aaron was the high priest who interceded to God for the people.
Adam	God created the first man, Adam, and he is the progenitor of us all.
David	David was a man after God's own heart.
Elijah	Elijah was born in a small village, performed miracles, healed the sick, raised a dead person, defeated false prophets, and was carried away into heaven visibly.
Enoch	Enoch walked with God and was taken into heaven.
Gideon	Gideon was an unlikely general, but became a great leader.
Isaac	Isaac's life was offered to God at the request of his father.
Jonah	Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and nights.
Joseph	Joseph was rejected by his own brothers and sold for a price. He later rose to sit at the right hand of Pharaoh.
Joshua	Joshua led the people into the Promised Land.
The judges	God sent judges to save the Israelites from their oppressors.
Melchizedek	Melchizedek was a high priest who resembled the Messiah. There was no record of Melchizedek's origin or end.
Nehemiah	Nehemiah served the king, but left the palace, rebuilt Jerusalem, and later returned to the palace.
Noah	Noah saved all of mankind by his obedience.
Samson	Samson bore the effects of his sin in his own body, yet won the victory over the enemy by his own death.
Solomon	Solomon was the wisest man in all the earth. He presided over a time of great increase as the king of Israel.

Through the five sacrifices of the tabernacle, God foreshadowed the sacrifice of the Messiah.	
Burnt Offering (Numbers 28)	The innocent, domesticated animal was examined for defect. Then the whole body was burned and the aroma rose heavenward.
Meal, or Grain, Offering (Leviticus 2)	Grain from the first fruits harvest was crushed into fine flour. Oil, salt, and frankincense were added to make loaves of bread.
Peace Offering (Leviticus 3 and 7)	No one unclean could eat the peace offering. This foreshadowed communion.
Sin Offering (Leviticus 4)	This was for unintentional sins and was mandatory. The Messiah died for all sins.
Trespass Offering (Leviticus 5)	This was for intentional sins against God and against man. The Messiah requires that we love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

Through the Structure and Furnishings of the Tabernacle, God foreshadowed the sacrifice of the Messiah. (Exodus 25-30 and Leviticus 16-24)	
The Reason for The Tabernacle	God sought a place and way to commune with his people.
The Most Holy Place or the Holy of Holies	Only the high priest could enter The Holy of Holies. Only the Messiah could make a way for people to enter into the presence of God.
The Holy Place	The furnishings of the holy place characterized the Messiah.
The Courtyard	The courtyard contained the altar for animal sacrifices and the laver for washing. The altar was a shadow of the cross and the laver was a shadow of water baptism.
The Tabernacle Coverings	The material, texture, design, and color of the layered tent coverings pointed to characteristics of the Lord.

**Through the brazen serpent lifted up in the wilderness,
God foreshadowed the redemption and healing offered by the
Messiah's sacrifice.**

And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. (Numbers 21:9)

And no man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:13-15)

**Through the feasts of Israel,
God foreshadowed the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah.**

Passover
(Exodus 12 and Leviticus 23)

The blood of the unblemished Lamb protected the children of Israel from the death angel.

The Offering of First Fruits
(Leviticus 23)

The first fruits sanctified the whole harvest.

**The Feast of Weeks,
or The Feast of Harvest**
(Exodus 34, Leviticus 23, and Deuteronomy 16)

The final harvest of the year:
the coming final ingathering.

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Chapter 1

Jewish Prophecies about the Messiah

True prophets of Israel were always right. Any incorrect prophecies resulted in death.

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.
(Deuteronomy 18:20)

JEWISH PROPHECIES	FULFILLED IN JESUS
<p>Circa 1400 B.C., Israel’s Messiah would be an Israelite.</p> <p>Moses continued, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. (Deuteronomy 18:15, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus was Jewish.</p> <p>Our Lord came from the tribe of Judah. (Hebrews 7:14, NLT)</p>
<p>Circa 1650 B.C., Jacob foretold that the Ruler would come from the tribe of Judah.</p> <p>The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor. (Genesis 49:10, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus, in the lineage of David, was from the tribe of Judah.</p> <p>He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David. (Luke 1:69, NLT)</p>
<p>Circa 720 B.C., the prophet Micah said that Bethlehem would be the place of a ruler for Israel.</p> <p>The Lord says, “Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times.” (Micah 5:2, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem.</p> <p>Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn. (Luke 2:4-7, GNT)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., the prophet Isaiah proclaimed that a virgin would give birth to Immanuel, “God is with us.”</p> <p>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, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus was born of a virgin.</p> <p>Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:30-33, NKJV)</p>

<p>Circa 600 B.C., Jeremiah prophesied about Herod’s slaughter of innocent children at the time of Jesus’ birth.</p> <p>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. (Jeremiah 31:15, NIV)</p>	<p>In an attempt to kill Jesus, Herod killed all the children below the age of two.</p> <p>When Herod found out that the wise men from the east had tricked him, he was very angry. He gave orders for his men to kill all the boys who lived in or near Bethlehem and were two years old and younger. (Matthew 2:16, CEV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied about John the Baptist’s announcing the Lord’s ministry.</p> <p>A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3, ESV)</p>	<p>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”[a] 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,</p> <p>“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” (Matthew 3:1-2, ESV)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that the Messiah would be a priest like Melchizedek.</p> <p>The LORD has taken an oath and will not break his vow: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:4, NLT)</p>	<p>Melchizedek resembled the Messiah.</p> <p>This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” 3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever. (Hebrews 7:1-3, NIV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied the healing of the blind and deaf.</p> <p>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (Isaiah 35:5)</p>	<p>Jesus gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf.</p> <p>The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. (Matthew 11:5)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., Asaph prophesied that the Messiah would teach in parables.</p> <p>I will open my mouth in a parable. (Psalm 78:2)</p>	<p>Jesus taught using parables (earthly stories with a heavenly meaning).</p> <p>And he told them many things in parables. (Matthew 13:3, ESV)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that the Messiah’s own brothers would reject him.</p> <p>I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children. (Psalm 69:81, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus’ own brothers did not believe him.</p> <p>For even his own brothers did not believe in him. (John 7:5, NIV)</p>

<p>Circa 970 B.C., David wrote that the Messiah will be passionate about the temple.</p> <p>Zeal for your house consumes me. (Psalm 69:9, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus was passionate against those who polluted the Temple.</p> <p>To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” (John 2:16-17, NIV)</p>
<p>Circa 500 B.C., Zechariah prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a donkey.</p> <p>Everyone in Jerusalem, celebrate and shout! Your king has won a victory, and he is coming to you. He is humble and rides on a donkey; he comes on the colt of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9, CEV)</p>	<p>Jesus entered Jerusalem on a young donkey.</p> <p>The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. (Mark 11:7, CEV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied that the Jews would not believe Jesus.</p> <p>But to Israel and Judah he will be a stone that makes people stumble, a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare. (Isaiah 8:14, NLT)</p>	<p>The Jews rejected Jesus.</p> <p>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (Matthew 23:27)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that a friend would betray Jesus.</p> <p>Even my close friend whom I trusted, he who shared meals with me, has turned against me. (Psalm 41:9, NET)</p>	<p>Judas betrayed Jesus.</p> <p>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man named Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. (Luke 22:47, NET)</p>
<p>Circa 500 B.C., Zechariah prophesied that Jesus would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.</p> <p>Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, pay me my wages, but if not, forget it.” So they weighed out my payment—thirty pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12, NET)</p>	<p>Judas betrayed the Lord for 30 pieces of silver.</p> <p>“What will you give me to betray him into your hands?” So they set out thirty silver coins for him. (Matthew 26:15, NET)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that people would lie about Jesus in court.</p> <p>Violent men perjure themselves, and falsely accuse me. (Psalm 35:11, NET)</p>	<p>Liars testified against Jesus in court.</p> <p>Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him. (Mark 14:57, NET)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would suffer beating and abuse.</p> <p>I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus suffered abuse at the hands of the Roman soldiers.</p> <p>Then they began to spit in Jesus’ face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him. (Matthew 26:67, NLT)</p>

<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would not answer false accusations.</p> <p>He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus did not respond to the false allegations.</p> <p>“Aren’t you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?” But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate’s surprise. (Mark 15:4, NLT)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David foretold that the Messiah would be hated for no reason.</p> <p>They hate me for no reason. (Psalm 35:19, CEV)</p>	<p>Jesus was hated without any reason.</p> <p>Everyone who hates me also hates my Father. I have done things that no one else has ever done. If they had not seen me do these things, they would not be guilty. But they did see me do these things, and they still hate me and my Father too. That is why the Scriptures are true when they say, “People hated me for no reason.” (John 15::23-25, CEV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah foretold the Messiah’s suffering and death for the sins of others.</p> <p>He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. (Isaiah 53:5, CEV)</p>	<p>Jesus died to pay God for all of our sins.</p> <p>Christ died for us at a time when we were helpless and sinful. (Romans 5:6, CEV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be counted among criminals.</p> <p>He was numbered with the transgressors. (Isaiah 12:10)</p>	<p>Jesus was crucified between to criminals.</p> <p>The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses, one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left. (Mark 15:27, CEV)</p>
<p>Circa 500 B.C., the prophet Zechariah predicted that the Messiah would be pierced.</p> <p>The shall look upon me whom they have pierced. (Zechariah 12:10)</p>	<p>Jesus was pierced.</p> <p>The soldiers had nailed Jesus to the cross. (John 19:23, CEV)</p> <p>One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. (John 19:34, NLT)</p>
<p>David (circa 970 B.C.) and Micah (circa 720 B.C.) predicted that the Messiah would be scorned.</p> <p>With a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. (Micah 5:1, ESV)</p> <p>All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” (Psalm 22:7-8, CEV)</p>	<p>Onlookers mocked Jesus.</p> <p>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. (Matthew 27:30, ESV)</p> <p>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” (Luke 23:35, NIV)</p>

<p>Circa 970 B.C., David predicted that the suffering Messiah would be offered vinegar to drink.</p> <p>They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. (Psalm 69:21, NIV)</p>	<p>When Jesus was dying on the cross, they offered him vinegar to drink.</p> <p>They gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. (Matthew 27:34)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that the Messiah would not have any bone broken.</p> <p>I can count all my bones. (Psalm 22:17, NLT)</p> <p>He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken. (Psalm 34:20)</p>	<p>None of Jesus' bones were broken.</p> <p>But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. (John 19:33, NLT)</p>
<p>Circa 970 B.C., David prophesied that men would gamble for the Lord's clothing.</p> <p>They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. (Psalm 22:18)</p>	<p>Roman soldiers gambled for the Lord's clothes.</p> <p>After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. (Matthew 27:35, NLT)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., Isaiah foretold that the Lord would be buried among the rich.</p> <p>He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death. (Isaiah 53:9, NIV)</p>	<p>A rich man buried Jesus in a new tomb.</p> <p>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. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. (Matthew 27:57-60, NIV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., the sons of Korah prophesied the Lord's resurrection.</p> <p>But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. (Psalm 49:15)</p>	<p>Jesus was resurrected from the dead.</p> <p>You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! (Mark 16:6, NIV)</p>
<p>Circa 700 B.C., David prophesied that the Lord would ascend to Heaven.</p> <p>You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive; you have received gifts for men. (Psalm 68:18)</p>	<p>Jesus ascended to Heaven.</p> <p>So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)</p>

Chapter 2 Types of the Messiah

Section 1: AARON, the HIGH PRIEST

AARON	JESUS
<p>God chose the high priest from the Israelites.</p> <p>“Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests. (Exodus 28:1, NIV)</p> <p>He who is the high priest among his brethren. (Leviticus 21:10, NKJV)</p>	<p>God sent his son as an Israelite.</p> <p>[The Genealogy of Jesus Christ] The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1, NKJV)</p> <p>A voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (Matthew 17:5, ESV)</p>
<p>God anointed the high priest.</p> <p>The Lord’s anointing oil is on you. (Leviticus 10:7, NIV)</p>	<p>God anointed Jesus.</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free. (Luke 4:18, NIV)</p>
<p>The high priest had to be holy.</p> <p>‘He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother; nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord. (Leviticus 21:10-12, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus was and is holy.</p> <p>For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)</p> <p>Christ never sinned but God put our sin on Him. Then we are made right with God because of what Christ has done for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21, New Life Version)</p>
<p>The high priest represented all twelve tribes of Israel.</p> <p>So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the Lord continually.</p>	<p>Jesus stood before God on behalf of all people everywhere.</p> <p>He is the mediator of a new covenant. (Hebrews 9:15, ESV)</p> <p>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16, NKJV)</p>

<p>The Day of Atonement was the appointed time for the high priest to enter the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifice.</p> <p>The Lord said to Moses, “Warn your brother, Aaron, not to enter the Most Holy Place behind the inner curtain whenever he chooses. (Leviticus 16:2-3, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus had an appointed time to die.</p> <p>Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come.” (John 7:6, ESV)</p> <p>Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory.” (John 12:23, NLT)</p>
<p>The high priest taught the people.</p> <p>You are to teach the people. (Leviticus 10:11, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus taught the people.</p> <p>He taught them many things by parables. (Mark 4:2, NIV)</p>
<p>When the high priest died, the offenders in the cities of refuge could return home.</p> <p>The accused must stay in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest; only after the death of the high priest may they return to their own property. (Numbers 35:28, NIV)</p>	<p>When Jesus died, the veil of the Temple was torn from top to bottom: Jesus had opened the door for man to return to God!</p> <p>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and[e] went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:5-53, NIV)</p>

The priests were descendants of Aaron.

Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests.
(Exodus 28:1, NIV)

Yet Christians have an even greater inheritance through the sacrifice and work of Christ:

**And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**
(Revelation 1:6, KJV)

Section 2: ADAM

Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. (Romans 5:14)

ADAM	JESUS
<p>God created Adam in his own image.</p> <p>God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him. (Genesis 1:27, NASB)</p>	<p>Jesus was the image of God.</p> <p>Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. (Colossians 1:15, NLT)</p>
<p>God blessed them. (Genesis 1:28)</p>	<p>Simeon, a Jerusalem resident, was in the Temple. He was a god man, very devout, filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 2:25, TLB) Simeon blessed them (Luke 2:34, TLB)</p>
<p>God gave Adam dominion over the earth.</p> <p>And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth (Genesis 1:26)</p> <p>Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over ... (Genesis 1:28, NET)</p>	<p>God gave Jesus all authority over heaven and earth.</p> <p>I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18, NLT)</p> <p>The Father loves the Son and has placed all things under his authority. (John 3:35, NET)</p>
<p>Adam lived in the Garden of Eden, "Paradise."</p> <p>The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. (Genesis 2:15, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus abode in Paradise.</p> <p>I am from above. (John 8:23) Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43, NIV)</p>
<p>Adam was the head of the first Covenant and the first of mankind of all people who came after.</p> <p>God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply. (Genesis 1:28)</p>	<p>Jesus is the head of the New Covenant.</p> <p>And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling. (Hebrews 12:24)</p> <p>He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. (Colossians 1:18, NASB)</p>

<p>Adam’s bride, was taken from his rib, made from his body <i>while he slept.</i></p> <p>And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. (Genesis 2:21, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Church is the Bride of Christ. The Church is also the body of Christ.</p> <p>I promised you as a pure bride to one husband--Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2, NLT)</p> <p>For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. (Ephesians 5:30, NKJV)</p>
<p>Adam and Eve became one physically.</p> <p>Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve. (Genesis 4:1, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus and the Church became one spiritually.</p> <p>I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. (John 17:23, NLT)</p>
<p>Adam’s offspring, all people, inherited Adam’s sin nature and death.</p> <p>All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. (Ephesians 2:3, TLB)</p>	<p>Christians are all partakers of Jesus’ nature and eternal life.</p> <p>If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)</p>
<p>The first Adam is of the earth.</p> <p>And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground. (Genesis 2:7)</p>	<p>Jesus is the Second Adam; from heaven.</p> <p>The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. (12 Corinthians 15:47)</p>
<p>Adam’s sin required the shedding of innocent blood to cover his shame.</p> <p>The Lord God clothed Adam and his wife with garments made from skins of animals. (Genesis 3:21)</p>	<p>Mankind’s sin required the innocent blood of Jesus.</p> <p>He was an innocent person, but he suffered for guilty people so that he could bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18, GWT)</p>
<p>Adam returned to where he came from: dust to dust.</p> <p>Dust you are and to dust you will return. (Genesis 3:19, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus returned to where he came from: heaven.</p> <p>And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)</p>

Although Adam was a new creation, our spiritual creation is even more wonderful.

Even angels long to look into these things. (1 Peter 1:12, NIV)

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(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

Section 3: David

<p>David was a man “after God’s own heart.” (1 Samuel 13:14)</p>	<p>Jesus, Emanuel “God with Us”</p> <p>You son of David, have mercy on us. (Matthew 9:27)</p> <p>Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that comes in the name of the Lord. (Mark 11:10)</p>
<p>David’s lineage and the Messiah’s reign are eternal.</p> <p>His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. (Isaiah 9:7, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus is now at the right hand of God, reigning forever according to the prophecy of Isaiah.</p> <p>Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:55)</p>
<p>David was born in Bethlehem.</p> <p>Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite. (1 Samuel 16:18)</p>	<p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem.</p> <p>Bethlehem means “House of Bread”</p> <p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matt 2:1)</p> <p>I am the bread of life. (John 6:35)</p> <p>Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” (John 7:42, ESV)</p>
<p>David was from the tribe of Judah. “Judah” means praise. David was “the sweet psalmist of Israel.”</p> <p>And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah. (Genesis 29:35, ESV)</p> <p>David, the man who was raised up so high, David, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, David, the sweet psalmist of Israel. (2 Samuel 23:1, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus was from the tribe of Judah.</p> <p>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). (Luke 2:4)</p>

<p>Prophecy foretold Jesus being born into David’s family.</p> <p>I have sworn unto David my servant, your seed will I establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations. (Psalm 89:3-4)</p> <p>The Lord has sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne. (Psalm 132:11)</p> <p>Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. (Jeremiah 23:5)</p>	<p>Jesus was born into the family of David.</p> <p>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (Luke 1:32)</p> <p>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). (Luke 2:4)</p> <p>What about the Messiah? Whose son is he? The son of David,” they replied. (Matt 22:41, TLB) It is the Good News about his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came as a human baby, born into King David’s royal family line. (Rom 1:3 TLB) “Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, call him ‘Lord’?” (Matt 22:44, TLB)</p>
<p>David prophesied.</p> <p>The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and his word was in my tongue. (2 Samuel 23:13)</p> <p>One thousand years before the Romans crucified Christ, David wrote the 22nd Psalm, describing Jesus’ death on the cross in detail.</p>	<p>Jesus prophesied.</p> <p>When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." (Luke 21:9, NIV)</p>
<p>David prophesied about Jesus’ death.</p> <p>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22:1)</p>	<p>When Jesus was on the cross, he quoted David’s psalm.</p> <p>Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mark 15:34)</p>
<p>On one occasion, David dressed like a priest and performed priestly work.</p> <p>David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. (2 Samuel 6:13)</p>	<p>Jesus was a priest.</p> <p>Jesus referred to David. “Since David called the Messiah 'my Lord,' how can the Messiah be his son?" (Matthew 22:45, NLT)</p> <p>And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:10, NLT)</p>

<p>David was a king.</p> <p>Fill your horn with oil, and go, I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. (1 Samuel 16:1)</p> <p>The Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. (1 Samuel 16:13)</p>	<p>Jesus is the King of Kings.</p> <p>And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, This Is The King Of The Jews. (Luke 23:38)</p> <p>So Pilate asked him, "Are you their Messiah—their King?" "Yes," Jesus replied, "it is as you say." (Luke 23:3, TLB)</p> <p>Pilate replied, "but you are a king then?" "Yes," Jesus said. "I was born for that purpose. (John 18:37, TLB)</p> <p>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end! (Luke 1:32-33, GNT)</p> <p>These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)</p>
<p>David came from a poor family</p> <p>But David replied, "How can a poor man like me from an unknown family find enough dowry to marry the daughter of a king? (1 Samuel 18:23)</p>	<p>Jesus came from a poor family.</p> <p>They brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.... And to offer ... a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. (Luke 2:22 and 24)</p>
<p>David looked unlikely to be king.</p> <p>"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." (1 Samuel 16:11)</p>	<p>Jesus looked unlikely to be the Kings of Kings.</p> <p>Is this not the carpenter's son? (Matt 13:55)</p> <p>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:2, ESV)</p> <p>"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked. (John 1:46, BSB)</p>

<p>Wise men came to confirm David as king.</p> <p>And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times. (1 Chronicles 12:32)</p> <p>And David perceived that the Lord had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. (1 Chronicles 14:2)</p>	<p>Wise men came to honor Jesus, the King of the Jews.</p> <p>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (Matthew 2:1-2)</p>
<p>David began his rule at age 30.</p> <p>David was thirty years old when he began to reign (2 Samuel 5:4)</p>	<p>Jesus began to minister about age 30.</p> <p>Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. (Luke 3:23, TLB)</p>
<p>David was a shepherded.</p> <p>They will be my sheep, grazing in green pastures and on the grassy hills. They shall neither hunger nor thirst; the searing sun and scorching desert winds will not reach them anymore. For the Lord in his mercy will lead them beside the cool waters. (Isaiah 59:9-10, TLB)</p> <p>And even when Saul was our king you were our real leader. The Lord has said that you should be the shepherd and leader of his people. (2 Samuel 5:2, TLB)</p> <p>“But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep.” (1 Samuel 16:11, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus is the Chief Shepherd</p> <p>So Jesus used this illustration: “If you had a hundred sheep and one of them strayed away and was lost in the wilderness, wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine others to go and search for the lost one until you found it? (Luke 15:3, TLB)</p> <p>The Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! (Psalm 23:1, TLB)</p> <p>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27, TLB)</p> <p>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away. (1 Peter 5:4)</p>
<p>In his youth, David performed great exploits.</p> <p>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear. (1 Samuel 17:36)</p>	<p>As a youth, Jesus amazed the elders.</p> <p>And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem ...</p> <p>And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. (Luke 2:42 and 46)</p>
<p>David cut off Goliath’s head with his own weapon: a sword.</p> <p>Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. (1 Samuel 17:51)</p>	<p>Jesus crushed the devil’s head with his own weapon: death.</p> <p>Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. (Hebrews 2:14)</p>

<p>God chose David to lead Israel.</p> <p>David now realized why the Lord had made him the king and blessed his kingdom so greatly – it was because God wanted to pour out his kindness on Israel, his chosen people. (2 Samuel 5:12, TLB)</p> <p>The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people. (1 Samuel 13:14, NIV)</p> <p>Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. (Psalm 2:6)</p> <p>I have provided me a king. (1 Samuel 16:1)</p> <p>David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob (2 Samuel 23:1)</p> <p>He chose David his servant. (Psalm 78:70, ESV)</p>	<p>God chose Jesus to save the world.</p> <p>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8, NIV)</p> <p>But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." (Matthew 17:5, NLT)</p>
<p>David offered sacrifices to God.</p> <p>The stopped and waited so that he could sacrifice an ox and a fat lamb. (2 Samuel 6:12, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus sacrificed himself.</p> <p>For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)</p> <p>I lay down my life, that I might take it again. (John 10:17)</p>

<p>David came from among the people of Israel to be exalted.</p> <p>“We are your blood brothers,” they said. (2 Samuel 5:1, TLB)</p> <p>And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. (1 Samuel 16:13, NLT)</p> <p>These are the sons of Israel (1 Chronicles 2:1)</p> <p>David the seventh. (1 Chronicles 2:15)</p> <p>I have exalted one chosen out of the people. (Psalm 89:19)</p>	<p>Jesus also was Jewish.</p> <p>I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. (Deuteronomy 18:18, NIV)</p> <p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. (Matthew 2:1)</p> <p>When Jesus’ parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the Law of God, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. (Luke 2:39, TLB)</p> <p>And you no doubt know that Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with power. (Acts 10:38, TLB)</p> <p>Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son. (Matthew 13:55, NLT)</p>
<p>David brought his brothers dry grain and bread.</p> <p>Then Jesse said to his son David, “Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves. (1 Samuel 17:17, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus died to give life. He became the bread of life.</p> <p>Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. (John 12:24, CSB)</p> <p>And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)</p>
<p>The Spirit of the LORD was upon David.</p> <p>The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and his word was in my tongue. (2 Samuel 23:2)</p>	<p>The Spirit of the Lord was upon and in Jesus.</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach. (Luke 4:18)</p> <p>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. (Luke 4:14)</p>

<p>God's was with David</p> <p>So David became greater and greater, for the Lord God of heaven was with him. (2 Samuel 5:10, TLB)</p> <p>Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him. (1 Samuel 16:18)</p>	<p>God was with Jesus</p> <p>God was with him. (Acts 10:38, TLB)</p> <p>He that has seen me has seen the Father. (John 419)</p>
<p>David became powerful</p> <p>And David became more and more powerful, because the LORD of Heaven's Armies was with him. (1 Chronicles 11:9, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus grew in favor with God and man.</p> <p>And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)</p>
<p>David was extremely popular.</p> <p>This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" (1 Samuel 18:7, NLT)</p> <p>Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well. (1 Samuel 18:5, NIV)</p> <p>Whenever the Philistine army attacked, David was more successful against them than all the rest of Saul's officers. So David's name became very famous throughout the land. (1 Samuel 18:30, TLB)</p> <p>And the fame of David went out into all lands. (1 Chronicles 14:17)</p> <p>Whenever the Philistine army attacked, David was more successful against them than all the rest of Saul's officers. So David's name became very famous throughout the land. (1 Samuel 18:30, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was very popular with the common people.</p> <p>When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. (Matthew 8:1)</p> <p>And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. (Mark 1:28)</p> <p>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. (Mark 4:14)</p> <p>Jesus went with him, and the crowd thronged behind. (Mark 5:24, TLB)</p> <p>And the common people heard him gladly. (Mark 12:37)</p>

<p>David poured out precious water before the Lord.</p> <p>And the three broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the Lord. And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. (1 Chronicles 11:18-19)</p>	<p>A woman poured precious perfume upon Jesus.</p> <p>While Jesus was eating, a woman came in with an alabaster jar full of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus' head. (Mark 14:3, GNT)</p>
<p>David went to be alone in prayer.</p> <p>Once again David inquired of the Lord. (1 Samuel 23:4)</p> <p>Then King David went in and sat before the Lord (2 Samuel 7:18)</p> <p>I stand silently before the Lord, waiting for him to rescue me. (Psalm 62:1)</p>	<p>Jesus often went away to pray.</p> <p>Jesus himself frequently withdrew to the wilderness and prayed. (Luke 5:16, NET)</p>
<p>David ate bread that had been consecrated to God.</p> <p>Since there was no other food available, the priest gave him the holy bread--the Bread of the Presence that was placed before the LORD in the Tabernacle. It had just been replaced that day with fresh bread. (1 Samuel 21:6, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus' disciples picked grain on the Sabbath and cited David's actions in their defense.</p> <p>At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath." But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?" (Matthew 12:1-4, NASB)</p>
<p>David loved Jerusalem.</p> <p>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you. (Psalm 122:6)</p> <p>So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. (2 Samuel 5:9)</p>	<p>Jesus loved Jerusalem.</p> <p>How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen does gather her brood under her wings, and you would not! (Luke 13:34)</p>

<p>Gentiles followed David</p> <p>And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites. (2 Samuel 15:18)</p> <p>Then King Hiram of Tyre sent cedar lumber, carpenters, and masons to build a palace for David. (2 Samuel 5:11, TLB)</p> <p>He (King Toi) gave David presents made from silver, gold, and bronze. (2 Samuel 8:9-10, TLB)</p>	<p>Gentiles followed Jesus</p> <p>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. (Matt 2:1)</p> <p>When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt 2:11)</p> <p>Right away a woman came to him whose little girl was possessed by a demon. ... (But she was Syrophenician.) (Mark 7:25, TLB)</p>
<p>Outcasts Followed David</p> <p>And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. (1 Samuel 22:2, NKJV)</p>	<p>Outcasts followed Jesus.</p> <p>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. (Luke 14:13-14 NIV)</p> <p>That night Levi invited his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners to be his dinner guests so that they could meet Jesus and his disciples. There were many men of this type among the crowds that followed him. (Matthew 2:15, TLB)</p> <p>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)</p>
<p>David did not trust mankind.</p> <p>His words were oily smooth, but in his heart was war. His words were sweet, but underneath were daggers. (Psalm 55:21, TLB)</p> <p>My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts— the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. (Psalm 57:4, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus knew of the evil in men.</p> <p>But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew human nature. (John 2:24, NLT)</p> <p>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. (Luke 20:20, ESV)</p>
<p>David knew the plans of his enemies</p> <p>“I will stop at the ford of the Jordan River and wait for a message from you. Let me know what happens in Jerusalem” (2 Samuel 15:27-8, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus knew the thoughts of his enemies.</p> <p>Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?" (Matthew 9:4, NIV)</p> <p>And Jesus knew their thoughts. (Matthew 12:25)</p>

<p>David’s own brothers discredited him</p> <p>Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab’s anger was aroused against David, and he said, “Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.” (1 Samuel 17:28, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus’ brothers did not believe him.</p> <p>His brothers said, “Why don’t you leave here and go up to the Feast so your disciples can get a good look at the works you do? No one who intends to be publicly known does everything behind the scenes. If you’re serious about what you are doing, come out in the open and show the world.” His brothers were pushing him like this because they didn’t believe in him either. (John 7:3-5, TM)</p>
<p>David was successful.</p> <p>Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. (1 Samuel 18:5, NIV)</p> <p>David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people. (2 Samuel 8:15, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus finished the work for which he was sent.</p> <p>And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He has done all things well. (Mark 7:37)</p> <p>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! (Luke 12:50, NIV)</p> <p>It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John 19:30)</p>
<p>Totally dependent on God, David attributed his success to God.</p> <p>It is God that girds me with strength. (Psalm 18:32)</p> <p>Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. (Psalm 94:17)</p>	<p>Totally dependent on God, Jesus obeyed God in word and deed.</p> <p>So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. (John 5:19, NLT)</p> <p>I do nothing of myself. (John 8:28)</p> <p>The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. (John 12:49, NLT)</p>
<p>David had a dear friend and confidant in Jonathan.</p> <p>The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (1 Samuel 18:1)</p>	<p>Jesus had a close friend in John; “the disciple whom Jesus loved.”</p> <p>Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. (John 13:23)</p> <p>“... the other disciple, whom Jesus loved.” (John 20:2, NKJV)</p>

<p>David defeated an evil spirit.</p> <p>David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him. (1 Samuel 16:23)</p>	<p>Jesus defeated the devil.</p> <p>"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. (Matt 4:10, NLT)</p> <p>Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (John 12:31)</p> <p>But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8, NLT)</p>
<p>David's rule was better than Saul's reign.</p> <p>And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to someone else--one who is better than you. (1 Samuel 15:28, NLT)</p> <p>Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul. So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him. When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns. (1 Samuel 18:12-16, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus' covenant of grace is better than the old.</p> <p>But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises. (Hebrews 8:6, NLT)</p>
<p>David took responsibility for his own sin to protect the people from judgment.</p> <p>And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. (2 Samuel 12:13)</p> <p>"I have sinned; I, the shepherd, have done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall on me and my family." (2 Samuel 24:17, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus took the punishment for others' sin to protect them from judgment.</p> <p>He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross. (1 Peter 2:24, NLT)</p> <p>Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke 24:34)</p>
<p>King Saul envied David</p> <p>And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. (1 Samuel 18:8-9)</p> <p>Saul now urged his aides and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. (1 Samuel 19:1, TLB)</p>	<p>The Pharisees envied Jesus</p> <p>For he realized by now that this was a frameup, backed by the chief priests because they envied Jesus' popularity. (Mark 15:10, TLB)</p> <p>For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. (Matthew 27:18)</p>

<p>People Sought to Kill David</p> <p>David was greatly distressed, for the people talked of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in spirit. (1 Samuel 30:6, Modern English Version)</p>	<p>People Sought to Kill Jesus</p> <p>They again cried out, "Crucify Him!" (Mark 15:13, Modern English Version)</p>
<p>When facing possible stoning, David took strength in God's might.</p> <p>David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. (1 Samuel 30:6)</p>	<p>When facing crucifixion, Jesus received strength from heaven.</p> <p>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (Luke 22:43, NIV)</p>
<p>Saul secretly wanted to thwart God's plan for David and preserve his own position. (F.B. Meyer)</p> <p>Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul. (1 Samuel 18:11-12, NIV)</p>	<p>The Pharisees wanted to stop God's plan for Jesus.</p> <p>If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. (John 11:48)</p>
<p>The Ziphites divulged David's location to Saul.</p> <p>The Ziphites went up to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds, on the hill of Hakilah, south of Jeshimon?" (1 Samuel 23:19, NIV)</p>	<p>Judas revealed Jesus' location to the Pharisees.</p> <p>So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. (John 18:3, NIV)</p>
<p>Ahithophel betrayed David</p> <p>Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me. (Psalm 41:9, NIV)</p> <p>Ahithophel had advised that he be captured and killed. (2 Samuel 17:21, NLT)</p>	<p>Judas betrayed Jesus</p> <p>Jesus responded, "It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl." And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. (John 13:26, NLT)</p>
<p>Saul persecuted David's helpers.</p> <p>Then the king ordered the guards at his side: "Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because they too have sided with David. They knew he was fleeing, yet they did not tell me." (1 Samuel 22:17)</p>	<p>Jesus' followers are persecuted.</p> <p>If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. (John 15:20, NET)</p> <p>But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. (Mark 10:30)</p>

<p>David fought for his followers</p> <p>Stay here with me, and don't be afraid. I will protect you with my own life, for the same person wants to kill us both." (1 Samuel 22:23, NLT)</p> <p>Hanun took David's men and shaved off half their beards and cut their robes off at the buttocks and sent them home half naked. (2 Samuel 10:4, TLB)</p> <p>When David heard about this, he sent Joab and the entire Israeli army to attack them. (2 Samuel 10:7, TLB)</p>	<p>The Lord opposes those who persecute Christians.</p> <p>I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)</p> <p>I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. (Luke 18:8)</p> <p>Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you. (2 Thessalonians 1:6)</p>
<p>David spared Saul's life twice.</p> <p>David persuaded his men not to kill Saul. (1 Samuel 24:7, TLB)</p> <p>“Don't kill him, for who can remain innocent after attacking the Lord's chosen king? (1 Samuel 26:9, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus spared the lives of his enemies.</p> <p>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? (Matt 26:53, NIV)</p> <p>“Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. (Luke 9:54-55, NIV)</p> <p>Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke 24:34)</p>
<p>Saul acknowledged that David would be king.</p> <p>I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. (1 Samuel 24:20, NIV)</p>	<p>Pilate acknowledged Jesus as the King of the Jews.</p> <p>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. (John 19:19, NIV)</p>
<p>David's kingdom was in hiding for a while.</p> <p>David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam (1 Samuel 22:1, ESV)</p>	<p>To avoid Herod, Joseph hid Jesus to Egypt.</p> <p>When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. (Matthew 2:14)</p>
<p>For a while, David's army operated out of public view.</p> <p>David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert (1 Samuel 23:14, NIV)</p> <p>Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran. (1 Samuel 25:1, NIV)</p>	<p>“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed.” (Luke 17:20, ESV)</p> <p>Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place. (John 18:36, NIV)</p> <p>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. (2 Corinthians 10:4)</p>

<p>Both were thought to be insane</p> <p>And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. (1 Samuel 21:13)</p>	<p>Jesus' family thought he had lost his mind.</p> <p>When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:21, NIV)</p>
<p>David was compassionate</p> <p>And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. (1 Samuel 22:2)</p>	<p>Jesus was compassionate</p> <p>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt 9:36, NLT)</p>
<p>David had a desire to build the Temple.</p> <p>Then David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I am living in a palace made of cedar wood, but the Ark of God is in a tent!" (2 Samuel 7:2)</p>	<p>Jesus had great zeal for the Temple.</p> <p>Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but you have made it a den of thieves. (Luke 19:46)</p>
<p>Eloquence</p> <p>David, sweet psalmist of Israel: The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, His word was on my tongue. (2 Samuel 23:1-2, TLB)</p> <p>David, sweet psalmist of Israel: The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and his word was on my tongue. (2 Samuel 23:1-2, TLB)</p>	<p>Eloquence and Authority</p> <p>Never man spoke like this man. (John 7:46)</p> <p>All who were there spoke well of him and were amazed by the beautiful words that fell from his lips. (Luke 4:22, TLB)</p> <p>The congregation was surprised at his sermon because he spoke as an authority, and didn't try to prove his points by quoting others- quite unlike what they were used to hearing! (Mark 1:22, TLB)</p>
<p>David pleased God by his Fairness</p> <p>'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.' (Acts 13:22, NKJV)</p> <p>David reigned with justice over Israel and was fair to everyone. (2 Samuel 8:15, TLB)</p> <p>For David had obeyed God during his entire life. (1 Kings 15:5, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus pleased God by his Fairness and Obedience</p> <p>And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17, NKJV)</p> <p>"Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don't play favorites." (Mark 12:14, NLT)</p> <p>He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death. (Phil 2:8, NKJV)</p>

<p>David defeated a Lion</p> <p>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear. (1 Samuel 17:36)</p>	<p>Jesus defeated the devil, who is like a lion.</p> <p>The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8, NASB)</p> <p>The devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)</p> <p>Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (John 12:31)</p>
<p>David single-handedly defeated Goliath.</p> <p>David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead. (1 Samuel 17:49, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus, and Jesus alone, defeated the devil.</p> <p>"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24, NIV)</p>
<p>God lifted David to the throne.</p> <p>And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. (2 Samuel 5:12)</p>	<p>God exalted Jesus.</p> <p>Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God. (Acts 2:33, NKJV)</p> <p>But go find my brothers and tell them that I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." (John 20:17, TLB)</p>
<p>God made David famous.</p> <p>And I was with you whithersoever you went, and have cut off all your enemies out of your sight, and have made you a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. (2 Samuel 7:9)</p>	<p>God gave Jesus the highest name of all.</p> <p>God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name. (Philippians 2:9, TLB)</p>
<p>David rebuked Michal, who never bore children</p> <p>Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death. (2 Samuel 6:23)</p>	<p>Jesus rebuked the fig tree which never bore fruit again.</p> <p>Then Jesus said to the tree, "You shall never bear fruit again!" (Mark 11:13)</p>
<p>Both developed mighty men</p> <p>"... the mighty men which belonged to David..." (1 Kings 1:8)</p>	<p>Jesus baptized with mighty power.</p> <p>You are endued with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)</p> <p>He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. (Mark 1:8)</p>

David interceded for his people.

When David saw the angel, he said to the Lord, “Look, I am the one who has sinned! What have these sheep done? Let your anger be only against me and my family.” (2 Samuel 24:17, TLB)

Jesus lives to intercede for Christians.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which you have given me; for they are yours. (John 17:9)

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

David was a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14)

But Jesus said, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9, ESV)

Section 4: ELIJAH

ELIJAH	JESUS
<p>The name Elijah is taken from “My God is Yahweh.” (R.W. Lee, Ph.D.)</p>	<p>Jesus means “Mighty God” is Isaiah 9:6. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God. (Isaiah 9:6)</p>
<p>Elijah was born in a small, little-known village.</p> <p>Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead. (1 Kings 17:1)</p>	<p>Jesus was born in a small village.</p> <p>O little town of Bethlehem, you are not just an unimportant Judean village, for a Governor shall rise from you to rule my people Israel. (Matt 2:6, TLB)</p>
<p>Elijah received the Spirit on the other side of the Jordan River.</p> <p>The two of them stood by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his robe and rolled it up and struck the water, and it was divided from one side to the other. Then the two of them crossed on dry ground. And as they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask for something, and I will do it for you before I am taken away from you.”</p> <p>And Elisha said, “Let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.” (2 Kings 2:7-9, MEV)</p>	<p>Jesus received the Spirit on the other side of the Jordan River.</p> <p>These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. (John 1:28, MEV)</p>
<p>Israel rejected Elijah.</p> <p>“I have been working very hard for the Lord God of the armies of heaven, but the people have broken their covenant and have torn down your altars; they have killed every one of your prophets except me; and now they are trying to kill me too.” (1 Kings 19:14, TLB)</p>	<p>Israel rejected Jesus.</p> <p>"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me." (Matthew 23:37, NLT)</p>
<p>Elijah’s prayer raised a child from the dead.</p> <p>And he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, please let this child’s spirit return to him.”</p> <p>And the Lord heard Elijah’s prayer; and the spirit of the child returned, and he became alive again! (1 Kings 17:21-22, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus’ command raised a child from the dead.</p> <p>Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Get up, little girl!” (She was twelve years old.) And she jumped up and walked around! (Mark 5:41-42, TLB)</p>

<p>Elijah healed Namaan of leprosy.</p> <p>And his flesh became as healthy as a little child's, and he was healed! (2 Kings 5:14, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus healed lepers.</p> <p>Once a leper came and knelt in front of him and begged to be healed. "If you want to, you can make me well again," he pled.</p> <p>And Jesus, moved with pity, touched him and said, "I want to! Be healed!" Immediately the leprosy was gone—the man was healed! (Mark 1:40-42, TLB)</p>
<p>Elijah defeated the false prophets of Baal.</p> <p>And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there. (1 Kings 18:40, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus spoke against false prophets.</p> <p>For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24)</p>
<p>Elijah wanted people to know God.</p> <p>Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, (1 Kings 18:37, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus wanted people to know the love of God.</p> <p>May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. (John 17:23, NLT)</p>
<p>Elijah's student, Elisha, did more than Elijah.</p> <p>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"</p> <p>"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.</p> <p>"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." (2 Kings (2:9-10, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus said his disciples would do greater works than he.</p> <p>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12, NIV)</p>
<p>Elijah's student saw him carried up to heaven.</p> <p>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out. (2 Kings 2:11, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus's disciples saw him ascend to heaven.</p> <p>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes. (Acts 1:9, NIV)</p>

God needs people who will perform spiritual warfare.

And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God. (1 Kings 18:24, ESV)

Jesus is the name (*authority*) we invoke to triumph.

Section 5: ENOCH

ENOCH	JESUS
Enoch means “dedicated unto God.”	Let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” (Luke 23:35, NKJV)
<p>God took Enoch directly to heaven.</p> <p>Enoch walked with God and he was not: for God took him. (Genesis 5:24)</p> <p>By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him;” (Hebrews 11:5)</p>	<p>Jesus ascended into heaven before witnesses.</p> <p>He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. (Luke 24:51, NKJV)</p>
<p>Enoch pleased God.</p> <p>He had this testimony, that he pleased God. (Hebrews 11:5)</p>	<p>Jesus pleased God.</p> <p>This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17)</p>
<p>Enoch prophesied.</p> <p>Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied... (Jude 14, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus prophesied.</p> <p>For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed <i>are</i> the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ (Luke 23:29)</p>
<p>The length of Enoch’s life symbolizes the constancy of God.</p> <p>Enoch lived 365 years. (Gen 5:24).</p> <p>There are 365 days in the year.</p>	<p>Jesus is with us all the time.</p> <p>Be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world. (Matt 28:20, TLB)</p>

Enoch walked with God and he was not: for God took him. (Genesis 5:24)

Enoch walked with God every day, but Jesus created each and every day.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24, HCSB)

I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep. (Proverbs 8:27)

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. (John 1:1-3, NIV)

Section 6: GIDEON

GIDEON	JESUS
<p>Gideon destroyed the Midianites.</p> <p>Gideon is taken from the Hebrew name meaning “to cut” or “to fell.” (R.W. Lee, Ph.D.)</p>	<p>Jesus destroyed the works of the devil.</p> <p>The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil’s works. (1 John 3:8, HCSB)</p>
<p>God sent a prophet to tell the Israelites why they had fallen under the domination of the Midianites.</p> <p>I said to you: I am Yahweh your God. Do not fear the gods of the Amorites whose land you live in. But you did not obey Me. (Judges 6:10, HCSB)</p>	<p>God sent the prophet John the Baptist ahead of Jesus to call the Israelites to repentance.</p> <p>Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight! (Luke 3:4, HCSB)</p>
<p>God sent Gideon to save the Israelites from their enemy, the Midianites.</p> <p>Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you? (Judges 6:14, NKJV)</p>	<p>God sent Jesus to save us from our sins.</p> <p>And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21, NLT)</p>
<p>Gideon was an unlikely hero.</p> <p>My family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s house.” (Judges 6:13, HCSB)</p>	<p>The Jews had a different image of the Messiah than someone from a lower income family.</p> <p>Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t His mother called Mary, and His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? (Matthew 13:55, HCSB)</p>
<p>Gideon opposed his own father’s altar to Baal.</p> <p>Then tear down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father. (Judges 6:25, HCSB)</p>	<p>Jesus brought conflict between family members due to their decisions to follow him.</p> <p>I have come to set a man against his father. (Matthew 10:34-35, TLB)</p> <p>Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters—yes, more than his own life—otherwise he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26, TLB)</p>

<p>As a priest would, Gideon offered a sacrifice of a young goat and unleavened bread.</p> <p>He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree. (Judges 6:19, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus gave himself to be our sinless sacrifice.</p> <p>God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21, NET)</p>
<p>Fire sprang from the rock. The fire symbolized the Spirit and the rock symbolized Christ.</p> <p>Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. (Judges 6:21, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus is the Rock who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire.</p> <p>Yes, he alone is my Rock, my rescuer, defense and fortress. (Psalm 62:2, TLB)</p> <p>Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense. (Romans 9:33, ESV)</p> <p>The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense. (1 Peter 2:8, ESV)</p> <p>He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Matthew 3:11, HCSB)</p>
<p>Gideon tore down his father's altar to Baal.</p> <p>So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. (Judges 6:27, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus overturned the merchants' tables in the temple.</p> <p>Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (Matthew 21:12, NIV)</p>
<p>The men of the city sought to accuse Gideon.</p> <p>They said to each other, "Who did this?" After they made a thorough investigation, they said, "Gideon son of Joash did it." (Judges 6:29, HCSB)</p>	<p>The Pharisees sought to accuse Jesus.</p> <p>Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" (John 9:26, NIV)</p>

<p>The Holy Spirit anointed Gideon to free those who were oppressed.</p> <p>But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. (Judges 6:34, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus, the Messiah, to free those who are oppressed.</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. (Luke 4:18, NKJV)</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. (Isaiah 61:11, NKJV)</p>
<p>Gideon drew people to himself.</p> <p>The Abiezrites gathered behind him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also gathered behind him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. (Judges 6:34-35, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus drew great crowds.</p> <p>Now great multitudes went with Him. (Luke 14:25, NKJV)</p> <p>A large crowd followed and pressed around him. (Mark 5:4, NIV)</p>
<p>Many were turned from Gideon’s army.</p> <p>Twenty-two thousand of them left. (Judges 7:3, TLB)</p>	<p>Many turned away from Jesus.</p> <p>But the Gateway to Life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it. (Matthew 7:14, TLB)</p> <p>For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14)</p> <p>And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. (John 6:65-66, NKJV)</p>

<p>Gideon had many enemies.</p> <p>The vast armies of Midian, Amalek, and the other nations of the Mideast were crowded across the valley like locusts—yes, like the sand upon the seashore—and there were too many camels even to count. (Judges 7:12-13, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus had many enemies.</p> <p>Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, to be tempted there by Satan. (Matthew 4:1, TLB)</p> <p>At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to plot his murder. (Luke 6:11, TLB)</p> <p>After this, Jesus went to Galilee, going from village to village, for he wanted to stay out of Judea where the Jewish leaders were plotting his death. (John 7:1, TLB)</p>
<p>Gideon knew what his enemies’ thoughts and words.</p> <p>Gideon crept up to one of the tents just as a man inside had wakened from a nightmare and was telling his tent-mate about it. (Judges 7:13, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus knew his enemies’ thoughts and words.</p> <p>And Jesus knew their thoughts. (Matthew 12:25)</p> <p>But he knew their thoughts (Luke 6:8)</p> <p>And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, (Mark 8:27-28)</p>
<p>A Midianite dreamed of a huge loaf of bread crushing his tent. This is reminiscent of Daniel’s prophesy of Jesus’ final Kingdom.</p> <p>I had this strange dream,” he was saying, “and there was this huge loaf of barley bread that came tumbling down into our camp. It hit our tent and knocked it flat!” (Judges 7:13b)</p>	<p>The final, triumphant, everlasting Kingdom over all the earth will be the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. (Daniel 2:34, NIV)</p>

<p>A Midianite soldier recognized Gideon as a man of God.</p> <p>His friend responded, “This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands.” (Judges 7:14, NIV)</p>	<p>A Roman soldier recognized Jesus as the Son of God.</p> <p>When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!” (Matthew 27:54, NIV)</p> <p>And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39, NIV)</p>
<p>Gideon worshipped God.</p> <p>As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. (Judges 7:15, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus worshipped God.</p> <p>And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. (Matthew 26:30)</p>
<p>Gideon fought the Midianites by placing torches in earthen vessels. The jars represent the body of Christ, which was broken. The burning torch foreshadows the burning fire of the Holy Spirit. When the earthen jar was broken, the fire was revealed.</p> <p>He gave each man a trumpet and an empty jar with a burning torch inside it. (Judges 7:16, ERV)</p> <p>The rest of Gideon’s soldiers blew the trumpets they were holding in their right hands. Then they smashed the jars and held the burning torches in their left hands. Everyone shouted, “Fight with your swords for the Lord and for Gideon!” (Judges 7:20, CEV)</p>	<p>After Jesus’ body was broken, the Holy Spirit descended.</p> <p>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)</p> <p>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4, ESV)</p>
<p>Gideon crossed the Jordan River.</p> <p>Gideon and his three hundred men had come to the Jordan River and had crossed it. (Judges 8:4, GNT)</p>	<p>John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.</p> <p>Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. (Matthew 3:13, GNT)</p>

<p>Gideon punished the people of Succoth for not helping him and his army.</p> <p>He then returned to Succoth. “You taunted me that I would never catch King Zebah and King Zalmunna, and you refused to give us food when we were tired and hungry,” he said. “Well, here they are!”</p> <p>Then he took the leaders of the city and scraped them to death[c] with wild thorns and briars. 17 He also went to Penuel and knocked down the city tower and killed the entire male population. (Judges 8:15-17, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus judges those who afflict his people.</p> <p>He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. (Luke 11:23, NKJV)</p> <p>I can guarantee that he will give them justice quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (Luke 18:8, GWT)</p>
<p>The people tried to make Gideon their ruler, but he declined.</p> <p>Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.” But Gideon said to them, “I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.” (Judges 8:22-23, NKJV)</p>	<p>The people tried to make Jesus their earthly king, but he declined.</p> <p>When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself. (John 6:15, NLT)</p> <p>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” (John 18:36, NKJV)</p>
<p>Gideon’s 70 sons from the wives he married were persecuted by his bondwoman’s son, Abimelek.</p> <p>His concubine, who lived in Shechem, also bore him a son, whom he named Abimelek. (Judges 8:31, NIV)</p> <p>He went to his father’s home in Ophrah and on one stone murdered his seventy brothers, the sons of Jerub-Baal. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerub-Baal, escaped by hiding. (Judges 9:5, NIV)</p>	<p>This is reminiscent of Abrahams children by different women.</p> <p>For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. But one, the son by the slave woman, was born by natural descent, while the other, the son by the free woman, was born through the promise. These things may be treated as an allegory, for these women represent two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar. Now Hagar represents Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. (Galatians 4:22-25, NET)</p>

Gideon's children were not honored.

They also failed to show any loyalty to the family of Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) in spite of all the good things he had done for them. (Judges 8:35, NIV)

Jesus' followers are now persecuted.

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. (John 15:20, NIV)

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? (Matthew 10:25)

At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. (Galatians 4:29, NIV)

Doing something for God is good, but God doing something through you is awesome.

**But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon.
(Judges 6:34, ESV)**

Section 7: ISAAC

ISAAC	JESUS
<p>Abraham was Isaac’s father.</p> <p>And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. (Genesis 21:3)</p>	<p>Jesus was called “the son of Abraham.”</p> <p>The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)</p>
<p>Isaac means “laughter.” His birth caused great joy.</p> <p>And Sarah said, God has made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. (Genesis 21:6)</p>	<p>Jesus’ birth was cause for great joy.</p> <p>When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! (Matthew 2:10)</p> <p>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (Luke 2:10)</p>
<p>Isaac was the only son that Abraham and Sarah had together.</p> <p>Take now your son, your only son Isaac. (Genesis 22:2)</p>	<p>Jesus was God’s only begotten Son.</p> <p>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)</p>
<p>God told Abraham to kill Isaac as a sacrifice in the region of Moriah.</p> <p>Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. (Genesis 22:2, NIV)</p>	<p>God sacrificed Jesus for our sins.</p> <p>As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:15)</p>
<p>Mount Moriah was later the location of the Temple.</p> <p>Then Solomon began to build the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah. (2 Chronicles 3:1, NIV)</p>	<p>Moriah is a mountain range near Jerusalem, the likely site of Jesus’ crucifixion.</p> <p>Jesus suffered and died outside the city gate. (Hebrews 13:12, NLT)</p>

<p>Abraham predicted that Isaac would return from the sacrifice.</p> <p>We will come back to you. (Genesis 22:3, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus said he would rise again after three days.</p> <p>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. (Matthew 16:21, NIV)</p> <p>Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (John 2:9)</p>
<p>Isaac carried wood on his back to the place of sacrifice.</p> <p>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son. (Genesis 22:6)</p>	<p>Jesus carried the wooden cross on his back.</p> <p>Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, [Golgotha]). (John 19:17, NLT)</p>
<p>Isaac did not object to his own death.</p> <p>When they arrived at the place where God had told Abraham to go, he built an altar and placed the wood in order, ready for the fire, and then tied Isaac and laid him on the altar over the wood. (Genesis 22:9, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus could have prevented his own death, but he willingly sacrificed his life.</p> <p>Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? (Matthew 26:53, TLB)</p> <p>But Jesus said nothing, much to the governor's surprise. (Matthew 27:14)</p> <p>No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded. (John 10:18)</p>
<p>Three days after God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, Isaac rose from the altar on which he was to be killed.</p> <p>On the third day of the journey Abraham saw the place in the distance. (Genesis 22:3, TLB)</p>	<p>After three days, Jesus rose from the grave.</p> <p>"I, the Messiah, am going to be betrayed and killed and three days later I will return to life again." (Matthew 9:31, TLB)</p> <p>He isn't here! He has come back to life again! Don't you remember what he told you back in Galilee—that the Messiah must be betrayed into the power of evil men and be crucified and that he would rise again the third day?" (Luke 24:6-7, TLB)</p>

<p>Authorities asked Isaac to go because of his power.</p> <p>And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for you are much mightier than we. (Genesis 26:16)</p>	<p>The citizens in Gadarene requested Jesus to leave because of his power.</p> <p>Then all the people from that territory asked Jesus to go away, because they were terribly afraid. So Jesus got into the boat and left. (Luke 8:37, GNT)</p>
<p>Isaac’s servants found a wellspring of water.</p> <p>And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. (Genesis 26:19)</p>	<p>He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive). (John 7:38-39)</p>
<p>Isaac gave the blessing of the oldest son (Esau) to the younger son (Jacob). The older son, Esau, may represent the Jews who received the Law first, but who rejected the new covenant of grace.</p> <p>And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. (Genesis 27:30)</p>	<p>Being a biological descendent of Abraham does not guarantee salvation.</p> <p>Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. (Matthew 3:9, NLT)</p> <p>There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. (Matthew 13:28-29)</p> <p>For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and you, when you had seen it, repented not afterward, that you might believe him. (Matthew 21:32)</p> <p>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent to you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! (Matthew 23:37)</p> <p>Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and declared, “It was necessary that this Good News from God should be given first to you Jews. But since you have rejected it and shown yourselves unworthy of eternal life—well, we will offer it to Gentiles. (Acts 13:46)</p>

**By willingly offering himself to die, Isaac is a clear type of Christ.
Abraham's faith was counted as righteousness.**

And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

(Genesis 15:6, NLT)

Jesus' sacrifice made it possible for all of us to become "children of Abraham."

Those who have faith are children of Abraham. (Galatians 3:7, NIV)

Section 8: JONAH

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
(Matthew 12:40, NIV)

JONAH	JESUS
<p>Jonah means “dove.” Hayford, J. The New Spirit Filled Life Bible. Thomas Nelson Bibles. Nashville.</p> <p>The dove is a messenger and a symbol of peace.</p> <p>Jonah’s preaching brought repentance and peace to a great city.</p> <p>When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. (Jonah 3:10, TLB)</p> <p>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)</p> <p>How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15)</p>	<p>Jesus is the Prince of Peace.</p> <p>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)</p> <p>Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. (John 3:16, NKJV)</p> <p>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace. (Ephesians 2:14, NIV)</p>
<p>Jonah was from Gathhepher, near Nazareth.</p> <p>Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai. (Jonah 1:1)</p> <p>Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher. (2 Kings 14:25)</p>	<p>Nazareth was the boyhood hometown of Jesus.</p> <p>So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. (Matthew 2:23, NLT)</p>

<p>God gave Jonah a message for non-Jews.</p> <p>Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. (Jonah 1:2)</p>	<p>Jesus preached to Jews and Gentiles.</p> <p>That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:15)</p> <p>While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)</p> <p>The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins. (2 Peter 3:9, GNT)</p>
<p>Jonah was on a ship during a great storm.</p> <p>There was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. (Jonah 1:4, NKJV)</p> <p>But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. (Jonah 1:5, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus was on a ship during a great storm.</p> <p>Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. (Mark 4:37, GNT)</p>
<p>Jonah was asleep on the ship in the storm.</p> <p>But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. (Jonah 1:5, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus was asleep on the ship in the storm.</p> <p>Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping. (Mark 4:38a, GNT)</p>
<p>The gentile crew of the ship sought God’s answer by casting lots: and God answered!</p> <p>Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. (Jonah 1:7, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus found great faith in a gentile.</p> <p>The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it.</p> <p>When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. (Matthew 8:8-10)</p>
<p>The ship captain awakened Jonah.</p> <p>The captain found him there and said to him, “What are you doing asleep? (Jonah 1:6)</p>	<p>The disciples awakened Jesus.</p> <p>The disciples woke him up. (Mark 4:38, GNT)</p>

<p>When Jonah was tossed overboard, the sea became calm.</p>	<p>Jesus calmed the sea.</p> <p>And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)</p>
<p>Jonah offered to be thrown overboard, sacrificed, in order to calm the deadly storm of God’s wrath. This showed Jonah’s affection for the others onboard.</p> <p>Jonah answered, “Throw me into the sea, and it will calm down. I know it is my fault that you are caught in this violent storm.” (Jonah 1:12, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus offered his life for our guilt. He had compassion for sinners.</p> <p>But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5, GNT)</p> <p>No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. (John 10:18, GNT)</p>
<p>The sailors respected Jonah and were apprehensive about throwing him overboard.</p> <p>Instead, the sailors tried to get the ship to shore, rowing with all their might. But the storm was becoming worse and worse, and they got nowhere. So they cried out to the Lord, “O Lord, we pray, don't punish us with death for taking this man's life! (Jonah 1:13-14, GNT)</p>	<p>Pilate, and Pilate’s wife, respected Jesus and did not want to crucify Him.</p> <p>While Pilate was sitting in the judgment hall, his wife sent him a message: “Have nothing to do with that innocent man.” (Matthew 27:19, GNT)</p> <p>He took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am not responsible for the death of this man!” (Matthew 27:24, GNT)</p>
<p>Jonah was thrown overboard, stopping God’s fury expressed by the storm.</p> <p>Then they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and it calmed down at once. (Jonah 1:15)</p>	<p>Jesus calmed the storm by His command.</p> <p>And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)</p> <p>Jesus also satisfied God’s righteous anger when He sacrificed his own life for us.</p> <p>They crucified him. (Matthew 27:35, GNT)</p> <p>God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him. (Romans 3:25, GNT)</p>

<p>Jonah was swallowed by a great fish.</p> <p>Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17, NKJV)</p>	<p>Following His crucifixion, Jesus was in the heart of the earth for three days.</p> <p>For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40)</p>
<p>The prophet Jonah prayed about Sheol.</p> <p>Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice. (Jonah 2:2, NKJV)</p>	<p>David prophesied of Jesus' deliverance from the dead.</p> <p>You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. (Psalm 16:10, NIV)</p>
<p>Jonah prophesied that he would escape death in the fish's belly.</p> <p>Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple. (Jonah 2:4, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus prophesied that he would be rise from the dead.</p> <p>From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. (Matthew 16:21, NLT)</p> <p>They will mock me and spit on me and flog me with their whips and kill me; but after three days I will come back to life again.” (Mark 10:34, TLB)</p>
<p>Miraculously, Jonah survived three days and nights and was spewed out on land.</p> <p>And Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17, TLB)</p> <p>And the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did. (Jonah 2:10, TLB)</p>	<p>Supernaturally, Jesus rose from the grave on the third day.</p> <p>He is not here, for He is risen as He said! Come, see the place where He was lying. (Matthew 28:6, BLB)</p> <p>Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone was rolled aside from the entrance. (John 20:1, TLB)</p>

<p>Jonah warned that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days if they did not repent.</p> <p>On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” (Jonah 3:4, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus preached for 40 days following his resurrection.</p> <p>During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3, NLT)</p>
<p>The king of Nineveh and the entire population humbled themselves at Jonah’s preaching.</p> <p>Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh. (Jonah 3:6-7, KNKV)</p>	<p>Jesus has all authority.</p> <p>And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was Jesus Of Nazareth The King of The Jews. (John 19:19)</p> <p>We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (Romans 14:10)</p> <p>Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (1 Peter 3:21-22)</p>

Save yourself some time and heart ache, do what God tells you to do.

Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17, NKJV)

Jonah suffered in the whale’s belly due to his own disobedience.

But Jesus suffered even more horribly for others’ disobedience.

Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:6, NIV)

Section 9: JOSEPH

JOSEPH	JESUS
<p>Joseph is taken from the verb “to add,” “to increase,” or “to repeat.” Joseph added to the wealth of those he served. (R.W. Lee, Ph.D.)</p> <p>The Lord greatly blessed Joseph there in the home of his master, so that everything he did succeeded. (Genesis 39:2, TLB)</p> <p>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God has showed you all this, there is none so discreet and wise as you are: you shall be over my house. (Genesis 41:39-40)</p>	<p>Jesus’ Kingdom will increase forever.</p> <p>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. (Isaiah 9:7)</p> <p>I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)</p>
<p>Joseph was the firstborn of Jacob and Rachel.</p> <p>And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God has taken away my reproach: and she called his name Joseph. (Genesis 30:22)</p>	<p>Jesus was the firstborn, the only begotten Son of God.</p> <p>And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. (Matthew 1:25)</p>
<p>Rachel prophesied that she would give birth to a brother for Joseph.</p> <p>The LORD shall add to me another son. (Genesis 30:24)</p> <p>The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. (Genesis 35:24, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus was the first of many brethren in the family of God.</p> <p>For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29, NLT)</p>
<p>Joseph’s father was delighted with him.</p> <p>Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren ... (Genesis 37:3-4)</p>	<p>God was well pleased with Jesus.</p> <p>And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17)</p>
<p>Joseph’s brothers scoffed at him.</p> <p>And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. (Genesis 37:4)</p> <p>“So you want to be our king, do you?” his brothers derided. And they hated him both for the dream and for his cocky attitude. (Genesis 37:8, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus’ brothers scoffed at him.</p> <p>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:11)</p> <p>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (Mark 6:3)</p>

<p>Pharaoh gave Joseph complete authority over Egypt.</p> <p>And Pharaoh said to him, "I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot in the entire land of Egypt without your approval." (Genesis 41:14, NLT)</p>	<p>God gave Jesus complete authority over the Church.</p> <p>Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)</p> <p>And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:19-23)</p>
<p>Joseph told his brothers that he was destined to rule.</p> <p>Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. (Genesis 37:5, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus confirmed that He was the Christ.</p> <p>Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am. (Mark 14:61)</p>
<p>Joseph's father knew there was something special about Joseph.</p> <p>But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant. (Genesis 37:11, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus's mother Mary treasured the prophecies about Jesus.</p> <p>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered <i>them</i> in her heart. (Luke 2:19)</p>
<p>Joseph volunteered to carry out his father's wishes.</p> <p>Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." (Genesis 37:13, MEV)</p>	<p>Jesus willingly answered God's call to go to the world.</p> <p>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8, NKJV)</p> <p>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:11)</p>

<p>Joseph’s brothers planned to kill him.</p> <p>And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. (Genesis 37:18)</p> <p>Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit. (Genesis 37:20)</p>	<p>The Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus.</p> <p>Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus. (Matthew 12:14, NLT)</p> <p>Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews. (John 11:53-54)</p>
<p>Joseph had a special robe.</p> <p>He made him a coat of many colors. (Genesis 37:3)</p>	<p>Jesus had a special robe.</p> <p>This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. (John 19:23, NIV)</p>
<p>Joseph’s brothers sold him as a slave.</p> <p>They drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver. (Genesis 37:28)</p>	<p>Jesus’ disciple sold him for the price of a slave.</p> <p>“What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.” (Matthew 26:15, ESV)</p>
<p>Joseph’s coat of many colors was taken from him.</p> <p>So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. (Genesis 37:23, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus’ seamless garment was taken from him.</p> <p>And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. (Matthew 27:28)</p>
<p>Joseph’s eldest brother, Reuben, hoped to save his life.</p> <p>But Reuben hoped to spare Joseph’s life. (Genesis 37:21, TLB)</p>	<p>Pilate hoped to save Jesus’ life.</p> <p>So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that they had handed Him over out of envy. (Matthew 27:17, MEV)</p>
<p>Reuben did not want Joseph’s blood on his hands.</p> <p>“Why should we shed any blood? Let’s just throw him into this empty cistern here in the wilderness. Then he’ll die without our laying a hand on him.” Reuben was secretly planning to rescue Joseph and return him to his father. (Genesis 37:22, NLT)</p>	<p>Pilate did not want Jesus’ blood on his hands.</p> <p>When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but <i>that</i> rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye <i>to it</i>. (Matthew 27:24)</p>
<p>Joseph’s brothers threw him into a pit.</p> <p>Then they took him and threw him into the well, which was dry. (Genesis 37:24, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus was placed in a tomb.</p> <p>After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst. (John 19:28)</p> <p>Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. (Mark 15:46)</p>

<p>Joseph’s brothers sold him for 20 pieces of silver.</p> <p>Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. (Genesis 37:28)</p>	<p>Judas sold Jesus’s location to the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver.</p> <p>And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. (Matthew 26:16)</p>
<p>Joseph was taken up out of the pit.</p> <p>And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph <i>was</i> not in the pit. (Genesis 37:29)</p>	<p>Jesus was resurrected from the tomb.</p> <p>He is not here: for he is risen. (Matthew 28:6)</p>
<p>Joseph was taken to Egypt.</p> <p>And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar an officer of Pharaoh’s, <i>and</i> captain of the guard. (Genesis 37:36)</p> <p>Joseph was brought down to Egypt. (Genesis 39:1)</p>	<p>Jesus was taken to Egypt as a small child to escape from Herod.</p> <p>Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” (Matthew 2:13, NLT)</p>
<p>Joseph was imprisoned on false charges.</p> <p>Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife’s story about how Joseph had treated her. So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king’s prisoners were held, and there he remained. (Genesis 39:19-20, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus was turned over to the Roman soldiers on false charges.</p> <p>So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. (Matthew 27:26, NLT).</p>
<p>Joseph did everything well.</p> <p>And his master saw that the LORD <i>was</i> with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. (Genesis 39:3)</p>	<p>Jesus did all things well.</p> <p>He has done all things well. (Mark 7:37)</p> <p>Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” (John 10:32, ESV)</p>
<p>Joseph was falsely accused.</p> <p>Then she told him the same story: “That Hebrew slave that you brought here came into my room and insulted me. But when I screamed, he ran outside, leaving his robe beside me.” Joseph’s master was furious and had Joseph arrested and put in the prison. (Genesis 39:17-20, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus was falsely accused.</p> <p>... he was accused of the chief priests and elders ... (Matthew 27:12)</p> <p>Many witnesses told lies against Jesus, but their stories did not agree. (Mark 14:56, GNT)</p>

<p>Joseph suffered.</p> <p>Then they said to one another, “We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul. (Genesis 42:21, NKJV)</p> <p>He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: (Psalm 105:17-18)</p>	<p>Jesus suffered.</p> <p>Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? (Luke 24:26)</p>
<p>God gave Joseph favor with people.</p> <p>But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (Genesis 39:21)</p> <p>The keeper of the prison looked not to anything <i>that was</i> under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and <i>that</i> which he did, the LORD made <i>it</i> to prosper. (Genesis 39:23)</p>	<p>God gave Jesus favor with people.</p> <p>Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52, ESV)</p>
<p>Joseph was in prison between two offenders.</p> <p>Pharaoh was wroth against two <i>of</i> his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. (Genesis 40:2)</p>	<p>Jesus was crucified between two offenders.</p> <p>Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. (Matthew 27:38)</p>
<p>One of the offenders was pardoned.</p> <p>Within three days shall Pharaoh lift up your head, and restore you unto your place. (Genesis 40:13)</p>	<p>One of the offenders beside Jesus was pardoned.</p> <p>And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, Today shall you be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)</p>
<p>God was with Joseph.</p> <p>Pharaoh said, “Who could do it better than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the Spirit of God.” 39 Turning to Joseph, Pharaoh said to him, “Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, you are the wisest man in the country! 40 I am hereby appointing you to be in charge of this entire project. What you say goes, throughout all the land of Egypt. I alone will outrank you.” (Genesis 41:38-40, TLB)</p>	<p>God anointed Jesus.</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord GOD <i>is</i> upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to <i>them that are</i> bound (Isaiah 61:1)</p>
<p>God’s Spirit was in Joseph.</p> <p>And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” (Genesis 41:38, ESV)</p>	<p>God’s Spirit was in Jesus.</p> <p>And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness. (Luke 4:1, ESV)</p>

<p>God gave Joseph unusual wisdom.</p> <p>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God has showed you all this, <i>there is</i> none so discreet and wise as you <i>are</i>. (Genesis 40:39)</p>	<p>God gave Jesus unusual wisdom.</p> <p>And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. (Luke 2:47)</p> <p>Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)</p>
<p>Pharaoh exalted Joseph.</p> <p>You shall be over my house, and according unto your word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than you. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 40:40-41)</p>	<p>God exalted Jesus.</p> <p>Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Hebrews 1:13)</p>
<p>Pharaoh promoted Joseph above everyone except himself.</p> <p>I am hereby appointing you to be in charge of this entire project. What you say goes, throughout all the land of Egypt. I alone will outrank you.” (Genesis 41:40, TLB)</p>	<p>God exalted Jesus to sit at his right hand.</p> <p>So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)</p> <p>Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. (Luke 22:69)</p> <p>Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and has put all things under his feet. (Ephesians 1:20-22)</p>
<p>Everyone in Egypt had to bow to Joseph.</p> <p>And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him <i>ruler</i> over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:42-43)</p>	<p>Everyone will bow to Jesus.</p> <p>For it is written, <i>As I live</i>, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (Romans 14:11)</p> <p>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of <i>things</i> in heaven, and <i>things</i> in earth, and <i>things</i> under the earth. (Philippians 2:10)</p>
<p>Joseph was given a gentile bride.</p> <p>He gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. (Genesis 41:45)</p>	<p>The church contains gentiles.</p> <p>And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. (Matthew 12:21)</p>

<p>Joseph was 30 years old when he began to reign.</p> <p>Joseph <i>was</i> thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)</p>	<p>Jesus was about 30 years old when he began to minister.</p> <p>Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. (Luke 3:23, NIV)</p>
<p>When the Egyptians were out of food, Pharaoh told them to do whatever Joseph said.</p> <p>The people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he says to you, do. (Genesis 41:55)</p>	<p>When Mary ran out of wine for the marriage supper, she told the servants to do whatever Jesus said.</p> <p>His mother said unto the servants, “Whatsoever he says unto you, do it.” (John 2:5)</p>
<p>Joseph provided grain.</p> <p>And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians. (Genesis 41:56)</p>	<p>Jesus provided wine.</p> <p>Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. (John 4:46, NIV)</p>
<p>Gentiles came to Egypt to buy food.</p> <p>And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy <i>corn</i>; because that the famine was <i>so</i> sore in all lands. (Genesis 41:57)</p>	<p>Gentiles came to Jesus for help.</p> <p>Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.” But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!” Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.” She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.” “Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed. (Matthew 15:24-28, NLT)</p> <p>God has showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. (Acts 10:28)</p>
<p>Jacob sent his sons to Joseph to obtain bread.</p> <p>And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. (Genesis 42:1)</p>	<p>Jesus is the spiritual food of life.</p> <p>And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)</p> <p>Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)</p>

<p>After Joseph ascended to his royal position, he was not recognized by his brothers.</p> <p>And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. (Genesis 42:8, ESV)</p>	<p>After he rose from the grave, Jesus was not recognized by two people with whom he spoke or by Mary Magdalene.</p> <p>As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. (Luke 24:15-16, GNT)</p> <p>Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. (John 20:14, GNT)</p>
<p>Reuben tried to warn his brothers and protect Joseph.</p> <p>Reuben answered them, saying, Spoke I not unto you, saying, do not sin against the child? (Genesis 42:22)</p>	<p>Pilate's wife warned him not to have anything to do with Jesus.</p> <p>When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, have nothing to do with that just man. (Matthew 27:19)</p>
<p>Joseph suffered in order to save the lives of sinners.</p> <p>Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. (Genesis 45:5)</p>	<p>Jesus suffered and died in order to save the lives of sinners.</p> <p>You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish. (John 11:50, NIV)</p>
<p>Joseph was reunited with his brothers and there was a great banquet.</p> <p>So they feasted and drank freely with him. (Genesis 43:34, NIV)</p>	<p>Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.</p> <p>And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed <i>are</i> they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. (Revelation 19:9)</p>
<p>Joseph's body was embalmed.</p> <p>So Joseph died at the age of 110, and they embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt. (Genesis 50:25, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus' body was embalmed.</p> <p>Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night, came too, bringing a hundred pounds of embalming ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Together they wrapped Jesus' body in a long linen cloth saturated with the spices, as is the Jewish custom of burial. (John 19:39-40, TLB)</p>

Pharaoh gave Joseph complete authority over Egypt.

And Pharaoh said to him, "I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot
in the entire land of Egypt without your approval."

(Genesis 41:14, NLT)

Yet, Jesus has complete authority over all of heaven and earth.

All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me.

(Matthew 28:18, ERV)

Section 10: JOSHUA

Joshua means “Jehovah is help.” (Easton)	Jesus is Joshua in Greek.
<p>The Bible does not record that Joshua had a striking appearance.</p> <p>Unlike Moses, who was a “beautiful child” (Exodus 2:2 CEV), and Saul who was “the most handsome man in Israel” (1 Samuel 9:2, NLT), the Bible does not state that Joshua was a handsome individual.</p>	<p>Jesus did not have a striking appearance.</p> <p>He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:2, NIV)</p>
<p>Moses represented the Law, but Joshua displayed obedience and faith in leading the Israelites into the new land.</p> <p>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. (Joshua 1:8, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus fulfilled the Law and brought followers into the spiritual Promised Land.</p> <p>Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. (Matt 5:17)</p> <p>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. (Matt 5:18, RSV)</p>
<p>After three days of preparation, Joshua entered the Promised Land.</p> <p>‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’” (Joshua 1:11, NKJV)</p>	<p>Three days after his death, Jesus rose again.</p> <p>After three days I will rise. (Matthew 27:63)</p> <p>For three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. (Matt 12:40, NRSV)</p>
<p>Joshua saved a gentile harlot life.</p> <p>Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had. (Joshua 6:25)</p>	<p>Jesus brought salvation to non-Jews.</p> <p>A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)</p>
<p>A scarlet thread protected Rahab the harlot.</p> <p>Bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you let us down by: and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brethren, and all your father's household, home to you. (Joshua 2:18)</p>	<p>Jesus saves by his shed blood.</p> <p>You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ. (1 Peter 1:18-19).</p> <p>By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn't killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace. (Hebrews 11:31, CEB)</p>

<p>Joshua saw mighty miracles.</p> <p>And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan. (Joshua 3:17)</p> <p>So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel. (Joshua 10:113-14)</p>	<p>Jesus was a miracle worker.</p> <p>This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. (John 2:11, CEB)</p> <p>Even the winds and the sea obey him! (Matthew 8:27)</p> <p>That afternoon, the whole earth was covered with darkness for three hours, from noon until three o'clock. (Matthew 27:45)</p>
<p>Joshua commanded purity.</p> <p>“Sanctify yourselves.” (Joshua 3:5, NRSV)</p>	<p>Jesus called to purity.</p> <p>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matt 5:8 NRSV)</p>
<p>The enemy hated Joshua’s allies.</p> <p>Come and help me destroy Gibeon,” he urged them, “for they have made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel.” (Joshua 10:4, TLB0)</p>	<p>The enemy hated Jesus’ followers.</p> <p>‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. (John 15:20, NKJV)</p>
<p>Joshua was loyal to his allies.</p> <p>So Joshua and his whole army, including the best troops, started out. (Joshua 10:7, GNT0)</p>	<p>Jesus was loyal to his followers.</p> <p>I will never leave you, nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:50)</p> <p>I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matt 28:20)</p>
<p>Joshua’s men placed their feet on the necks of conquered enemy leaders.</p> <p>Joshua then called all the men of Israel to him and ordered the officers who had gone with him to come and put their feet on the necks of the kings. They did so. Then Joshua said to his officers, “Don't be afraid or discouraged. Be determined and confident because this is what the Lord is going to do to all your enemies.” (Joshua 10:24, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus gave his followers power to tread on enemy spirits.</p> <p>Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. (Luke 10:19)</p>

<p>Joshua assured his men of victory.</p> <p>Then Joshua said to his officers, “Don't be afraid or discouraged. Be determined and confident because this is what the Lord is going to do to all your enemies.” (Joshua 10:25, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus assured his followers of victory.</p> <p>Nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19b).</p> <p>Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)</p>
<p>Joshua built cities of refuge to which both Jews and gentiles could find protection if they had killed someone without intent or forethought.</p> <p>That the slayer that kills any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. (Joshua 20:3)</p>	<p>Jesus is the refuge for all who seek to escape judgment for their sins.</p> <p>I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:16)</p>
<p>Joshua instructed the Israelites to follow God with all their heart and soul.</p> <p>Serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Joshua 22:5)</p>	<p>Jesus said to follow God with all their heart, soul, and mind.</p> <p>Jesus said unto him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)</p>
<p>Joshua warned the Israelites not to worship the gods of the heathen nations around them.</p> <p>You may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, (Joshua 23:7, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus rejected the devil's temptation to worship him in exchange for all the kingdoms, citing Deuteronomy 6:13.</p> <p>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" (Luke 4:8, NIV)</p>
<p>Joshua reminded the Israelites that God had accomplished the conquest, not them.</p> <p>And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. (Joshua 24:8)</p>	<p>Jesus said that apart from him, no one can do anything.</p> <p>I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)</p>
<p>Joshua challenged the Israelites about their devotion to serving God.</p> <p>Choose you this day whom you will serve. (Joshua 24:15)</p>	<p>Jesus challenged his disciples' devotion.</p> <p>“But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15-16, NLT)</p>

Joshua told the people they were entering the Promised Land.

“In three days we will go across and conquer and live in the land
which God has given us!”
he told them. (Joshua 1:11)

Jesus tells us we will enter glory land.

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
(Luke 23:43, TLB)

There are many rooms in my Father’s house. I wouldn’t tell you this, unless it was true. I am
going there to prepare a place for each of you.
(John 14:2, CEV)

Section 11: The Judges

The judges of Israel serve as a type of Christ, individually and collectively. The repeating pattern of sin, repentance, and a savior of God's choosing, is obvious in each of the judges.

Enemy afflicts God's people	Israelites repent and call to God	God provided a deliverer	The judge brought peace.	The judge dies.	The people return to sin.
Conquest of the Promised Land		Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan. (Joshua 1:2)	And the Israelites served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him—those who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel. (Judges 2:7, NLT)	And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old. (Judges 2:8)	And they forsook the Lord God. (Judges 2:12)
King of Mesopotamia dominates Israelites for eight years. Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them. (Judges 3:8)	And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord. (Judges 3:9)	The Lord raised up a deliverer, who delivered them. (Judges 3:9,10)	And the land had rest forty years. (Judges 3:11)	And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. (Judges 3:11)	And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord. (Judges 3:12)
King of Moab dominates for 18 years and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel. (Judges 3:12, 14)	But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord. (Judges 3:15a)	the Lord raised them up a deliverer Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded. (Judges 3:15b)	So Moab was conquered by Israel that day, and there was peace in the land for eighty years. (Judges 3:30)	Ehud was dead. (Judges 4:1)	And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead. (Judges 4:1)
King of Canaan dominates for 20 years And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan. (Judges 4:2)	And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord. (Judges 4:3)	And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. (4:4)	Then there was peace in the land for forty years. (Judges 5:31, NLT).	Deborah is not mentioned in Scripture afterwards.	And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. (Judges 6:1)
Midianite domination for seven years ... and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. (Judges 6:1)	So Israel was reduced to abject poverty because of the Midianites. Then at last the people of Israel began to cry out to the Lord for help. (Judges 6:7, TLB)	And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him (Gideon), and said unto him, the Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. (6:12)	That is the true account of how Midian was subdued by Israel. Midian never recovered, and the land was at peace for forty years—all during Gideon's lifetime. (Judges 8:28, TLB)	And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried ... (Judges 8:32)	And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring. (Judges 8:33)

The devil afflicted God's people.	The people hear Jesus.	God provided the Savior.	The Lord provides peace through Jesus' sacrifice.	Jesus died but rose from the grave.	Forgiveness is always available.
Satan has bound this woman, a daughter of Abraham, for 18 years—shouldn't she be untied from this bondage?" (Luke 13:16, HCSB)	<p>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15, NIV)</p> <p>The large crowd listened to him with great delight. (Mark 12:37, NLT)</p>	But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4-5, ESV)	<p>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16, ESV)</p> <p>I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27, TLB)</p>	He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. (Matthew 28:6)	<p>"Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"</p> <p>"No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22, NLT)</p>

The judges delivered from earthly enemies.

But when the people were in this terrible plight, the Lord raised up judges to save them from their enemies. (Judges 2:15-16, TLB)

Jesus protects from spiritual enemies.

The reason that the Son of God appeared was to destroy what the devil does. (1 John 3:8, GWT)

Section 12: MELCHIZEDEK

MELCHIZEDEK	JESUS CHRIST
<p>Melchizedek means “My King is Righteous”</p> <p>Hayford, J. The New Spirit Filled Life Bible. Thomas Nelson Bibles. Nashville.</p>	<p>In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness. (Jeremiah 23:6)</p>
<p>He was “King of Peace.”</p> <p>Melchizedek was “king of Salem.” (Genesis 14:18, NKJV)</p>	<p>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)</p>
<p>Melchizedek’s priesthood was superior to, and preceded, Aaron’s priesthood.</p> <p>Melchizedek was priest of God Most High. (Genesis 14:18)</p> <p>The LORD has sworn, and will not repent, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. (Psalm 110:4)</p>	<p>The priesthood of Jesus is superior to that of both Melchizedek and Aaron.</p> <p>Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!" (John 8:58, NLT)</p> <p>We have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. (Hebrews 4:14)</p> <p>For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. (Hebrews 5:1)</p> <p>First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:8-10, NIV)</p>

<p>Melchizedek offered bread and wine to Abraham.</p> <p>Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (Genesis 14:18)</p>	<p>Jesus served bread and wine to his disciples.</p> <p>Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.</p> <p>And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. (Mark 14:22-23, KJV)</p> <p>For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:28)</p>
<p>Melchizedek was a human being, though functioning as a godly high priest.</p> <p>Melchizedek was a man, even though he was “like unto the Son of God.” (Hebrews 7:3)</p>	<p>Jesus came to earth as a human being, no different than you or I. He experienced weariness and thirst.</p> <p>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin. (Hebrews 4:15, NIV)</p> <p>Although Jesus was God, he was a man, “taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man.” (Philippians 2:7-8, NKJV)</p> <p>“Jesus therefore, being wearied.” (John 4:6)</p> <p>“I thirst.” (John 19:28)</p>

There is no record of Melchizedek's father or mother or of any of his ancestors; no record of his birth or of his death. He is like the Son of God; he remains a priest forever.
(Hebrews 7:3, GNT)

Jesus existed before the world began.

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God.
He has always been alive and is himself God. (John 1:1-2, TLB)

Section: 13: NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH	JESUS
<p>Nehemiah means “Yahweh comforts.” <small>Hayford, J. The New Spirit Filled Life Bible. Thomas Nelson Bibles. Nashville.</small></p>	<p>Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. (Jesus, in John 14:1)</p>
<p>Nehemiah was heartbroken because Jerusalem had fallen into ruins.</p> <p>And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. (Nehemiah 1:4)</p> <p>And said, I beseech you, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may hear the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you now, day and night, for the children of Israel your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you: both I and my father's house have sinned. (Nehemiah 1:5-6)</p>	<p>God was heartbroken that his children were in bondage to sin.</p> <p>For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)</p>
<p>Nehemiah willingly went to Jerusalem.</p> <p>And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in your sight, that you would send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall your journey be? and when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. (Nehemiah 2:5-6)</p>	<p>Jesus willingly came to earth.</p> <p>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (Isaiah 6:8)</p>

<p>Nehemiah left the comfort of the palace to go to Jerusalem, a city in ruin.</p> <p>And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. (Nehemiah 2:13)</p>	<p>Jesus left the glory of heaven to come to a downfallen world.</p> <p>The whole world lies in wickedness. (1 John 5:19)</p>
<p>Accusers said Nehemiah was subverting the king.</p> <p>They asked, “What are you doing? Are you going to rebel against the king?” (Nehemiah 2:19, GWT)</p>	<p>Accusers said Jesus was subverting Caesar.</p> <p>And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king." (Luke 23:2, NIV)</p>
<p>Nehemiah removed evil doers from authority.</p> <p>When Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite servant, and Geshem the Arab heard about this, they made fun of us and ridiculed us. They asked, “What are you doing? Are you going to rebel against the king?” The God of heaven will give us success,” I answered them. “We, his servants, are going to rebuild. You have no property or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.” (Nehemiah 2:19-20, GWT)</p>	<p>Jesus discredited the Pharisees and dethroned the devil.</p> <p>No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. (Matthew 22:45, NIV)</p> <p>Then Jesus said, You would have no power at all over me unless it were given to you from above. (John 19:11, TLB)</p> <p>And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (Luke 10:18)</p> <p>Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (John 12:31)</p>
<p>Nehemiah claimed that he would build the city and that they could not oppose him.</p> <p>But this is what I said to them: “The God of heaven will help us succeed. We are God’s servants and we will rebuild this city. You cannot help us in this work because none of your family lived here in Jerusalem. You don’t own any of this land, and you have no right to be in this place.” (Nehemiah 2:20, ERV)</p>	<p>Jesus stated that he would build the church and that hell’s gates could not stop his progress.</p> <p>I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)</p>

<p>Nehemiah’s workers each did their part. Nehemiah 3:1-32 lists all the workers and the work they performed.</p>	<p>Each church member has at least one gift and a job to do.</p> <p>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, ESV)</p>
<p>Nehemiah’s opponents were angry at him.</p> <p>Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. (Nehemiah 4:1, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus’ opponents, the Pharisees, were angry at him.</p> <p>And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. (Mark 3:6)</p>
<p>Nehemiah told his followers not to be afraid of the enemy.</p> <p>Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.” (Nehemiah 4:14, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus told his followers not to be afraid of the enemy.</p> <p>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. (Matthew 10:26, ESV)</p> <p>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28, ESV)</p>
<p>Nehemiah was self-sacrificing and generous to the people.</p> <p>For the entire twelve years that I was governor of Judah—from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of the reign of King Artaxerxes—neither I nor my officials drew on our official food allowance. (Nehemiah 5:14, NLT)</p> <p>I regularly fed 150 Jewish officials at my table, besides visitors from other countries! The provisions required for each day were one ox, six fat sheep, and a large number of domestic fowls; and we needed a huge supply of all kinds of wines every ten days. (Nehemiah 5:17-18, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was generous and self-sacrificing. He fed multitudes.</p> <p>Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. (Luke 9:58, NKJV)</p> <p>And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. (Matthew 14:19)</p>

Nehemiah's enemies tried to stop his work.

Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained—though we had not yet set up the doors in the gates. So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono.

But I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: “I am engaged in a great work, so I can’t come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?”

(Nehemiah 6:1-3, NLT)

The enemy tried to make it appear that he was in competition with the king.

Geshem tells me that everywhere he goes he hears that the Jews are planning to rebel, and that is why you are building the wall. He claims you plan to be their king—that is what is being said. He also reports that you have appointed prophets to campaign for you at Jerusalem by saying, ‘Look! Nehemiah is just the man we need!’

“You can be very sure that I am going to pass along these interesting comments to King Artaxerxes! I suggest that you come and talk it over with me—for that is the only way you can save yourself!” My reply was, “You know you are lying. There isn’t one bit of truth to the whole story. 9 You’re just trying to scare us into stopping our work.” (O Lord God, please strengthen me!)

(Nehemiah 6:6-9, TLB)

The Pharisees tried to stop Jesus' ministry.

At that same time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “You must get out of here and go somewhere else, because Herod wants to kill you.”

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell that fox: ‘I am driving out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I shall finish my work.’”

(Luke 13:31-32, GNT)

Jesus' enemies tried to make it appear that he was in competition with Caesar.

“If you release this man, you are no ‘friend of Caesar.’ Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar.” (John 19:12, NLT)

<p>Nehemiah did not run away from danger.</p> <p>They are coming tonight to kill you. “Should I, the governor, run away from danger?” (Nehemiah 6:11, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus did not run away from danger.</p> <p>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:21-23, ESV)</p> <p>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53, ESV)</p>
<p>Nehemiah’s enemies paid Shemaiah to betray him.</p> <p>I realized that God had not spoken to him, but that he had uttered this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me. (Nehemiah 6:12-13, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus’ enemies paid Judas to betray him.</p> <p>“How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. (Matthew 26:13, NLT)</p>
<p>Nehemiah’s enemies tried to discredit him.</p> <p>Then I realized that God had not spoken to him, but Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him to scare me and make me sin by fleeing to the Temple; and then they would be able to accuse me. (Nehemiah 6:12-13, TLB)</p>	<p>The Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus.</p> <p>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” (John 8:56-57, NKJV)</p>

<p>It took 52 days for Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.</p> <p>After fifty-two days of work the entire wall was finished. (Nehemiah 6:15, GNT)</p>	<p>It was 52 days from the Friday that Jesus died to the day of Pentecost. Peter preached his first sermon that day.</p> <p>Count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath on which you bring your sheaf of grain to present to the Lord. 16 On the fiftieth day, the day after the seventh Sabbath, present to the Lord another new offering of grain. (Leviticus 23:15-16, GNT)</p>
<p>People from the nations around Jerusalem saw that God had caused the wall to be completed.</p> <p>And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God. (Nehemiah 6:16, NKJV)</p>	<p>People from many nations were in Jerusalem for the feast.</p> <p>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. (Acts 2:5, NKJV)</p>
<p>When Nehemiah completed the wall, many were ashamed of themselves.</p> <p>When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated, and they realized that the work had been done with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:16, TLB)</p>	<p>When Peter preached, many repented.</p> <p>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart. (Acts 2:37, NKJV)</p> <p>And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (Acts 2:40-41, NKJV)</p>
<p>The new “believers” were disheartened.</p> <p>When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened. (Nehemiah 6:16, TLB)</p>	<p>The new believers feared God.</p> <p>Then fear came upon every soul. (Acts 2:43, NKJV)</p>

<p>After completion of the wall, Nehemiah appointed people to public servants.</p> <p>After the wall was finished and we had hung the doors in the gates and had appointed the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites, I gave responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother. (Nehemiah 7:1-2, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus empowered ministers to serve his church.</p> <p>Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13, NIV)</p>
<p>Nehemiah cleansed the Temple of Tobiah's belongings.</p> <p>When I arrived back in Jerusalem and learned of this evil deed of Eliashib—that he had prepared a guest room in the Temple for Tobiah— I was very upset and threw out all of his belongings from the room. (Nehemiah 13:7-8, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus cleansed the Temple of the merchants' tables.</p> <p>Jesus went into the Temple, drove out the merchants, and knocked over the money changers' tables and the stalls of those selling doves. (Matthew 21:12, TLB)</p>
<p>After going back to the king's palace, he later returned to Jerusalem a second time.</p> <p>But while all this was going on, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission and came back to Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 13:6-7, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus will return to earth.</p> <p>There are many homes up there where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with me where I am. (John 14:2-3, TLB)</p> <p>For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)</p>
<p>Nehemiah asked God to remember him.</p> <p>Remember me, my God, with your kindness. (Nehemiah 13:31, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus prayed to God, commending His Spirit unto God.</p> <p>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46, ESV)</p>

**Although Nehemiah possessed a burning passion to rebuild Jerusalem,
Jesus' passion surpassed that of Nehemiah.**

It came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.

(Nehemiah 1:4)

I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me,
and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished.

(Luke 12:50, NLT)

He was in such agony of spirit that he broke into a sweat of blood, with great drops falling to the ground as he prayed more and more earnestly.

(Luke 22:44, TLB)

Section 14: NOAH

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

(Hebrews 11:7, NLT)

NOAH	JESUS
<p>Noah’s parents wanted relief from God’s curse. So they named him Noah meaning “Relief.”</p> <p>He named him Noah and said, “He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.” (Genesis 5:29, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus bore the curse of sin for his “parents;” the humankind.</p> <p>But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13, NLT)</p>
<p>In Noah’s day, people were not concerned about God.</p> <p>When the Lord God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. (Genesis 6:5, TLB)</p>	<p>People will be indifferent to God when Jesus returns.</p> <p>And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. (Luke 17:26)</p>
<p>Noah saved only eight people from destruction.</p> <p>That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. (Genesis 7:13, NLT)</p> <p>Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was prepared, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (1 Peter 3:20)</p>	<p>Relatively few people accept Jesus.</p> <p>But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. (Matthew 7:14, NLT)</p>

<p>Noah saved all sorts of animals.</p> <p>And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. (Genesis 6:19-20, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus saves Jew and gentile alike.</p> <p>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)</p> <p>God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. (Acts 10:28)</p> <p>For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)</p>
<p>Noah's flood resembled John the Baptist's description of the effect of Christ's appearing.</p> <p>It became so deep that it covered the highest mountains; it went on rising until it was about twenty-five feet above the tops of the mountains. (Genesis 7:19-20, GNT)</p>	<p>John the Baptist described Jesus appearance on earth:</p> <p>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. (Luke 3:5, NIV)</p>
<p>Noah was righteous.</p> <p>These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. (Genesis 6:9) The Hebrew word for "perfect" in this verse is "tamin" (tah-meen), which means complete, unblemished, and upright. It is the same word used for the sacrificial lamb in the Feast of First Fruits. (Hayford, J. New Spirit Filled Bible. Nashville. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2002. page 166).</p> <p>I consider you alone to be righteous. (Genesis 7:1)</p>	<p>Jesus was righteous and imparts righteousness (right standing with God) to those who believe in him.</p> <p>For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us! (2 Corinthians 5:21, TLB)</p>
<p>Other than Noah's family, no one believed him.</p> <p>He boarded the boat with his wife and sons and their wives, to escape the flood. (Genesis 7:7, TLB)</p>	<p>Most people do not accept Christ as Lord and Savior.</p> <p>Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few find it. (Matthew 7:14)</p> <p>Yet only eight persons were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. (1 Peter 3:20, TLB)</p>

<p>Noah obeyed God.</p> <p>So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him. (Genesis 6:22, TLB)</p>	<p>I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Mt 16:18)</p> <p>So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. (1 John 5:19, TLB)</p> <p>Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him. (Hebrews 3:1-2)</p>
<p>There was only one door to enter Noah's ark.</p> <p>Put a door in the side. (Genesis 6:16, TLB)</p>	<p>There is only one way to Heaven.</p> <p>I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6, NKJV)</p> <p>There is salvation in no one else! (Acts 4:12, NLT)</p>

<p>Noah went through the flood.</p> <p>The waters prevailed on the earth for one hundred and fifty days. (Genesis 7:24, ESV)</p>	<p>Peter likened Noah's flood to baptism.</p> <p>God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. Figuratively this is like baptism. (1 Peter 3:20-21, ESV)</p>
<p>Without Noah, mankind would have perished.</p> <p>From these three sons of Noah came all the nations of the earth. (Genesis 9:19, TLB)</p>	<p>Without Jesus, everyone would be thrown into the lake of fire.</p> <p>There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them. But those who don't trust him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God. (John 3:18, TLB)</p> <p>And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life. (1 Corinthians 8:6, NLT)</p>
<p>A dove came to Noah.</p> <p>The dove returned to him in the evening. (Genesis 8:11, NLT)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove.</p> <p>And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him. (Luke 3:22)</p>

<p>Right after the flood ended, Noah offered a sacrifice of animals which God had designated for that purpose.</p> <p>Then Noah built an altar and sacrificed on it some of the animals and birds God had designated for that purpose. (Genesis 8:20, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice. God had appointed him for this purpose.</p> <p>For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served, but to help others, and to give my life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45, TLB)</p>
<p>God was pleased with the sacrifice and blessed the earth.</p> <p>And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Never again will I punish the earth for the sinful things its people do. All of them have evil thoughts from the time they are young, but I will never destroy everything that breathes, as I did this time.</p> <p>As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat; winter and summer, day and night. (Genesis 8:21-22, ESV)</p>	<p>God was well pleased with Jesus' sacrifice, which brought the blessing of Abraham to Christians.</p> <p>All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised. (Galatians 3:26-29, CEV)</p>

Earth is populated with the offspring of Noah's family.

These three were Noah's sons, and from them the whole earth was populated. (Genesis 9:19, HCSB)

Heaven is being filled with Jesus's family.

After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9, HCSB)

Section 15: SAMSON

SAMSON	JESUS
<p>Samson means “Sun Man.” (R. W. Lee, Ph.D)</p>	<p>The prophet Malachi wrote of The Messiah as “The Sun of Righteousness.”</p> <p>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. (Malachi 4:2, ESV)</p>
<p>An angel predicted Samson’s birth.</p> <p>The angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah’s wife and said, “You have not been able to have children. But you will become pregnant and have a son. (Judges 13:3, ERV)</p>	<p>An angel predicted Jesus’ birth.</p> <p>Mary asked the angel, “How can this be? I’m a virgin.” (Luke 1:34, GWT)</p>
<p>Samson was born to deliver the Israelites.</p> <p>Your son’s hair must never be cut, for he shall be a Nazirite, a special servant of God from the time of his birth; and he will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines. (Judges 13:5, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was born to deliver people from their sins.</p> <p>And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21, NLT)</p>
<p>Samson was a Nazirite.</p> <p>He shall be a Nazirite. (Judges 13:5, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was raised in Nazareth.</p> <p>So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23, NLT)</p>

<p>Jesus Christ may have appeared to Samson’s parents as an angel; a theophany.</p> <p>And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, are you the man that spoke to the woman? And he said, I am. (Judges 13:11)</p> <p>If you wish to bring something, bring an offering to sacrifice to the Lord. (Judges 13:16, TLB)</p> <p>Then Manoah took a young goat and a grain offering and offered it as a sacrifice to the Lord; and the Angel did a strange and wonderful thing, for as the flames from the altar were leaping up toward the sky, and as Manoah and his wife watched, the Angel ascended in the fire! Manoah and his wife fell face downward to the ground, and that was the last they ever saw of him. It was then that Manoah finally realized that it had been the Angel of the Lord. “We will die,” Manoah cried out to his wife, “for we have seen God!” (Judges 13:19-22, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus Christ was at work on the earth long before he appeared in human form.</p> <p>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58, ESV)</p> <p>He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:2, NIV)</p> <p>Moreover, brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)</p>
<p>The Angel had a mysterious, secret and wonderful name.</p> <p>And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?” (Judges 13:18, ESV)</p> <p>“Don’t even ask my name,” the Angel replied, “for it is a secret.” (Judges 13:18, The Living Bible paraphrase).</p>	<p>Isaiah wrote that the Messiah’s name would be Wonderful Counselor.</p> <p>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor. (Isaiah 9:6, ESV)</p> <p>The mystery of Christ was hidden at one time.</p> <p>Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. (Romans 16:25)</p> <p>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 3:9)</p>

<p>The angel ascended in the flames of the Manoah's sacrifice.</p> <p>As Manoah and his wife watched, the Angel ascended in the fire! (Judges 13:19-22, TLB)</p>	<p>Similarly, Jesus ascended to heaven.</p> <p>He blessed them, and then began rising into the sky, and went on to heaven. (Luke 24:50-51, TLB)</p>
<p>Samson's father believed the angel.</p> <p>Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass!" (Judges 13:12, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus' mother, Mary, believed the angel.</p> <p>And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to your word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)</p>
<p>Samson grew and the LORD blessed him.</p> <p>The child grew, and the LORD blessed him. (Judges 13:24, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus grew and the LORD blessed him.</p> <p>Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)</p>
<p>God's Spirit was upon Samson.</p> <p>The Lord's Spirit began to stir in him. (Judges 13:25, GW)</p> <p>Then the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. (Judges 14:9, NIV)</p>	<p>God's Spirit was upon Jesus.</p> <p>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit. (Luke 4:1, NIV).</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. (Luke 4:18)</p>
<p>Samson, by himself, began the deliverance of the Israelites from the Philistines. He did not mobilize an army like other judges.</p> <p>He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines. (Judges 13:5, TLB)</p> <p>You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant. (Judges 15:18, ESV)</p> <p>And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years. (Judges 15:20, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus, by himself, delivers from sin.</p> <p>My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27, ERV)</p> <p>Then he gave you a share in the very life of Christ, for he forgave all your sins, and blotted out the charges proved against you (Colossians 2:13-14, TLB)</p> <p>But the Son of God came to destroy these works of the devil. (1 John 3:8, TLB)</p>
<p>Barehanded, Samson killed a young lion, separating the animal in a manner reminiscent of a priest separating an animal for sacrifice.</p> <p>Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. (Judges 14:6, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus willingly gave his own life to save others. New life came from the body of Jesus.</p> <p>No one takes my life from me. I give my life of my own free will. (John 10:18, GW)</p> <p>It is a fact that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die before it can grow and produce much more wheat. (John 12:24, ERV)</p>

<p>The lion was killed outside the city limits.</p> <p>A young lion attacked Samson in the vineyards on the outskirts of the town. (Judges 14:5, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was killed outside the city limits.</p> <p>Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates. (Hebrews 13:12, NLT)</p>
<p>Several days later, Samson ate the honey which came from the bee hive in the lion’s carcass. The lion represents Jesus, “the Lion of the tribe of Judah.” (Revelation 5:5). The honey represents the gospel: sweeter than “honey.” (Psalm 19:10).</p> <p>On his way, he went over to look at the dead lion. He found a swarm of bees in its body. They had made some honey. Samson got some of the honey with his hands. He walked along eating the honey. (Judges 14:8-9, ERV)</p> <p>Your words were found, and I did eat them; and your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. (Jeremiah 15:16)</p>	<p>Jesus gains new family members from by virtue of his own self-sacrifice.</p> <p>The priest who does the sacrificing will get the meat for food. (Leviticus 7:7, ERV)</p> <p>His teachings are worth more than pure gold. They are sweeter than the best honey dripping from the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:10, ERV)</p> <p>Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)</p>
<p>Samson took a gentile bride.</p> <p>I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife. (Judges 14:2, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus receives gentiles into the family of God.</p> <p>The woman was surprised that a Jew would ask a “despised Samaritan” for anything—usually they wouldn’t even speak to them! —and she remarked about this to Jesus. (John 4:9, TLB)</p> <p>This message of salvation should be taken from Jerusalem to all the nations: There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me. (Luke 24:47, TLB)</p>
<p>Samson used riddles.</p> <p>Let me now put a riddle to you. (Judges 14:12, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus used parables.</p> <p>This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. (Matthew 13:13, ESV)</p>

<p>Samson’s intended wife was given to his best man.</p> <p>Samson’s wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man. (Judges 14:20, NKJV)</p>	<p>The people Jesus to whom Jesus was sent rejected him.</p> <p>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:11)</p> <p>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! (Matthew 23:37)</p>
<p>Samson avenged the wrong done to him and his bride.</p> <p>Then he lit the torches and let the foxes run through the fields of the Philistines, burning the grain to the ground along with all the sheaves and shocks of grain, and destroying the olive trees. “Who did this?” the Philistines demanded. “Samson,” was the reply, “because his wife’s father gave her to another man.” So the Philistines came and got the girl and her father and burned them alive. “Now my vengeance will strike again!” Samson vowed. (Judges 15:5-7, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus avenges the wrong done to his bride, the Christian Church.</p> <p>I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. (Luke 18:8)</p>
<p>With Samson’s acceptance, his countrymen handed him over to the Philistine rulers.</p> <p>They told him, “We have come here to tie you up, so we can hand you over to them.” (Judges 15:12, GNT)</p>	<p>Without resistance, Jesus allowed himself to be handed over to the Roman authorities.</p> <p>Don’t you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? (Matthew 26:53, NLT)</p>
<p>In ancient times, city council members met at the city gates to judge and discuss matters. Gates represented the government. Samson carried the city gates on his shoulders.</p> <p>Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. (Judges 16:3, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus is the head of the government. The government of the Kingdom of God is on his shoulders.</p> <p>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6, NIV)</p>

<p>Samson chose Delilah who betrayed him in return for silver.</p> <p>Later, Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who was from Sorek Valley. The rulers of the Philistines went to Delilah and said, “We want to know what makes Samson so strong. Try to trick him into telling you his secret. Then we will know how to capture him and tie him up. Then we will be able to control him. If you do this, each one of us will give you 28 pounds[a] of silver.” (Judges 16:4-5, ERV)</p>	<p>Jesus chose Judas who betrayed him in return for silver.</p> <p>Then one of the twelve followers went to talk to the leading priests. This was the follower named Judas Iscariot. He said, “I will hand Jesus over to you. What will you pay me for doing this?” The priests gave him 30 silver coins. After that Judas waited for the best time to hand Jesus over to them. (Matthew 26:14-16, ERV)</p>
<p>Samson’s strength came from his obedient consecration to God, demonstrated by his uncut hair and diet.</p> <p>No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.” (Judges 16:17, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus’ power came from God.</p> <p>Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.” (John 4:34, NLT)</p>
<p>Samson bore the consequences of his sin: betrayal, bondage, belittlement, blindness, and burial.</p>	<p>Jesus bore the consequence of our sins: betrayal, bondage, belittlement, blindness, and burial.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Betrayal: And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines. (Judges 16:18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Betrayal: At that very moment while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived with a great crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent by the Jewish leaders. (Matthew 26:47, TLB)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bondage: But the Philistines took him, (Judges 16:21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bondage: And when they had bound him, they led him away. (Matthew 27:2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blindness: and put out his eyes, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blindness: And when they had blindfolded him. (Luke 22:64). Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. (2 Corinthians 4:4, GWT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being belittled: and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. (Judges 16:21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Belittlement: Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him. (Matthew 26:67, ESV)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Burial: And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. (Judges 16:30) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Burial: Together they wrapped Jesus’ body in a long linen cloth saturated with the spices, as is the Jewish custom of burial. (John 19:40, TLB)

<p>Samson caused the Philistine temple to fall on the enemy and kill them all.</p> <p>And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people. (Judges 16:30a, TLB)</p>	<p>Ultimately, those who reject the Lord are destroyed.</p> <p>And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. (Matthew 21:44)</p>
<p>Samson’s greatest triumph was by sacrificing himself.</p> <p>And the temple crashed down upon the Philistine leaders and all the people. So those he killed at the moment of his death were more than those he had killed during his entire lifetime. (Judges 16:30, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus triumphed by sacrificing himself.</p> <p>The Father loves me because I give my life. I give my life so that I can get it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give my own life freely. (John 10:17-18, ERV)</p> <p>Only as a human being could he die and in dying break the power of the devil who had the power of death. (Hebrews 2:14, TLB)</p>
<p>Samson’s outstretched arms against the pillars resembled Jesus on the cross.</p> <p>Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars that held up the temple. Pushing against them with both hands. (Judges 16:29, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was nailed to the cross.</p> <p>When the soldiers came to the place called “The Skull,” they nailed Jesus to a cross. (Luke 23:33, CEV)</p>

Samson was bruised, but his death defeated Israel’s earthly enemies.

And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people.
(Judges 16:30a, TLB)

Jesus was bruised, but death and resurrection defeated man’s spiritual enemies.

The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil’s works.
(1 John 3:8, HCSB)

Section 16: SOLOMON

SOLOMON	JESUS
<p>Solomon means “His Peace.”</p> <p>Brand, Charles Charles Draper and Archie England.2003. Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Nashville. Holman Reference. page 1514.</p>	<p>Jesus is the Prince of Peace.</p> <p>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. (Isaiah 9:6, NIV)</p>
<p>Solomon was known as the son of David.</p> <p>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel. (Proverbs 1:1)</p>	<p>Jesus was called the Son of David.</p> <p>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1, NKJV)</p>
<p>Solomon was a king.</p> <p>At Gihon, Zadok took a flask of sacred oil from the Tabernacle and poured it over Solomon; and the trumpets were blown and all the people shouted, “Long live King Solomon!” (1 Kings 1:39, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was a king.</p> <p>Pilate replied, “But you are a king then?” “Yes,” Jesus said. “I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth are my followers.” (John 18:37, TLB)</p> <p>And Pilate posted a sign over him reading, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” (John 19:19, TLB)</p>
<p>Solomon had great wisdom.</p> <p>God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore. (I Kings 4:29, NLT)</p>	<p>All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>The mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)</p>
<p>Solomon was a wise and wonderful teacher.</p> <p>Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. (Ecclesiastes 12:9, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus taught wisdom.</p> <p>He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. (Matthew 13:54, NIV)</p> <p>For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Matthew 7:29)</p>

<p>Solomon writes that the Messiah was with God at the creation of the world.</p> <p>I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. (Proverbs 8:27-29, NIV)</p>	<p>The gospel of John records t that the Messiah was with God at the creation of the world.</p> <p>Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is—nothing exists that he didn’t make. (John 1:1-3, TLB)</p> <p>Also, Jesus mentioned Solomon.</p> <p>A greater than Solomon is here. (Luke 11:31)</p> <p>“Look at the lilies! They don’t toil and spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not robed as well as they are. (Luke 12:27, TLB)</p>
<p>God promised David that the Messiah would come from his offspring and that his rule would never end.</p> <p>When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. (2 Samuel 7:12-14, NKJV)</p> <p>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:7)</p>	<p>The Messiah’s Kingdom will have no end.</p> <p>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Luke 1:32)</p> <p>And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)</p> <p>It is Christ that died, yes rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God. (Romans 8:34)</p>
<p>Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem.</p> <p>It was in the spring of the fourth year of Solomon’s reign that he began the actual construction of the Temple. (1 Kings 6:1, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus’ body was the temple of God.</p> <p>The temple he had spoken of was his body. (John 2:21, NIV)</p> <p>Jesus builds the Church with converts.</p> <p>I will build my church. (Matthew 16:18)</p> <p>And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. (1 Peter 2:5, TLB)</p>

	Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27, ESV)
Solomon's temple was destroyed. Nebuzaradan set the Lord's temple on fire. (Jeremiah 52:13, NIV)	Jesus body was crucified. Then they crucified Him. (Matthew 27:35, NKJV)
Solomon's temple was rebuilt. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. (John 2:14, ESV)	Jesus rose from the dead. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. (Matthew 28:6, NIV)

Solomon was the wisest man on earth.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.
(1 Kings 4:29-30, ESV)

Yet, Jesus was wiser than Solomon.

A greater than Solomon is here. (Matthew 12:42)

Of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
(Colossians 2:2-3)

Chapter 3

The Offering of the Tabernacle

Section 1: The Burnt Offerings	
Burnt Sacrifices	Foreshadowing of Christ:
The Purpose of the Burnt Offerings	
To atone for sin. As “a sweet aroma” to God. (Numbers 28:2)	Christ’s sacrifice atoned for all sins.
When and What	
<p>Every morning and every evening.</p> <p>One lamb shall be sacrificed in the morning, the other in the evening. (Numbers 28:4, TLB)</p> <p>This offering was twice a day and signified the that the whole day was dedicated to God. (Hayford, The New Spirit-Filled Life Bible, Nelson, Nashville.2002. p. 215)</p>	<p>The burnt offerings reflected the sacrifice of Jesus in that innocent blood was shed for the guilty: the pure for the impure; the spotless for the stained.</p> <p>God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. ¹⁹ But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (1 Peter 1:18-19, TLB)</p>
<p>Every Sabbath.</p> <p>On the Sabbath day, sacrifice two yearling male lambs—both without defect—in addition to the regular offerings. They are to be accompanied by a grain offering of six quarts of fine flour mixed with oil, and the usual drink offering. (Numbers 28:9-10, TLB)</p>	<p>This acknowledged the weekly cycle in worship and committed the week to the LORD.</p> <p>(Hayford, The New Spirit-Filled Bible, 2002. Nelson, Nashville. P. 216).</p>
<p>On the first day of the month.</p> <p>Also, on the first day of each month there shall be an extra burnt offering to the Lord of two young bulls, one ram, and seven male yearling lambs—all without defect. (Numbers 28:11, TLB)</p> <p>Also on the first day of each month you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering to the Lord. This is in addition to the regular daily burnt offering and its drink offering. (Numbers 28:15, TLB)</p>	<p>This acknowledged the monthly cycle in worship and committed the month to the LORD.</p> <p>(Hayford, The New Spirit-Filled Bible, 2002. Nelson, Nashville. P. 216).</p>

<p>During the Passover Festival; the Feast of Unleavened Bread.</p> <p>The Hebrew term for feasts is “appointed times.” God has carefully appointed the feasts to point to the Messiah. (Got Questions Ministries. “How Did Jesus fulfill the meanings of the Jewish Feasts?” www.GotQuestions.org)</p> <p>... you shall celebrate the Passover – when the death angel passed over the oldest sons of the Israelites in Egypt, leaving them unharmed. On the following day a great, joyous seven-day festival will begin, but no leavened bread shall be served. On the first day of the festival all the people shall be called together before the Lord. No hard work shall be done on that day. You shall offer as burnt sacrifices to the Lord two young bulls, one ram, and seven yearling male lambs—all without defect. (Numbers 28:16-29, TLB)</p>	<p>This feast clearly foreshadowed the time when innocent blood would save obedient believers from death. As the lamb’s blood on the doorposts prevented the death angel from executing judgment, so the blood of the Lamb of God saves from final judgment.</p> <p>The unleavened bread symbolized the absence of sin in the bread. The Messiah is the undefiled Bread of Life.</p> <p>The Romans crucified Jesus on the Day of Preparation. The Passover lambs were slaughtered at dusk that same day.</p> <p>It was now about noon of the day before Passover. (John 19:14)</p>
<p>On the first day of the Harvest Festival: the Feast of Weeks. (Pentecost: 50 days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread).</p> <p>On the first day of the Harvest Festival all the people must come before the Lord for a special, solemn assembly to celebrate the new harvest. On that day you are to present the first of the new crop of grain as a grain offering to the Lord; there is to be no regular work by anyone on that day. A special burnt offering, very pleasant to the Lord, shall be offered that day. It shall consist of two young bulls, one ram, and seven yearling male lambs. (Numbers 28:26-27, TLB)</p> <p>Make sure that the animals you sacrifice are without defect. (Numbers 28:31, TLB)</p>	<p>Once again, there could be no blemish in the sacrificial offering. Likewise, there was no sin in the Messiah, the final Sacrifice.</p> <p>Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, “I find nothing wrong with this man!” (Luke 23:4, NLT)</p>

<p>At the Festival of Trumpets.</p> <p>The Festival of Trumpets shall be celebrated on the fifteenth day of September each year; there shall be a solemn assembly of all the people on that day, and no hard work may be done. On that day you shall offer a burnt sacrifice consisting of one young bull, one ram, and seven yearling male lambs—all without defect. These are sacrifices which the Lord will appreciate and enjoy. (Numbers 29:1-2, TLB)</p>	<p>This was a time of celebration for the start of the civil calendar. (Got Questions Ministries. “How Did Jesus Fulfill the Meanings of the Jewish Feasts?” www.GotQuestions.org)</p> <p>The offering was also an atonement for sin (Numbers 29:5) and a “sweet aroma” to the LORD. (Numbers 29:6)</p> <p>Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1)</p>
<p>At the Day of Atonement</p> <p>On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. You shall present a burnt offering to the Lord as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. (Numbers 29:7-8, NKJV)</p> <p>The Scapegoat at the Day of Atonement</p> <p>The high priest sacrificed one goat but presented the other alive to the LOFD as an atonement for sin. He then sent the scapegoat away in the wilderness.</p> <p>The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. (Leviticus 16:22, NKJV)</p>	<p>Seven lambs were sacrificed. Seven is the number of completion. The lambs had to be without blemish, representing the sinless nature of the Messiah.</p> <p>For this sacrifice, the high priest wore holy garments, yet less decorative than normal. This signified that the high priest had no honor other than being God’s servant. (Hayford, The New Spirit-Filled Life Bible, 2002. Nelson Publishers. Nashville, p. 151).</p> <p>The Scapegoat foreshadowed the Messiah who would take our sins upon himself.</p> <p>He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. (Isaiah 53:4)</p> <p>He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12, NLT)</p>
<p>The Feast of Tabernacles or the Feast of Booths</p> <p>On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days. You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the LORD: thirteen young bulls, two rams, <i>and</i> fourteen lambs in their first year. They shall be without blemish. (Numbers 29:12-13, TLB)</p>	<p>The Messiah comes from heaven, lives in the temporary shelter of a human body, lives among us and then returns to heaven.</p> <p>So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. (John 1:14, NLT)</p>

How the burnt sacrifices were performed and what they meant	
<p>The person bringing the sacrifice pressed his hands on the animal's head.</p> <p>When you sacrifice to the Lord, use animals from your herds and flocks. If your sacrifice is to be an ox given as a burnt offering, use only a bull with no physical defects. Bring the animal to the entrance of the Tabernacle where the priests will accept your gift for the Lord. The person bringing it is to lay his hand upon its head, and it then becomes his substitute: the death of the animal will be accepted by God instead of the death of the man who brings it, as the penalty for his sins. The man shall then kill the animal there before the Lord, and Aaron's sons, the priests, will present the blood before the Lord, sprinkling it upon all sides of the altar at the entrance of the Tabernacle. (Leviticus 1:2-5, TLB)</p>	<p>This signified the placement of sins upon the animal.</p> <p>But he was being punished for what we did. He was crushed because of our guilt. He took the punishment we deserved, and this brought us peace. We were healed because of his pain. (Isaiah 53:5, ERV)</p>
<p>The hide was removed and given to the priests.</p> <p>Then the priests will skin the animal. (Leviticus 1:6)</p> <p>David prophesied that the Messiah's garment would be taken and gambled for.</p> <p>They divide my clothes among themselves by a toss of the dice. (Psalm 22:18)</p>	<p>The Roman soldiers took Jesus' seamless garment.</p> <p>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they put his garments into four piles, one for each of them. But they said, "Let's not tear up his robe," for it was seamless. "Let's throw dice to see who gets it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my robe." (John 19:24, TLB)</p>

<p>After the man who brought the animal had killed him, the priests would divide the animal into parts and sprinkle his blood upon the altar. Then the man offering the animal would quarter it and the priests would place the quarters, the head and the fat on top of the wood of the altar. The priests would then wash the internal organs and legs before placing them on the altar. The animal would then be entirely consumed by fire, leaving nothing.</p> <p>If the animal used as a burnt offering is a sheep or a goat, it too must be a male, and without any blemishes. The man who brings it will kill it before the Lord on the north side of the altar, and Aaron's sons, the priests, will sprinkle its blood back and forth upon the altar. Then the man will quarter it, and the priests will lay the pieces, with the head and the fat, on top of the wood on the altar. But the internal organs and the legs shall first be washed with water. Then the priests shall burn it all upon the altar as an offering to the Lord; for burnt offerings give much pleasure to the Lord. (Leviticus 1:10-13, TLB)</p>	<p>The fact that the entire animal was consumed signifies the total consecration and commitment of the Messiah.</p> <p>The washing of the internal organs represents the thorough cleansing of the sacrifice.</p> <p>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:2, NKJV)</p> <p>Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts. (Psalm 51:6)</p>
<p>When a lamb was killed, wine was also offered. This foreshadowed the shedding of the blood of Jesus.</p> <p>With each sheep or goat for the burnt offering or any other sacrifice, also give an offering of one quart of wine. (God's Word Translation)</p>	<p>Jesus' shed blood brought the forgiveness of sin.</p> <p>And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (Hebrews 9:22)</p> <p>And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it and gave it to them and said, "Each one drink from it, 28 for this is my blood, sealing the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of multitudes. (Matthew 26:27-28, TLB)</p>

Section 2: The Meal, or Grain, Offerings

The Purpose of the Meal Offering

As a “pleasing aroma, a special gift to God.

It will be a pleasing aroma, a special gift presented to the LORD.
(Exodus 29:41, NLT)

Jesus pleased his heavenly Father.

And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22, NIV)

When was the meal offering given?

Twice per day.

These are the sacrifices you are to offer regularly on the altar. Each day, offer two lambs that are a year old, one in the morning and the other in the evening. With one of them, offer two quarts of choice flour mixed with one quart of pure oil of pressed olives; also, offer one quart of wine as a liquid offering. Offer the other lamb in the evening, along with the same offerings of flour and wine as in the morning. It will be a pleasing aroma, a special gift presented to the LORD.
(Exodus 29:38:41, NLT)

The Messiah is Lord over the evening and the morning.

Proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.
(Psalm 92:1-2, NIV)

On the Sabbath.

On the Sabbath you must give two lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You must also give a grain offering of 16 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil, and a drink offering. This is a special offering for the day of rest. This offering is in addition to the regular daily offering and drink offering.
(Numbers 28:9-10, ERV)

The Messiah is Lord over the Sabbath.

Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, “The Sabbath day was made to help people. People were not made to be ruled by the Sabbath.
(Mark 2:27, ERV)

<p>At the beginning of each month.</p> <p>On the first day of each month you will offer a special burnt offering to the LORD. This offering will be 2 male bulls, 1 ram, and 7 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. With each bull, you must give a grain offering of 24 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil. And with the ram, you must give a grain offering of 16 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil. ¹³ Also give a grain offering of 8 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil with each lamb. This will be a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. The drink offering will be 2 quarts of wine with each bull, 1 1/4 quarts of wine with the ram, and 1 quart of wine with each lamb. That is the burnt offering that must be offered each month of the year. (Numbers 28:11-14, ERV)</p>	<p>The Messiah is sovereign over every month of the year.</p> <p>Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)</p> <p>The finely beaten flour represented the suffering of the Messiah.</p> <p>Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (Hebrews 5:8, NKJV)</p> <p>The wine represented the Messiah's blood.</p> <p>This wine is my blood, which will be poured out to forgive the sins of many and begin the new agreement from God to his people. (Matthew 26:28, ERV)</p>
<p>At Passover followed by the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Leaven represented sin.</p> <p>For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. (Leviticus 23:8, NIV)</p>	<p>There was no sin in the Messiah.</p> <p>He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” (1 Peter 2:22, NIV)</p>

The Feast of First Fruits.

This feast celebrated the harvesting of the first grain of the crop. It occurred the day after the Passover Sabbath.

Since this offering came from the small initial harvested, it required faith that God would provide subsequent harvests.

You will enter the land that I will give you and reap its harvest. At that time you must bring in **the first sheaf of your harvest** to the priest. The priest will lift the sheaf to show it was offered before the LORD. Then you will be accepted. The priest will present the sheaf on Sunday morning.

On the day when you present the sheaf, you will offer a one-year-old male lamb. There must be nothing wrong with that lamb. That lamb will be a burnt offering to the LORD. You must also offer a grain offering of 16 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil. You must also offer 1 quart of wine. The smell of that offering will please the LORD. You must not eat any of the new grain, or fruit, or bread made from the new grain until you bring that offering to your God. This law will always continue through your generations, wherever you live. (Leviticus 23;10-14, ERV)

Jesus rose from the grave on the Feast of First Fruits, which was the first day after the Passover Sabbath: Sunday.

He is the first fruit of the greater harvest of believers to follow.

Now after the Sabbath (*Saturday*), toward the dawn of the first day of the week (*Sunday*), Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. (Matthew 28:1-6, ESV)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits**, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. (1 Corinthians 14:20-23)

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (1 Corinthians 15:23)

Feast of Weeks or Festival of Harvest or Pentecost. This was a celebration of the second harvest.

Celebrate the Festival of Harvest. Use **the first grain** from the wheat harvest for this festival. (Exodus 34:22, ERV)

The first day of the Festival of Harvest is the day you bring the first of your new crops and give them as a grain offering to the Lord. At that time you must also call a special meeting. You must not do any work on that day. You must offer a burnt offering as a sweet-smelling gift to the Lord. You must offer 2 bulls, 1 ram, and 7 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You must also give 24 cups of fine flour mixed with oil with each bull, and 16 cups with each ram, 29 and 8 cups with each lamb. You must also sacrifice a male goat to make you pure. You must give these offerings in addition to the daily burnt offerings and the grain offering you give with them. Be sure there is nothing wrong with the animals or the drink offerings that you give with them. (Numbers 28:26-31, ERV)

Jesus is the first fruit harvest of those who believe, the first born of many brethren.

I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat.
(John 12:24, CEV)

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached his first message and 3,000 Jews were converted.

Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. On that day about 3000 people were added to the group of believers.
(Acts 2:41, ERV)

The Feast of Trumpets

This feast occurred at the end of the agricultural year and the beginning of the civil year.

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Again the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites: On the first day of the seventh month, you must have a special day of rest. Blow the trumpet to remind the people that this is a holy meeting. You must not do any work. You must bring an offering as a gift to the Lord.” (Leviticus 23:24, ERV)

There will be a special meeting on the first day of the seventh month. You will not do any work on that day. That is the day for blowing the trumpets. You will offer burnt offerings. Their smell will please the Lord. You will offer 1 bull, 1 ram, and 7 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You will also offer 24 cups of fine flour mixed with oil with the bull, 16 cups with the ram, 4 and 8 cups with each of the 7 lambs. Also offer a male goat as a sin offering to make you pure. These offerings are in addition to the New Moon sacrifice and its grain offering. And they are in addition to the daily sacrifice and its grain offerings and drink offerings. These must be done according to the rules. They will be sweet-smelling gifts to the Lord.
(Numbers 29:1-6, ERV)

The Messiah will return with the sound of the trumpet. There will be judgment for unbelievers and redemption for believers.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a mighty shout and with the soul-stirring cry of the archangel and the great trumpet-call of God. And the believers who are dead will be the first to rise to meet the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16, TLB)

But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies! It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **when the last trumpet is blown.** **For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky,** and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too. For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-53, TLB)

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

(Matthew 24:30)

The Day of Atonement

This was a day of sorrow and repentance.

You must also offer 24 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil with the bull, 16 cups with the ram, 10 and 8 cups with each of the 7 lambs. (Numbers 29:9, ERV)

The tenth day of the seventh month is the Great Day of Forgiveness. It is a solemn day of worship; everyone must go without eating to show sorrow for their sins, and sacrifices must be burned.

(Leviticus 23:27, CEV)

The Messiah did not come for the self-righteous.

They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Mark 2:17)

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:13-14, ESV)

Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. (Luke 18:17)

Feast of Tabernacles or Booths
This celebration commemorated the time that the Israelites lived in tents in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it. These are the feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and **a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings**, everything on its day (Leviticus 23:33-37, NKJV)

You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 23:42-43, NKJV)

Until we enter heaven, we all live in temporary shelters: our human bodies.

Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ has showed me. (2 Peter 1:14)

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:54)

<p>At the conclusion of the dedication period of a Nazirite.</p> <p>Now this is the law of the Nazirite when the period of their dedication is over. They are to be brought to the entrance to the tent of meeting. ¹⁴ There they are to present their offerings to the LORD: a year-old male lamb without defect for a burnt offering, a year-old ewe lamb without defect for a sin offering, a ram without defect for a fellowship offering, ¹⁵ together with their grain offerings and drink offerings, and a basket of bread made with the finest flour and without yeast—thick loaves with olive oil mixed in, and thin loaves brushed with olive oil. (Numbers 6: 13-15, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus was raised in Nazareth.</p> <p>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. (Luke 4:16, NIV)</p>
<p>At the consecration of the Levites. The finest flour and olive oil were offered.</p> <p>The LORD said to Moses: “Take the Levites from among all the Israelites and make them ceremonially clean. To purify them, do this: Sprinkle the water of cleansing on them; then have them shave their whole bodies and wash their clothes. And so they will purify themselves. Have them take a young bull with its grain offering of the finest flour mixed with olive oil; then you are to take a second young bull for a sin offering. Bring the Levites to the front of the tent of meeting and assemble the whole Israelite community. You are to bring the Levites before the LORD, and the Israelites are to lay their hands on them. Aaron is to present the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the Israelites, so that they may be ready to do the work of the LORD. (Numbers 8:5-11, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus was anointed for ministry.</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free. (Luke 4:18, NIV)</p>

The Contents and Meaning of the Meal, or Grain, Offerings

<p>The grain offering had to be beaten into fine flour, anointed with oil and given the full amount of frankincense.</p> <p>When anyone offers a grain offering to the LORD, his offering shall be <i>of fine flour</i>. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it. He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn <i>it as</i> a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. The rest of the grain offering <i>shall be</i> Aaron's and his sons'. <i>It is</i> most holy of the offerings to the LORD made by fire. (Leviticus 2:1-3, NKJV)</p>	<p>Christ also suffered for us. (1 Peter 2:21)</p> <p>His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man. (Isaiah 52:14, NLT)</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. (Luke 4:18, NKJV)</p> <p>And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, NKJV)</p>
<p>Leaven represented sin.</p> <p>'And if you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven, <i>it shall be</i> unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. But if your offering <i>is</i> a grain offering <i>baked</i> in a pan, <i>it shall be of</i> fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil. You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; <i>it is</i> a grain offering. (Leviticus 2:4-6, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Messiah had no sin.</p> <p>For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. (1 Peter 2:21-22)</p>
<p>The offering was a sweet aroma to God.</p> <p>'If your offering is a grain offering baked in a covered pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. You shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. Then the priest shall take from the grain offering a memorial portion, and burn it on the altar. It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. (Leviticus 2:7-9, NKJV)</p>	<p>The sweet aroma of Christ's sacrifice is present in Christians.</p> <p>God thinks of us as a perfume that brings Christ to everyone. For people who are being saved, this perfume has a sweet smell and leads them to a better life. (2 Corinthians 2:15, CEV)</p>

Salt was added to the meal offerings.

‘No grain offering which you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD made by fire. As for the offering of the first fruits, you shall offer them to the LORD, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma. And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. **With all your offerings you shall offer salt.**

‘If you offer a grain offering of your first fruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering of your first fruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads. And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. It *is* a grain offering. Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion: *part* of its beaten grain and *part* of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

(Leviticus 2:11-14, NKJV)

Believers are the salt of the earth.

You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (Matthew 5:13)

You are the world’s seasoning, to make it tolerable. If you lose your flavor, what will happen to the world? And you yourselves will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. (Matthew 5:13, The Living Bible)

Section 3: The Peace Offering

<p>The peace offering could be for thanksgiving, as a voluntary sacrifice, or as a vow.</p> <p>If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. (Leviticus 7:11, NKJV)</p> <p>But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten. (Leviticus 7:16, NKJV)</p>	<p>Believers are called to peace.</p> <p>And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. (Colossians 3:15, NKJV)</p> <p>My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27, NKJV)</p> <p>And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:17-18, NKJV)</p>
<p>The one providing the sacrifice could bring a bull or cow (Leviticus 3:1), a lamb (Leviticus 3:7), a goat (Leviticus 3:12).</p>	<p>Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes. 8 God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, TLB)</p>
<p>The sacrificial animal ceremoniously took the man's sins upon himself.</p> <p>The man bringing "shall lay his hand on the head of his offering." (Leviticus 3:2, NKJV)</p>	<p>He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For his wounds have healed ours! (1 Peter 2:24, TLB)</p> <p>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5)</p>

<p>The blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled all around the altar.</p> <p>The man offering the sacrificial animal killed it at “the door of the tabernacle of meeting.” Then Aaron’s sons, the priests, sprinkled the blood all around the altar.”</p> <p>(Leviticus 3:2, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Messiah’s blood brings peace between God and man.</p> <p>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)</p> <p>Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (Romans 5:9)</p>
<p>To acknowledge the LORD, the priest waved the breast of the sacrificed animal before the Lord. He also heaved the right thigh before the LORD.</p> <p>His own hands shall bring the offerings made by fire to the Lord. The fat with the breast he shall bring, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before the Lord. And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron’s and his sons’. Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest as a heave offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. (Leviticus 7:30-32, NKJV)</p>	<p>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all thy soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)</p> <p>For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. (Romans 11:36, TLB)</p>
<p>The peace offering foreshadowed the Last Supper and the sacrament of Holy communion. No one could be unclean and partake of the peace offering.</p> <p>Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the Lord, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.</p> <p>(Leviticus 7:21, KKJV)</p>	<p>Anyone who partakes of the elements of communion without first examining himself, risks his own health and life.</p> <p>So if anyone eats this bread and drinks from this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, he is guilty of sin against the body and the blood of the Lord. That is why a man should examine himself carefully before eating the bread and drinking from the cup. For if he eats the bread and drinks from the cup unworthily, not thinking about the body of Christ and what it means, he is eating and drinking God’s judgment upon himself; for he is trifling with the death of Christ. That is why many of you are weak and sick, and some have even died.</p> <p>(1 Corinthians 11:27-30, TLB)</p>

Section 4: The Sin Offering

Also the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the Lord. It is most holy. The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting. Everyone who touches its flesh must be holy. And when its blood is sprinkled on any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled, in a holy place. But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water. All the males among the priests may eat it. It is most holy. But no sin offering from which any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.
(Leviticus 6:24-30, NKJV)

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
(Romans 5:7-8, NKJV)

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:12-14, NKJV)

Section 5: The Trespass Offering

<p>The trespass offering could be made for any of a number of reasons: Not testifying to something one knows. Touching any unclean thing. Touching any human uncleanness. Swearing. Making a hasty promise. (Leviticus 5:1-4)</p>	<p>All unrighteousness is sin. (1 John 5:17)</p>
<p>The sinner had to confess his trespass.</p> <p>And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing. (Leviticus 5:5)</p>	<p>The blood of Jesus washes away sin.</p> <p>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)</p>
<p>Some sins were against God.</p> <p>The Lord gave this command to Moses for the people: “You might promise to give something to the Lord. You might sin against me without meaning to by not giving what you promised. If you do that, you must bring a ram that has nothing wrong with it (or the same amount in silver using the official measure) as a guilt offering. You must give what you promised and add one-fifth of that amount as a fine. Give it to the priest and he will use the ram to make you pure, and God will forgive you. (Leviticus 5:14-16, ERV)</p>	<p>The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. (Proverbs 15:3)</p> <p>It is against you and you alone I sinned and did this terrible thing. You saw it all, and your sentence against me is just. (Psalm 51:4)</p>
<p>Some sins were committed in ignorance. Yet, the sinner was still guilty.</p> <p>If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity. (Leviticus 5:16, NKJV)</p>	<p>And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn’t prepared and doesn’t carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. (Luke 12:47-48, NKJV)</p>

<p>Some sins required an animal sacrifice and restoration of what was lost as well as a 20% penalty.</p> <p>The Lord told Moses these rules for the people: “You are guilty of sin against the Lord when you do any of these things: when you lie about what happened to something you were taking care of for someone else; when you lie about a deposit you received; when you steal something; when you cheat someone; when you find something that was lost and lie about having it; when you fail to keep a promise; or when you do any other bad things like these. If you do any of these things, you are guilty of doing wrong. You must give back whatever you stole or whatever you took by cheating. You must return whatever you took that another person asked you to hold, or whatever you found and lied about having, or whatever you made a false promise about. You must pay the full price and then add one-fifth of that amount as a fine and give it all to the true owner. You must also bring a ram to the Lord that has nothing wrong with it (or the same amount in silver) to the priest.” (Leviticus 6:1-8, ERV)</p>	<p>In the New Testament, the Messiah met a tax collector who willingly and joyfully restored more than he extorted.</p> <p>Zacchaeus said to the Lord, “I want to do good. I will give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times more.” (Luke 19:8, ERV)</p> <p>“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. (Matthew 5:24, NLT)</p>
<p>Depending on what the offender could afford, a variety of animals could be sacrificed in the trespass offering.</p> <p>A female lamb or a goat kid. (Leviticus 5:6) Two turtledoves or young pigeons. (Leviticus 5:7) Fine flour, if the offender could not afford any animal. (Leviticus 5:11) A ram without blemish. (Leviticus 5:15 and 5:18 and 6:6)</p>	<p>Come now, and let us reason together, says 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. (Isaiah 1:18)</p> <p>Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)</p>

Chapter 4

The Tabernacle and Its Foreshadowing

<p>God wanted to live among his people.</p> <p>And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8)</p>	<p>Jesus is called Emmanuel: God with us.</p> <p>They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Matthew 1:23)</p>
<p>God planned that the tabernacle would be the means of communing with Him.</p> <p>This home of mine shall be a tent pavilion – a Tabernacle. I will give you a drawing of the construction plan, and the details of each furnishing. (Exodus 25:9, TLB)</p>	<p>God planned that Jesus would be the way of communing with Him.</p> <p>Indeed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with Gentiles and Israelites, did gather in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and plan had already determined would happen. (Acts 4: 27-28, CEB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The first agreement had rules for worship and a place for worship here on earth. This place was inside a tent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The first area in the tent was called the Holy Place. In the Holy Place were the lamp and the table with the special bread offered to God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place. In the Most Holy Place was a golden altar for burning incense. And also there was the Box of the Agreement. The Box was covered with gold. Inside this Box was a golden jar of manna and Aaron’s rod—the rod that once grew leaves. Also in the Box were the flat stones with the Ten Commandments of the old agreement on them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Above the Box were the Cherub angels that showed God’s glory. These Cherub angels were over the place of mercy. (Hebrews 9:1-5, ERV)</p>	
<p>The Most Holy Place or The Holy of Holies</p>	
<p>The most sacred part of the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, contained the the Ark of the Covenant.</p> <p>Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and only once per year.</p> <p>Tell your brother Aaron that he cannot come whenever he wants into the holy area inside the inner curtain, to the front of the cover that is on the chest, or else he will die, because I am present in the cloud above the cover. (Leviticus 16:2, CEB)</p>	<p>Jesus is our High Priest who has entered into the Holy of Holies.</p> <p>Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)</p>

<p>The Tabernacle contained the Ark of the Covenant, covered by the Mercy Seat. The Ark of the Covenant had rings on the sides for carrying poles. The poles remained in the rings permanently, so that the Ark was always moveable with the people of God.</p> <p>These carrying poles shall never be taken from the rings, but are to be left there permanently. (Exodus 25:15, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus travels with us.</p> <p>I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)</p>
<p>The mercy seat was the place to receive forgiveness for sins.</p> <p>And make a lid of pure gold, 3¾ feet long and 2¼ feet wide. This is the place of mercy for your sins. (Exodus 25:17, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus is the one Person through whom we can be forgiven.</p> <p>Salvation can be found in no one else. (Acts 4:12, CEB)</p>
<p>The common people could not enter the Holy of Holies of the ancient tabernacle. Only the High Priest, who was a type of the Messiah, is our bridge to God.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit uses those two separate rooms to teach us that the way into the Most Holy Place was not open while the first room was still there. This is an example for us today. It shows that the gifts and sacrifices the priests offer to God are not able to make the consciences of the worshipers completely clear. These gifts and sacrifices are only about food and drink and special washings. They are only rules about the body. God gave them for his people to follow until the time of his new way. (Hebrews 9:8-10, ERV)</p>	<p>Christ is now our high priest, serving in a better place. He has made the way for all of us to enter boldly before the throne.</p> <p>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)</p> <p>But Christ has already come to be the high priest. He is the high priest of the good things we now have. But Christ does not serve in a place like the tent that those other priests served in. He serves in a better place. Unlike that tent, this one is perfect. (Hebrews 9:11, ERV)</p>
<p>Inside the tabernacle, a veil separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, the Holy of Holies.</p> <p>Hang the veil under the clasps and bring the ark of the testimony there behind the veil, so the veil will make a separation for you between the holy place and the most holy place. (Exodus 26:33, HCSB)</p>	<p>The most striking representation of Jesus in the tabernacle was the veil that separated the holy place and the Most Holy Place. When Jesus died, the veil was torn from top to bottom, showing that his sacrifice had removed the separation between God and man.</p> <p>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. (Matthew 27:50-51, ESV)</p> <p>Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and dismissed his spirit. And the curtain in the Temple was split apart from top to bottom. (Mark 15:37-38)</p>

The Holy Place

<p>The Holy Place in the Tabernacle contained the Bread of the Presence.</p> <p>Always keep the special Bread of the Presence on the table before me. (Exodus 26:30)</p>	<p>Jesus is the bread of life.</p> <p>Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (John 6:31-35)</p> <p>I am the bread of life. (John 6:48)</p> <p>I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eats of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6:51)</p>
<p>The dead seed was ground into fine flour for the bread.</p> <p>And you shall take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes. (Leviticus 24:5)</p>	<p>Jesus was beaten beyond recognition.</p> <p>He was beaten so badly that he no longer looked like a man. (Isaiah 52:14, ERV)</p> <p>He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18b, NIV)</p>
<p>The Holy Place in the Tabernacle contained a lampstand.</p> <p>“Make a lampstand of pure, hammered gold. Make the entire lampstand and its decorations of one piece—the base, center stem, lamp cups, buds, and petals.” (Exodus 25:31, NLT)</p>	<p>Jesus is the light of the world.</p> <p>I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12)</p>

<p>The gold for the lampstand was hammered into its form from a single piece of gold.</p> <p>Make a lampstand of pure, beaten gold. The entire lampstand and its decorations shall be one piece—the base, shaft, lamps, and blossoms. (Exodus 25:31, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus suffered horribly and died to bring salvation to us.</p> <p>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" (Luke 24:26, NIV)</p> <p>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18a, NIV)</p>
<p>Olives were pressed to produce the oil for the lampstand.</p> <p>The Lord said to Moses, “Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning continually. (Leviticus 24:1)</p>	<p>The pure and sinless Jesus was beaten and crucified for our sins.</p> <p>He was beaten so badly that he no longer looked like a man. (Isaiah 52:14, ERV)</p>
<p>The Holy Place in the tabernacle contained an altar for burning incense. The incense represented prayers to God.</p> <p>You are to make an altar for the burning of incense; make it of acacia wood. (Exodus 30:1 HCSB)</p>	<p>Jesus’ prayers pleased God.</p> <p>As He was praying, heaven opened. (Luke 3:21, HCSB)</p>
<p>The Courtyard</p>	
<p>The tabernacle courtyard contained a bronze altar where innocent animals were killed as sacrifices for the peoples’ sins. The sacrifices thereon foreshadowed the Lord’s sacrifice outside the city of Jerusalem.</p> <p>Use acacia wood and build an altar. The altar should be square. (Exodus 27:1, ERV)</p>	<p>Jesus was our innocent offering for our guilty sins.</p> <p>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 Corinthians 5:21, NLT)</p>
<p>The tabernacle courtyard contained a laver where the priests would wash themselves after sacrificing an animal. This symbolized water baptism.</p> <p>The Lord said to Moses, “Make a bronze basin with a bronze base. Place it between the Tent and the altar, and put water in it. Aaron and his sons are to use the water to wash their hands and feet before they go into the Tent or approach the altar to offer the food offering. (Exodus 30:17-20, GNT)</p>	<p>Jesus was baptized.</p> <p>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. (Matthew 3:13, HCSB)</p>

The Coverings of the Tabernacle.	
<p>The outer most exterior covering over the tabernacle was made of the hides of marine animals or badgers. This exterior cover was not artistic.</p> <p>Make another tent that will cover the Holy Tent. Use eleven curtains to make this tent. Make these curtains from goat hair. (Exodus 26:7, ERV)</p>	<p>Jesus' outward appearance was exceptional.</p> <p>There was nothing special or impressive about the way he looked, nothing we could see that would cause us to like him. (Isaiah 53:2, ERV)</p>
<p>Beneath the coarse exterior was a covering of red ram skin, representing the blood of Jesus.</p> <p>Sins cannot be forgiven without a blood sacrifice. (Hebrews 9:22, ERV)</p>	<p>The blood of Jesus paid for our transgressions.</p> <p>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! (Romans 5:9, NIV)</p> <p>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Ephesians 1:7, NIV)</p>
<p>Beneath the red ram skin, there was a covering of goats' hair.</p> <p>Make another tent that will cover the Holy Tent. Use eleven curtains to make this tent. Make these curtains from goat hair. (Exodus 26:7, ERV)</p> <p>The goats' hair reminds us of the scapegoat bearing our sins away. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat. (Leviticus 16:10, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus' blood covered and expunged our sins.</p> <p>He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed. He did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin. By his wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24, CEB)</p>
<p>Beneath the goats' hair covering was a covering of fine linen of blue, purple, and red. Angel figures were sewn into the linen, depicting the heavenly nature of the tabernacle.</p> <p>The Holy Tent should be made from ten curtains. These curtains must be made from fine linen and blue, purple, and red yarn. A skilled worker should sew pictures of Cherub angels with wings into the curtains. Make the tabernacle-tent from ten colored sheets of fine linen. (Exodus 26:1, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus' body was covered in linen.</p> <p>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. (Matthew 27:59, NIV)</p>

<p>The linen curtains of the tabernacle contained purple, the color of royalty and also one of the colors of the garment of the high priest.</p> <p>Make the tabernacle-tent from ten colored sheets of fine linen, 42 feet long and 6 feet wide, dyed blue, purple, and scarlet, with figures of Guardian Angels embroidered on them. (Exodus 26:1-2, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus was robed in purple.</p> <p>Then the Roman soldiers took him into the barracks of the palace, called out the entire palace guard, dressed him in a purple robe. (Mark 15:16, TLB)</p> <p>The soldiers made a crown of thorns and placed it on his head and robed him in royal purple. (John 19:2, TLB)</p>
<p>The linen curtains of the tabernacle contained scarlet, symbolizing shed blood.</p> <p>Make the tabernacle-tent from ten colored sheets of fine linen, 42 feet long and 6 feet wide, dyed blue, purple, and scarlet, with figures of Guardian Angels embroidered on them. (Exodus 26:1-2, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus shed his blood on the cross.</p> <p>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:28, NIV)</p> <p>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. (John 19:34, NIV)</p>
<p>The linen curtains of the tabernacle contained blue, the first color listed for the high priest's clothes.</p> <p>Make the tabernacle-tent from ten colored sheets of fine linen, 42 feet long and 6 feet wide, dyed blue. (Exodus 26:1, TLB)</p> <p>These sacred clothes are to be made for your brother Aaron and his sons who will be my priests. Only gold and fine linen, woven with blue, purple, and red wool, are to be used for making these clothes. (Exodus 28:4-5, CEV)</p>	<p>Jesus was a prophet (red), priest (blue), and king (gold and purple).</p> <p>For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. (Acts 3:22)</p> <p>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets. (Matthew 23:37)</p> <p>Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (Matthew 2:2)</p>

<p>The three colors of the linen of the tabernacle are symbolic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The blue represents the priesthood because the high priests garment contained blue. • The purple represents the kingship of Jesus because purple is the royal color. • The scarlet represents the office of the prophet because the prophets were killed in Jerusalem. 	<p>As a priest, Jesus sacrificed his own life: Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down (John 17:18)</p> <p>As a king, Jesus reigned over a heavenly nation. The wise men recognized Jesus’ kingship by virtue of the star in the sky. Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (Matthew 2:2)</p> <p>Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. (John 18:36)</p> <p>As a prophet, Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem: There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. (Matthew 24:2)</p>
<p>The linen curtains of the tabernacle contained artistic designs of cherubim (angels). This conveyed the presence of the spiritual realm.</p> <p>With artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them. (Exodus 26:1, NKJV)</p>	<p>Angels ministered to Jesus.</p> <p>Behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:11)</p> <p>And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. (Luke 22:43)</p>

Chapter 5: The Brazen Serpent Lifted Up in the Wilderness

<p>The brazen serpent lifted up on the pole brought healing. Today, the serpent on a pole is the symbol of the medical community.</p>	<p>Jesus compared Himself to a doctor.</p> <p>Healthy people don't need a doctor; those who are sick do. (Mark 2:17, GWT)</p>
<p>Snakes attacked the Israelites due to their sin. The serpent lifted up brought health.</p> <p>So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among them to punish them, and many of them were bitten and died. Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jehovah and against you. Pray to him to take away the snakes." So Moses prayed for the people.</p> <p>Then the Lord told him, "Make a bronze replica of one of these snakes and attach it to the top of a pole; anyone who is bitten shall live if he simply looks at it!" So Moses made the replica, and whenever anyone who had been bitten looked at the bronze snake, he recovered! (Numbers 21:6-9, TLB)</p>	<p>Sin afflicted man, but Jesus' crucifixion brought healing, wholeness and eternal life.</p> <p>For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)</p> <p>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. (John 3:14)</p>
<p>This episode refers to both healing and salvation.</p> <p>...many of them were bitten. (Numbers 21:6, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus heals those who asked in faith.</p> <p>Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all. (Matthew 12:15)</p> <p>Yea, none that wait on you shall be ashamed. (Psalm 25:3)</p>
<p>God's gifts include healings.</p> <p>But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. (Malachi 4:2)</p>	<p>Jesus healed all of those who came to him or were brought to him.</p> <p>Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. (Luke 4:40)</p> <p>And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all. (Luke 6:19)</p>
<p>God heals.</p> <p>O Lord my God, I cried unto you, and you have healed me. (Psalm 30:2)</p>	<p>He suffered our physical punishment for us.</p> <p>His wounds have healed you. (1 Peter 2:24, GWT)</p>
<p>God raises the infirmed from their sickbeds.</p> <p>The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed; You will heal him on the bed where he lies. (Isaiah 41:3, HCSB)</p>	<p>Faith brings healing.</p> <p>And Jesus said unto the centurion, go your way; and as you have believed, so be it done unto you. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (Matthew 8:13)</p>

<p>The Messiah healed us 2,000 years ago when he suffered our punishment and afflictions.</p> <p>Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains. (Isaiah 53:4, HCSB)</p> <p>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24, ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus healed them all.</p> <p>He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick, so that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: He Himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases. (Matthew 8:16-17, HCSB)</p> <p>And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them. (Matthew 15:30, ESV)</p>
<p>The Lord brings healing with him.</p> <p>But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. (Malachi 4:2, TLB)</p>	<p>Jesus has power to heal disease and sickness.</p> <p>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. (Luke 6:19, ESV)</p> <p>But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” (Luke 8:46, ESV)</p>
<p>The name of Jesus is high and far above every name that is named: higher than cancer; higher than disease, higher than leukemia.</p> <p>You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet. (Psalm 8:6)</p>	<p>Jesus has authority to heal every sicknesses and disease.</p> <p>If you will only stand here and say, ‘Be healed,’ my servant will get well! I know, because I am under the authority of my superior officers and I have authority over my soldiers, and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave boy, ‘Do this or that,’ and he does it. And I know you have authority to tell his sickness to go—and it will go!” (Matthew 8:9, TLB)</p>
<p>The Messiah’s wounds have healed ours.</p> <p>Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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. (Isaiah 53-4-5)</p>	<p>Jesus has power and authority to remove demons.</p> <p>That evening several demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus; and when he spoke a single word, all the demons fled; and all the sick were healed. 17 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, “He took our sicknesses and bore our diseases.” (Matthew 8:16-17 TLB)</p>
<p>He sent His word and healed them. (Psalm 107:20, HCSB)</p>	<p>Reaching out His hand He touched him, saying, “I am willing; be made clean.” Immediately his disease was healed. (Matthew 8:3, HCSB)</p>

<p>The snake, Satan, was in the Garden of Eden.</p> <p>You were in Eden, the garden of God. (Ezekiel 28:13 ESV)</p>	<p>Jesus took the curse of sin, the works of the devil, for our sake.</p> <p>But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." (Galatians 3:13, NLT)</p> <p>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV)</p>
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Jesus makes whole and well: spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The people who were healed by Jesus had something in common: they all sought or requested healing.

They did something to put themselves in a position to be blessed.

In the case of the Israelites in Numbers, they looked at the brazen serpent lifted on the pole.

In the New Testament, they came to Jesus.

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health,
even as your soul prospers. (3 John 1:2)

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Luke 11:2)

There is no sickness in heaven.

Chapter 6: The Festivals that Foreshadow the Messiah

PASSOVER	
<p>Passover</p> <p>Passover is another time when you must come together to worship me, and it must be celebrated on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month of each year.</p> <p>The Festival of Thin Bread begins on the fifteenth day of that same month; it lasts seven days, and during this time you must honor me by eating bread made without yeast. On the first day of this festival you must rest from your work and come together for worship. Each day of this festival you must offer sacrifices. Then on the final day you must once again rest from your work and come together for worship.</p> <p>(Leviticus 23:4-8, CEV)</p>	<p>Jesus is the Lamb of God sacrificed for our sins.</p> <p>Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. (1 Corinthians 5:7, NLT)</p>
<p>Why: To commemorate God’s protection of the Jews in Egypt when he sent the death angel to kill all the firstborn of Egypt.</p> <p>Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Passover meal became the Lord’s Supper, holy communion.</p> <p>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb. (Mark 14:12, NKJV)</p> <p>And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”</p> <p>Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. (Mark 14:22-25, NKJV)</p>
<p>When: annually.</p> <p>“This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. (Exodus 12:2, NKJV)</p> <p>In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. (Leviticus 23:5)</p>	<p>Jesus died once and only once.</p> <p>For Christ died for sins once and for all, a good man on behalf of sinners, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death physically, but made alive spiritually (1 Peter 3:18, GNT)</p> <p>Seven days represented wholeness. Bread without leaven, or yeast, represented sinlessness.</p>

<p>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb. (Mark 14:12, NKJV)</p>	<p>Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Matthew 16:6)</p>
<p>A Jewish family would care for the lamb for four days. This may have been a time of examination to ensure that the lamb was “without blemish.”</p> <p>On the tenth day of this month each man must get one lamb for the people in his house. (Exodus 12:3, ERV)</p> <p>Your lamb shall be without blemish. (Exodus 12:5, NKJV)</p>	<p>The Roman authorities examined Jesus before he was killed.</p> <p>Pilate went back into the governor’s residence, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” (John 18:33, NET)</p> <p>What have you done?” (John 18:35, NET)</p>
<p>The four days the family cared for the lamb also endeared the innocent lamb to them.</p> <p>Take special care of this chosen animal. (Exodus 12:6, NLT)</p>	<p>Common people loved Jesus.</p> <p>And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. (Luke 23:48, NLT)</p> <p>And the common people heard Him gladly. (Mark 12:37, NKJV)</p>
<p>The Passover changed the traditional calendar. When God instituted Passover, he changed the traditional calendar so that the month of Passover became the first month of the year.</p> <p>This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (Exodus 12:2)</p>	<p>Christ divided our calendar between the time Before Christ and after Christ, Anno Domini.</p>
<p>What? A young, healthy lamb without disease, blemish, or weakness.</p> <p>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. (Exodus 12:5, NKJV)</p>	<p>Jesus was a lamb without blemish.</p> <p>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (1 Peter 1:18-19, NIV)</p>

	<p>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29, NIV)</p> <p>Jesus replied, "If I said anything wrong, you must prove it.” (John 18:23, NLT)</p>
<p>How? The whole congregation shall kill the lamb.</p> <p>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole Assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. (Exodus 12:6)</p> <p>You must collect the blood from these animals and put it on the top and sides of the doorframe of every house where the people eat this meal. (Exodus 12:7, ERV)</p>	<p>Jesus was condemned and crucified before the whole assembly.</p> <p>They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” (Matthew 27:22, NKJV)</p> <p>When he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. (Matthew 27:26)</p>
<p>The Israelites were to be dressed for mobilization when they ate the Passover meal.</p> <p>These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD's Passover. (Exodus 12:11, NLT)</p>	<p>Now is the time to accept Christ’s mercy.</p> <p>Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2, NLT)</p> <p>So Philip began with this same Scripture and then used many others to tell him about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to a small body of water, and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! Why can’t I be baptized?” “You can,” Philip answered, “if you believe with all your heart.” And the eunuch replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” (Acts 8:35-37, TLB)</p>
<p>The bones of the Passover lamb were not broken.</p> <p>Do not break any of the bones. (Exodus 12:46, NIV)</p> <p>I can count all my bones. (Psalm 22:17, NET)</p>	<p>Jesus’ bones were not broken.</p> <p>But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. (John 19:33, NKJV)</p>

<p>Meaning</p> <p>The blood of the sacrifice protects from judgment.</p>	<p>The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin.</p> <p>The law says that almost everything must be made clean by blood. Sins cannot be forgiven without a blood sacrifice. (Hebrews 9:22, ERV)</p> <p>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7, NKJV)</p> <p>He is the one who took God's wrath against our sins upon himself and brought us into fellowship with God; and he is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only ours but all the world's. (1 John 2:2, TLB)</p>
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THE FESTIVAL OF FIRST FRUITS

<p>The Offering of First Fruits was to make the harvest acceptable to God.</p> <p>Bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf. (Leviticus 23:9-11a, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus died in order to bring spiritual birth to multitudes of those who believe he is the Song of God.</p> <p>But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20, NKJV)</p> <p>Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. (John 12:24)</p> <p>By faith we have been made acceptable to God. (Romans 5:1, CEV)</p>
<p>When? The day after the Sabbath.</p> <p>The priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. (Leviticus 23:11b, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus offered himself to God.</p> <p>Through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God. (Hebrews 9:14)</p> <p>And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. (Luke 23:46)</p>
<p>What? A lamb under on year old without blemish.</p> <p>On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord a lamb a year old without defect, (Leviticus 23:12, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus was a lamb without blemish: without sin.</p> <p>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (1 Peter 1:18-19, NIV)</p> <p>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV)</p>

<p>Additionally, flour, oil, and wine.</p> <p>together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the Lord, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. (Leviticus 23:12, NIV)</p>	<p>The flour and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus. The oil represents the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink you all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)</p> <p>And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron. (Exodus 29:21)</p> <p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel. (Luke 4:18)</p>
<p>The first fruit offering sanctifies the whole.</p> <p>You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. (Leviticus 23:14, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus, our first fruit, sanctifies all believers. The death of one provides life to all.</p> <p>But now Christ has come back from the dead. He is the very first person of those who have died to come back to life. Since a man brought death, a man also brought life back from death. As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)</p> <p>If the first handful of dough is holy, the whole batch of dough is holy. If the root is holy, the branches are holy. (Romans 11:16, GWT)</p>

THE FEAST OF WEEKS or “The FEAST of HARVEST” (Pentecost)	
<p>The Feast of Weeks (Deuteronomy 16:10) Also called the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16) It occurred seven weeks after the harvest started.</p> <p>Begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the corn. (Deuteronomy 16:9)</p>	<p>The outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred at the Feast of Weeks, also known as Pentecost.</p> <p>And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)</p>
<p>Pentecost, The Feast of Weeks celebrated the latter harvest.</p> <p>And you shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. (Exodus 34:22)</p>	<p>Christ is our first fruits unto God, to make us acceptable to Him.</p> <p>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20, NIV)</p>
<p>The Feast of Weeks harvest was at the last harvest time: 49 weeks from the first harvest began.</p> <p>“at the year's end.” (Exodus 34:22)</p>	<p>God poured out his Holy Spirit in the last days.</p> <p>And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)</p>

<p>The Israelites brought freewill offerings to the Lord according to how the Lord had blessed them.</p> <p>And you shall keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give unto the Lord your God, according as the Lord your God has blessed you. (Deuteronomy 16:9-10)</p> <p>Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you. (Deuteronomy 16:17)</p>	<p>The blessed should bless proportionally.</p> <p>For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. (Luke 12:48)</p> <p>Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. (1 Corinthians 9:7-8)</p>
<p>From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. (Leviticus 23:15-16, NIV)</p>	<p>But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my hand maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18)</p>
<p>From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of first fruits to the Lord. (Leviticus 23:17, NIV)</p>	<p>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:23, NIV)</p> <p>If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. (Romans 11:6, NIV)</p>
<p>Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the Lord, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. (Leviticus 23:18, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus was sinless.</p> <p>He became a man so that he could take away our sins, and that there is no sin in him, no missing of God’s will at any time in any way. (1 John 3:4, TLB)</p>
<p>Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. (Leviticus 23:19, NIV)</p>	<p>We declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. (1 John 1:3-4)</p>

<p>The priest is to wave the two lambs before the Lord as a wave offering, together with the bread of the first fruits. They are a sacred offering to the Lord for the priest. (Leviticus 23:20, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus gave his life for our sins.</p> <p>He offered up Himself. (Hebrews 7:27)</p> <p>I am the bread of life. (John 6:48)</p> <p>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. (John 6:51)</p>
<p>The Israelites were to rest from their work.</p> <p>On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. (Leviticus 23:21, NIV)</p>	<p>Jesus did what we could not do.</p> <p>A man is not justified by the works of the law. (Galatians 2:16)</p>
<p>The Israelites were to remember the poor.</p> <p>When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 23:22, NIV)</p>	<p>The free gift of God is eternal life to anyone.</p> <p>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)</p> <p>Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. (Matthew 5:3, GWT)</p> <p>Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. (Isaiah 55:1, NIV)</p> <p>Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. (Romans 5:18)</p> <p>Through the gospel the Gentiles are fellow heirs, fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 3:6, NET)</p>

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CEB	Common English Bible
CEV	Contemporary English Version
ERV	Easy to Read Version
ESV	English Standard Version
GW	GOD'S WORD Translation
GNT	Good New Translation
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
MEV	Modern English Version
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NCV	New Century Version
NET Bible	New English Translation
NIV	New International Version
NKJV	New King James Version
NLT	New Living Translation
RSV	Revised Standard Version
TLB	The Living Bible (Paraphrased)
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