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## Prologue

### PROLOGUE A: KIDNAPPED

Eleven year old Jaycee Lee Dugard was snatched at a bus stop. For the next 18 years, she was held in captivity, but apparently did not try to escape and, over time, developed a close relationship with her kidnapper. Her stepfather said that she “has strong feelings with this guy” and “feels it's almost like a marriage.” (Laura Fitzpatrick, "A Brief History of Stockholm Syndrome," Time, Aug. 31, 2009) After 10 months in the hands of a kidnapper, Shawn Hornbeck called police to report his stolen bike. The captive gave his first name, Shawn, and as his last name the surname of his abductor, Devlin. (Ibid.) He stayed with his captor three more years, never escaping even while the man was away working at his two jobs. There are many reported cases of victims becoming bonded to and even feeling compassion for and loyalty to their captors. In Stockholm, Sweden, two thieves held four bank employees hostage at gunpoint in the bank's vault for six days. “When the victims were released, their reaction shocked the world: They hugged and kissed their captors, declaring their loyalty even as the kidnappers were carted off to jail.” (Ibid.) Psychologists think the victim comes to perceive the captor as the one controlling survival and life itself. Thus the victim aligns with the captor out of pure self-interest. We acquiesce to our controllers Uncommon? No. In a broader sense, most of us without protest agree with those who have come to dominate our culture. 10 From infancy upward, external influences help shape our values. Most people do not question the worldview which is imposed upon them, assuming that what they think and practise is simply the way it is. When challenged, they often defend themselves. They are held captive to their thinking – which they don't realize is often seriously off track. Villains have seized control Most are not aware that our world has been taken captive. Forces hostile to us have taken over our planet – our courts, our governments, science, education, the media, the entertainment industry, the medical industry, the legal and illegal drug trade, and they have infiltrated mainstream religion as well. And we have fallen victim to the same syndrome as a kidnap victim, passively identifying with our malevolent captor! Strange, but true! Our whole world has been held captive for thousands of years – and we have come to identify with our captors. Firstly, as New Zealand government figure Murray McLean admitted to me, “We are not the ones in control. We are following the directions of internationalists outside the country.” And they, in turn, are controlled by others ...unseen, whom we shall identify later. It is they who are plunging our world into its current financial crisis. They need to collapse every nation's economy, so they can replace it with their One World Government. A Conspiracy Theorist statement? No, it is a statement of fact. They control the shadowy Bilderberg Group, a financial, political and corporate elite who, at a meeting in Greece in mid- 11 May, 2009, agreed that in order to continue their drive towards a New World Order, the US Dollar has to be “totally” destroyed. The extermination plot Not only that. A frightening agenda is currently being put into operation – to eliminate most of this world's population. New World Order planners say this needs to be done, so they can have their Utopia world. In 1974, in an address to the National Security Council, former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger presented 2 billion people as the desired level of reduction, but in fact the depopulation policy may seek a 2-4 billion reduction, or up to two thirds of the world's population. This depopulation policy is intended by the world's ruling elite to result in control of mineral and strategic resources and water and total control of the world's wealth. (“Implications of world wide population growth for US security & overseas interests”, National Security Memo 200, April 24, 1974) By 1979 depopulation was the top priority of US national security policy, as outlined in the national security paper Global 2000 written by Rockefeller

contractors Henry Kissinger, Z. Brzezinski, Gen. Alexander Haig, and Ed Muskie for President Carter. We now see a progressive enacting of this charming plan in the stealthy release of biological/genetic/recombinant DNA weapons, such as AIDS, swine flu, forced vaccinations in third world countries, and now systematic use of depleted uranium. But an unseen bombshell is set to explode – and seal the fate of these plotters. 12 Plot uncovered . I placed my finger in the bullet hole. Peter, a university lecturer and businessman from Perth, Western Australia, now in hiding, had called me to examine it. “A helicopter flew low over our home,” said Peter, “and lodged these bullet holes in our kitchen window. Then a sniper team from that tree on the hill fired into this same window. Police later said they knew in advance – but were ordered not to interfere.” You ask, why was Peter Golden targeted? In the process of dealing internationally in computer software, he had uncovered information – 11 months before the event – suggesting that men in the Australian government were involved in plans for the bombing of Australians in Bali, and also that individuals in the US government were plotting the 9/11 incident. The motive: to provoke anger against the Muslim world which could lead to support for a war in the Middle East, the elimination of Muslims, and the seizing of their resources. Within days of presenting a 5,000 page report to a highly placed government official whom he trusted, Peter was told he had to get out of Australia if he valued his life. He fled to New Zealand – and from there he proceeded to alert officials in the New Zealand, United States and Australian governments. After each attempt, he became the target of death threats, break-ins and physical attacks on himself and his 6 year old daughter Katie. Peter explained: “The physical fact was this: I had stumbled into New World Order plans for a major war in the Middle East – and the elimination of untold millions of innocent people. This 13 was to be triggered by, firstly, an international baiting campaign to stir the Muslim world into a fury, then, secondly, a series of carefully engineered ‘false flag’ terrorist attacks, such as the Bali bombing, for which Muslims were to be blamed. When I unwittingly stumbled into this plot, the Globalist ‘shadow government’ needed to shut me up.” Are lying to us On May 14, 2004, Dr Eugene Mallove was killed. The local police ruled his death a homicide. This occurred just as a discovery he had made was about to be vindicated. Dr Mallove was a scientist and an engineer with two engineering degrees from MIT (1969, 1970) and a doctorate from the Harvard University School of Public Health (1975). He was also a regular science and technology broadcaster for The Voice of America. Dr Mallove commented that if by chance you are one of those who believe “all is well in the house of science” and “official science” can be counted on to behave itself and always seek the truth – even in matters of central, overarching importance to the well-being of humankind – you are sorely mistaken. Dr Mallove said it was time to “reconsider your opinion about who is telling the truth and who is defending falsehood.” The hijackers are manipulating science to mislead us. When you see a scientific claim in the newspaper, or in a textbook, on television or the Internet, you had better watch out! It is possible you are being conned – and you won’t even know it! A major deception is being foisted on us all. Thankfully, confessions like the following are leaking out concerning science text books: 14 If [it] supports our theories, we put it in the main text. If it does not entirely contradict them, we put it in a footnote. And if it is completely ‘out of date’, we just drop it. (T. Save-Soderbergh and I.U. Olsson - Institute of Egyptology and Institute of Physics respectively, University of Uppsala, Sweden, “C14 Dating and Egyptian Chronology,” in Radiocarbon Variations and Absolute Chronology, Proceedings of the Twelfth Nobel Symposium, Ingrid U. Olsson – ed., Almqvist and Wiksell, Stockholm, and John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, p.35) Just catch this shocking revelation from news reporter Hannah Devlin: One in seven scientists say colleagues fake data... Faking scientific data and failing to report commercial conflicts of interest are far more prevalent than previously thought, a study suggests. (Times Online, June 4, 2009) Kenneth Kitchen, Professor of Egyptology in the School of Archaeology and Oriental studies, University of Liverpool, laments that scientific and archaeological research is not getting through to young people in schools and colleges.... In some circles there even seems to

be a deliberate withholding of such information, yet it is the fruit of leading scholars... known for their restrained, moderate, factual presentation of their researches. (Forward to Victor Pearce's book *Evidence For Truth: Archaeology*, 2nd edition) Money talks. Scientists who speak up are being shut out of funding for projects... misrepresented... ridiculed...fired. And much of their research has even been destroyed! Positions. Reputations. Opportunity for publication. Small and powerful groups control careers. If you want a university post, you need recommendations. To get your articles published in scientific journals, you must pass what is called "anonymous peer review". It is easy for a dominant group to control publication, research money and position. To "succeed", you have to go along with them. Or else, displaying the liberal tolerance we have all come to love, they will shut you out – despite your qualifications. The crowd in charge here is beyond the pale.

Destroying evidence On August 12, 1989, at a conference in Dayton, Tennessee, Dr Don Patton showed compelling evidence that both human and dinosaur tracks were present at the Paluxy River, Texas, at what was known as the Taylor Trail. (Would it shock you to learn that dinosaurs and man have coexisted during the last few thousand years?) (The Discovery That's Toppling Evolution, chapters 2 to 4) Two well known "scientists" were present. At least one of them was conspicuously disturbed by this presentation. Both flew to Dallas the next morning and went immediately to the Paluxy River. They were seen in the river that afternoon with an 'iron bar'. And later extensive damage was noted to the prints. But don't scientists accept evidence? It should be noted that a living scientist today is not the solid object he appears to be, but is really almost entirely empty space, a series of holes joined together by French knitting (spaced atoms). That is to say, the scientist is as human as the rest of us. Faking of science is the result of a plan that has been developing for several centuries. An intellectual bomb let loose We might be aghast at the dangers of the nuclear bomb in the hands of terrorists or renegade governments. Yet even more deadly than all of the above is an intellectual bomb that has been let loose on the race. Hitler's atrocities were based on it. So were those of Stalin, Mao tse Tung and Pol Pot. Now it is the turn of the New World Order crazies.

16 What is this intellectual ticking bomb? Nothing less than the nihilistic mindset which has dominated scientific thought for the past century. Based on the popularised theory of evolution, nihilism is now in danger of committing mankind to a course of automatic self-destruction. You may be surprised to learn that many leading scientists are now questioning the validity of evolution. But the damage has been done. It has had a free hand and little or no opposition in the universities and colleges, and through the press and television, all these years. It has resulted in reasoning which has brought the most disastrous consequences. The "Big E" mindset of Hitler The appeal of totalitarian systems such as Nazism, Communism and Secular Humanism, owe a great deal to the acceptance of the "Big E"... as do fascism, anarchism, atheism and militarism. Take away Evolution theory from these belief systems, and they effectively lose a central premise necessary for their coherence. Yes, the "Big E" (Evolution) theory was a powerful influence on the mindset which dominated Nazi and Communist leaders. As the holocaust swept into action, Himmler regarded the victims as vermin, as though he was handling a biological disease. "Does a rat catcher think it is wrong to catch rats?" asked a Nazi defendant at the Nuremburg war criminal trials. So came the death camps, in which millions of men, women and children were exterminated. Gold watches, gold wedding rings, gold teeth and gold eye glasses that the victims left behind were deposited into the federal bank. One witness admitted it took an extra five minutes to kill the women, because they had to cut their hair off to be used in making mattresses. Of course, we cannot blame Charles Darwin and his colleagues personally for such gruesome practices. But we need to recognise that unquestioning belief in evolution was a 17 CENTRAL feature of the Nazi belief system, and not just incidental to it. The "Big E" inspired Communism Again, evolution theory was ESSENTIAL to the communist purges of 60 million in the USSR alone, and tens of millions more in China. The victims were regarded as nothing more than creatures expendable in the quest for a classless society. The central proposition of Class

Struggle depended upon evolution theory for plausibility. To be fair, one might not blame evolution theory for the inhuman and degrading acts carried out by Nazism and Communism. However, the impact of evolution needs to be placed in its proper context. We need to give it due recognition. The “Big E” thinking inspires the Globalists. A major part of the Globalist hijackers’ plans is to prepare us mentally to accept elimination of life as necessary. So to systematically dull down the minds of the masses, they have been carefully preparing and using a compliant servant team of “nice guy” educators whose doctorates, salaries and grants depend on toeing the line – who will parrot the ideology that “we’re here by accident – not children of a Creator, but ‘useless eaters’ that are expendable to evolutionary progress.” You realise, of course, that teachers, lecturers and textbook writers are just the front faces. Most are probably honest men and women who are unsuspecting that they are being used. And many of them would be aghast at the “expendable” idea. They haven’t joined the dots. So they remain unwitting puppets. 18 Just like so many people in the media. It has been observed that “most journalists are so brain-dead themselves, so lacking in understanding of what they are part of, that they, like most of the population, play a part in advancing an agenda they do not even know exists.” (Uncensored magazine, September-December 2009) Most people are unaware. The propaganda has already moulded society’s thinking. The people continue to remain, for the most part, blissfully unaware of what has happened and continue to believe the litany of Globalist lies being poured upon them by their propaganda media organs, never once raising any objection to billions of dollars being poured into perpetuating their ignorance. No, the issue is NOT just a whole lot of different organizations. ONE CHIEF PLAYER and his gang controls them all. This chief player – the Lucifer Legion – has taken our planet hostage. Its human globalist puppets are now strategically placed throughout the highest levels of power. And, for the most part, we are acquiescing as they influence our lives. Unaware of the issues, most of us live in sympathy with our kidnappers. There is a rescue plan. Why am I writing this? Because I hate to think that you and I are being cheated out of what a former editor of the Los Angeles Times called “a world scoop”. Glimpsing its importance, he asked in astonishment, “Why are you sitting on this? The world needs to know it!” There is a rescue program. Ask yourself. If a credible, trustworthy and all-powerful world figure were to show you a foolproof strategy guaranteed to end 19 the current violence, corruption and misery, would you be interested? And if he had also cracked the secret to life extension beyond your wildest dreams – with pain-free, productive, enjoyable living – what would that be worth to you? Well, not only is such a rescue program currently under way, but the hijackers of our planet know it. They and their Globalist puppets are determined, if possible, to (a) sabotage the operation, and (b) stop us from learning about it. That’s why I have called this the Forbidden Secret. If you didn’t know, it is so explosive that, when common people discover it, they become ignited, invincible and unafraid. That’s what the Globalist villains don’t want - an informed, empowered and fearless population. They are obsessed with you becoming subdued, slumbering, and submissive to them, so that they can more easily execute their dark plans. SUMMARY 1. VICTIMS OFTEN ACQUIESCE TO THEIR CAPTORS 2. GLOBALISTS HAVE CAPTURED OUR SOCIETY They have taken over the nations. Their agenda is to kill off most of us. They are lying to us. 3. THEIR PROPAGANDA HAS SHAPED OUR THINKING We have acquiesced to their control. 4. DIRECTING THEM ARE THE REAL HIJACKERS, THE LUCIFER LEGION 5. THERE IS A RESCUE PLAN 6. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO: (a) sabotage that plan (b) even stop us from knowing about it.

PROLOGUE B: YOUR LIFE AND DEATH “We buried Norman alive! We buried him alive!” The shocking news swept from house to house. In 16th century England, some local folks were running out of burial space. So, they would dig up coffins, take the bones to a bone-house, then reuse the graves. On opening coffins, they found that 1 out of 25 coffins had scratch marks on the inside. To their

horror, they had been burying people alive! So they began to tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, thread it through the coffin and up through the ground, then tie it to a bell. Someone was appointed to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift), to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be “saved by the bell” or was considered a “dead ringer”. I don’t need to tell you. Of all things you possess, life is the most precious, right? “My daughter is only 15,” cried Moira. “She has a rare brain tumor that cannot be operated on. I don’t want to lose her. What can I do?” Fred slaved at his job. He planned to retire at 60. Missing time with his dear wife and children, he drove himself with the one thought... retire, then enjoy the remaining years. Fred was in a coffin before his 58th birthday. If someone told you, “I’ll guarantee to add 20 years to your life – 20 years of pain-free, productive, enjoyable living” – what would that be worth to you? 21 Yet even better, what if you learned that there are some people now alive who will live to be 200, 300, 600 years old... no, more than that... some who will live on... and on... in glorious quality of life... without dying at all. Yes, you are right, it’s hard to imagine. But there is a good chance that you could qualify to become one of them. The colossal cover-up However, there is a problem. There are powers that, for reasons which you might term philosophical, spiritual, or religious, want to keep the knowledge of this from you. That’s why I’ve called this the Forbidden Secret. And, as unlikely as the connection might seem on the surface, these people are right into the origins debate. As already noted, they control the scientific community, the education system, the media, the entertainment industry, the medical and pharmaceutical industries, and they have infiltrated mainstream religion as well. They are aware that your knowledge or ignorance about your origins could definitely affect your chance of life extension. Why is this? You will see why, as we proceed. Sufficient to say, it’s vital that first you get your origins facts right. No matter what the popular theories, it is the facts that decide the day. Turned off by fake religious people? I understand. So am I. But this is not about religion or non-religion. It is not just about a religious viewpoint (atheistic, agnostic, New Age, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Christian or whatever). It is not about that. It is about a spiritual war being waged against us. It is happening in your own home town or district. This is a conflict of epic proportions. And of such importance that not a single person alive on this planet should ignore it. 22 My investigations as a hard-nosed archaeologist over 44 years have been largely front-line, dealing first-hand with on-site discoveries. And some of the evidence you are about to see may knock your socks off. It is still unknown to most people. Yet it is beyond successful contradiction. Is this important? Yes – because it could affect your future... personally. I promise you that a long, thorough investigation has been undertaken to guarantee the integrity of this information. Facts which can be tested underlie each point. So certain am I that the over-all thesis is correct that I hereby offer \$100,000 to anyone who can disprove it – either to be retained by the claimant or donated to his/her nominated charity. What’s this all about? Glad you asked. This is about evidence. Here are the facts. (References relate to this current book, unless otherwise stated): Facts at a glance I submit that we shall materially and physically prove beyond reasonable doubt (sufficient to serve as actionable proof): \* That we are here neither by evolution, nor by seeding from outer space, but by a direct creation of an intelligent Superior Being existing outside both space and time. - Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation. \* That we are alienated from our Life-Giver. We suffer death and cannot save ourselves. - Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation. 23 \* That, in His compassion, our Creator has provided a single means of rescue and restoration through His appointed Deliverer. - Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation. That is the over-all thesis. Here it is in more detail: 1. NO.EVOLUTION: Did life appear spontaneously then evolution take over? Documented and observable scientific evidence from DNA, biology and fossils, says no. (Chapters 1-5) 2. NO.UFO-ALIEN.START: Did mankind originate by seeding from outer space? Physical and experimental evidence says no. (Chapters 6-7) 3. DELIBERATELY.DESIGNED: Observable scientific evidence indicates that an effect is not greater than its cause. It always takes a greater source of information

to produce information. The intricate design of human life, intelligence and personality requires a cause which possesses life, intelligence and personality outside the creation itself. (See Chapters 8-9)

4. HAS.SPOKEN.TO.US: This Superior Intelligence has demonstrated ability to communicate messages to mankind and has sealed the authorship of certain messages in at least two ways that no human being can replicate: (a) a 3500 year track record in prophecy - cold, hard, incontrovertible PROOF of accurate foreknowledge of consecutive world history (Chapters 11-12) (b).a unique, DNA-style mathematical code within the structure of the written messages. (Chapters.13,43-46) Since the content of these messages is exactly consistent with observed fact, then the most reasonable deduction from the evidence is that the messages are trustworthy. 24

5..PLANET.HIJACKED: There is demonstrable evidence that our world is held captive by forces hostile to the human race. (Chapters 14-18)

6...SPIRITUAL.WARFARE: Messages claiming to be from the Superior Intelligence reveal that a spiritual battle between the powers of good and evil is being waged for the future of each person on earth. One side uses force; the other does not. (Chapters 14-18)

7..DEATH.IS.UNNATURAL: According to the evidence: (a) We are alienated from our Source of life. (b).Cut off from this Source, our existence is fragile. We die. (c).Death is not an inevitable, natural, essential part of our existence, but an intrusion, that need not be. (Chapter 16)

8..RESCUE PROGRAM: FACT: The ancient nations universally claimed that the first great father was informed of a coming rescue program, which will result in abolishing death, and in the restoring of this world to its original perfect state. (Chapter 19)

9..RESCUER'S NAME KNOWN: There is evidence that the name of the Rescuer was known from the earliest times and his name was recorded: (a) on the ancient sky charts (Chapter 27) (b).in the written text of the Tanakh (Chapters 24 and 25) (c) by various nations – for example, the Egyptians, the Celtic Druids and the Persians. (Chapters 26 and 27)

10. RESCUER'S LOCATION KNOWN: Non-biblical sources show that the world's nations believed the Messiah was to make his appearance through the Hebrew branch of the human race. If this be true, then we might expect the more complete revelation of the Deliverer to be imparted to the Hebrews. Let's wait and see. 25

11. MESSIANIC PROPHECIES SPECIFIC: Additionally, more than 300 prophecies concerning the Deliverer were recorded in the Tanakh, including (a) precisely.when.and where he.would.appear (b) that he would be rejected by the nation of his.birth. (Chapters.20-23,29)

12. PROPHECIES WERE FULFILLED: There is solid evidence that at the precise place and time predicted, one bearing the prophesied name did appear, living out the prophecies one by one - including those beyond human control, such as place of birth, manner of death, manner of burial, and so on, which no imposter could have acted out. (Chapters.22-23,28-32)

13. THE RESCUER'S ROLE: The prophecies said his role would be to offer individuals: (a) freedom from guilt (b) power to live victoriously (c) a restored personal relationship with the Creator (d) the ultimate end to death (e) a guaranteed place in the coming new world in which harmony, peace and joy will prevail.

14..EVENT.SEQUENCE: According to the prophecies, after Messiah's stand-in death for all, then the Second Jewish Temple sacrifices (which foreshadowed that event) would be terminated. (Ch.20) This timing is important in helping us to pinpoint the Messiah's identity.

15. ANTI-RESCUE CAMPAIGN : Globally, on multiple fronts, a high-powered disinformation campaign has since swung into action against the rescue operation, along with a direct sabotage agenda to physically destroy.or.oppress.as.many.prospects.as.possible. 26

Coincidences? That brief overview now brings us to a bizarre set of historical "coincidences" that demand an explanation. Since no event is isolated and every effect has its cause, then what do these odd."coincidences" mean?:

COINCIDENCE.1: THE PASSOVER TIMING FACT: (a) The annual Hebrew Passover event (14th to 15th day of the month Nisan) centered around a lamb sacrifice. This symbolized a substitute death in the place of man, to free him from the penalty of his wrongs. (Exodus chapter 12; Jewish Encyclopedia) (b).Jewish scholars expected the coming Messiah to bring redemption at that same time of the year – Passover. (Cabalistae apud Fagium; Abrabanal, The Wells of Salvation; Ex.12:1-6,11; Lev. 23:4,5; (The Jewish Encyclopedia, art., "Atonement, Day of")

FACT: (a) The one with the

predicted name said he had come to fulfill the Passover symbolism, to sacrifice his life and free men from the penalty of sin. (Matthew 26:1-2,17-28; 1 Corinthians 5:7) (b) Jewish leaders, charging that the “named one” “led astray Israel”, condemned him to be executed on precisely the same day as the Passover lamb was sacrificed. (Babylonian Sanhedrin 43a, 95-110 AD) Was it just coincidence that both ... \* the Tanakh’s prophetic date for Messiah to die violently, and \* the Passover “prophecy” date for the sacrificial lamb to die ... converged at the precise time that the “named one” died violently? Or was something much bigger at work here? 27 COINCIDENCE.2: DEATH AND LIFE FACT: After rejecting the “named one’s” “how to escape” prophecy, 1,100,000 people died in the siege of Jerusalem, AD 70. Their rejection of his message killed them. (Chapter 33) FACT: Those who acted on the “named one’s” prophecy did not die. They escaped. (Encyclopedia Judaica) Their acceptance of the “named one” saved them. Bold statements? Yes. An exaggeration? No. These are both documented history. Is there a connection? COINCIDENCE.3: REASON FOR THE DESTRUCTION: According to the Hebrew Tanakh, the specific reason why the First Jewish Temple was destroyed in 586 BC and the nation scattered for 70 years was because they had rejected the prophets sent by God. (1 Chronicles 36:15-20) Recognising the same spiritual laws to be operative, may we ask, what could be the enormity of the national sin which triggered the Second Temple’s destruction in 70 AD and the people being scattered for 2,000 years? Had they rejected a greater Prophet – even the Messiah himself? (Chapter 29) COINCIDENCE.4: DESTRUCTION DATE: In 586 BC, the First Temple was burned by Babylonian armies on the 10th day of the month Ab. In 70 AD, the Second Temple was burned by Roman armies on the 10th day of the month Ab. (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, 6:4.5) 28 These two events: are they connected? Was there a supernatural element in the timing, to convey a message of extreme importance? COINCIDENCE.5: THE “FORGIVENESS” FACTOR: Forty years before Jerusalem’s destruction, the “named one’s” public offer of the Creator’s divine forgiveness to all who would accept, was officially rejected by the nation’s leaders when they executed him as an imposter. (Chapters 23 and 29) Forty years before Jerusalem’s destruction, on the first annual Day of Atonement after their rejection of the “named one”, the traditional red wool which always turned white (signifying divine forgiveness) now ceased to do so. According to the rabbis this was a supernatural omen that the nation’s sins were no longer forgiven by God. (Babylonian Talmud, Yoma chapter 39b.) Coincidence? Or was there a supernatural connection in the timing? Forbidden information destroyed When news of the “named one’s” death and resurrection, allegedly confirming him as the Deliverer, spread across the earth to challenge the legitimacy of Lucifer worship, sabotage campaigns were launched against it from two chief centers – Rome (the center of sun worship – Satan worship) and Alexandria, Egypt (the center of Luciferian pagan philosophy). (The Da Vinci Code Hoax, Chapters 4-7) Acts of sabotage and cover-up included the following: 29 1. FIDDLING WITH MESSIAH TEXTS: In Alexandria, opponents infiltrated the “named one’s” group of followers and surreptitiously mutilated selected Messiah texts in order to downgrade the “named one”. Rome adopted and enforced these corruptions of text. (The Da Vinci Code Hoax, Chapters 4- 7) However, since most manuscript copies were beyond their reach, only 1 percent of surviving manuscripts are affected. (The Da Vinci Code Hoax, Chapters 17-18,20-21; Who’s Playing Jesus Games? Chapters 12-15; The Sorcerers’ Secret, Chapters 4-6) 2. PTOLEMY’S MUTILATED STAR CHART: Between 127 and 151 AD, in that same center of undercover corruption – Alexandria – Ptolemy’s historic map of the stars chopped out the prophecy of the “named one” which had been in the star maps for 4,000 years. (Chapter 27) 3. KEY WORDS CHOPPED OUT OF TANAKH Around the same time (130 AD), Rabbi Akiva, “the father of the Mishnah”, promoted a translation of the Tanakh which ripped out key words in certain messianic texts that were being linked with the “named one”. (Chapter 27) 4. RABBIS FALSIFY CHRONOLOGY: Rabbis Akiva and Ben Halafta also slashed out 160 years from the Persian/ Jewish calendar to nullify the “named one’s” fulfillment of Daniel’s 490-year prophecy. (Chapter 41) That’s right, 160 years of real time was ripped out and thrown away! 30 5.

CURSE ON MESSIAH PROPHECY: Rabbi Samuel B. Nahmani placed a curse (recorded in the Talmud) on whoever would read the same prophecy of Daniel which pointed to the “named one” as the Messiah. (Chapters 21,23) 6. MESSIAH PROPHECY CUT OUT OF TANAKH The Isaiah 53 prophecy so clearly described the “named one” that some Ashkenazi Jews blasted this chapter right out of their Scriptures. However, the Sephardic Jews retained it. (Chapter 23) Thought.questions Why such a desperate cover-up of that one single feature in all these different documents? Did evidence so clearly point to the “named one” as the Messiah, that rejectors had no option but to (a) chop out textual evidence (b)falsify historical evidence, and (c) curse whoever studied the evidence? Shouldn't one feel sorry for them? As the climax approaches 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: According to the prophecies, as the final showdown looms, every person will have opportunity to accept or reject the pending rescue. 2...WE.CHOOSE: Inbuilt into each of us is the capacity for free choice concerning our destiny. (Chapter 15) 31 3. FORBIDDEN NEWS: The hijackers of our planet have admitted they will do whatever it takes to eliminate, suppress, or discredit the news of the rescue plan and the documents which alert us to it – so that you and I, deprived of its benefits, can be brought under their Luciferian New Age control. 4. THE RESCUER'S POWER: There is well-documented evidence that today in real life the name of the Promised One – and no other – is able to halt an alien abduction, free a victim from demon possession, and empower one to enjoy a new quality of life. (Chapters 48 and 49) Sources.identifying the.Coming.One As already noted, the message of the Promised One was known to the nations of the world, who testified that they had inherited this knowledge from the first great father. They knew that: • Originally this was a perfect world with no suffering. • There had been a rebellion in the heavens. • Man had followed the rebels and had himself fallen. • The Curer of all ills was coming to restore mankind. • He was to appear in Judea – and have a Hebrew name. We shall consult both non-biblical and biblical sources. Why biblical? some will ask. Firstly, because both the Globalists and the so-called UFO “alien” entities have adopted a particular stance toward the Bible as essential to their plans. Secondly, as the most widely trusted (and hated) book on the planet, what it says is directly relevant to our investigation. How you can benefit The best part of our topic will be this: You will be presented with actionable benefits in real life. (Chapters 47-49) 32 In contrast to the Globalist plan to annihilate millions, I shall show you how you can claim for yourself an extension of life. Of course, there are laws of health that can enhance your quality of life now – and even extend your life-span to a certain degree. However, there is only one “bridge to eternal life” – and it does not involve preserving or repairing our present bodies. Death is not an engineering or biological problem, it is a moral penalty. Therefore the only solution to death has been provided by the Creator Himself. I'm not always right. But with evidence like you're now about to see, I've never been more certain of anything in my life. In assembling this report for you, I have been excavating deep for rock-solid evidence. We need to be passionate about evidence. Speculation is out. Evidence is king. If you just want to surface-scan this report and say 'I know all that', then stop right here. But if you're willing to drill into the facts and accept their challenge, then you are in for some mind blowing evidence that can change everything for you – for the better! No matter what you've thought, you want to know the truth, right? So please empty yourself of previous ideas and just look at the evidence. It might change your life. Okay, are you feeling adventurous? Because we are about to embark on a grand discovery. For starters, let's explore a city...

PART ONE EVOLUTION? 34 35 1 DNA: artefact of intelligence? - BEYOND THE INCREDIBLE The explorers could hardly believe their eyes. Here was an unknown city. Martin just stood gaping. “Look!” he shouted. “Just see how all these pieces of machinery fit together!” “So intricately designed,” responded his companion. “Who could have made them?” They surveyed the scene in wonder. “Are you thinking what I'm thinking?” asked Martin. His companion looked at him. “Our



most brilliant modern engineers couldn't construct these." Fantastic factory assembly lines... control centres... and transport centres... all unimaginably complex. And packed into an area so tiny. All inside a simple cell. What simpleton made up that phrase... "simple cell"? \* \* \* \* \* 36 What's inside your simplest cell? Look magazine, in its January 16, 1962, issue declared, "The cell is as complicated as New York City." It is less than one thousandth of an inch long. And the more we study it, the more complex it is found to be. Think of all the shops in your town. Shelves stacked with goods, display windows, check out counters, carpets, light fittings, telephones, and so on. Now add in all the houses. Bedrooms, with beds, sheets, blankets, pillows, reading lamps, wardrobes, dressers, windows, doors. Lounge rooms, with chairs, wall pictures, TVs. Kitchens, sinks, tables, taps for hot and cold water, cupboards, frig., dishwasher, you name it. Now all the factories with their complicated machinery. The automobiles, delivery trucks, with their pistons, radiators and... Oh, let's not get into this. It's endless. Every living human cell, like a city, contains multiplied millions of specially organized parts – just like that. Your adult body contains as many as 100 trillion of these walled cities. Inside each one is activity which includes energy generators, transport systems, waste disposal systems, structural designers, invasion guards, food factories, protective barriers and communication links within and outside the cell city. Michael Denton describes it so beautifully: To grasp the reality... we must magnify a cell a thousand million times until it is twenty kilometres in diameter and resembles a giant airship large enough to cover a great city like London or New York. What we would then see would be an object of unparalleled complexity and adapted design. On the surface of the cell we would see millions of 37 openings, like the portholes of a vast space ship, opening and closing to allow a continual stream of materials to flow in and out. If we were to enter one of these openings we would find ourselves in a world of supreme technology and bewildering complexity. We would see endless highly organized corridors and conduits branching in every direction away from the perimeter of the cell, some leading to the central memory bank in the nucleus and others to assembly plants and processing units. The nucleus itself would be a vast spherical chamber more than a kilometre in diameter, resembling a geodesic dome inside of which we would see, all neatly stacked together in ordered arrays, the miles of coiled chains of the DNA molecules. A huge range of products and raw materials would shuttle along all the manifold conduits in a highly ordered fashion to and from all the various assembly plants in the outer regions of the cell. We would wonder at the level of control implicit in the movement of so many objects down so many seemingly endless conduits, all in perfect unison. We would see all around us, in every direction we looked, all sorts of robot like machines.... What we would be witnessing would be an object resembling an immense automated factory, a factory larger than a city and carrying out almost as many unique functions as all the manufacturing activities of man on earth. (Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*. Bethesda, Maryland: Adler and Adler, Publishers, Inc., 1986, pp. 328-329) Amazing fact: Did you know that each cell in your body has the electrical potential of 1.7 volts. (And with up to 100 trillion cells, what is the electrical potential of your body?... you work it out!) Your amazing genes Within the nucleus of that little dot called a cell, 23 pairs of chromosomes are intertwined like a wad of spaghetti. These 38 contain the master computer called DNA. And the DNA molecules contain thousands of genes. These genes (a)programme all inherited characteristics, such as height and personality type. (b)guide all growth processes, such as when and how baby teeth are pushed out by adult teeth. (c)direct all structural and system details for every body organ. You and I each came from a single fertilised cell. In the nucleus of that little dot, the master computer (DNA) contained the programming for every aspect of the yet-undeveloped person. Every organ, every nerve, every hair, skin colour, hair colour, behavioural patterns... are programmed in those amazing tiny chromosomes. There is automated assembly, perfectly regulated and controlled... miniaturization... and incredible ingenuity. Each cell always "knows" Were you aware that each and every cell in your body contains ALL the genetic coding for each of the other cells of your body?

There are instructions in your cells on how to manufacture and reproduce every different part of your body. The words are set out in sentences, and paragraphs and chapters. • The genes are like sentences. • Several genes together make a paragraph. • Many paragraphs of gene clusters make a chapter. • Many chapters make a book, which we call a chromosome. • There are 23 chromosome books to make the whole encyclopedia of instructions. 39 • An encyclopedia comprises a complete person. This is duplicated to make an identical copy, so that your body has two encyclopedias – that is, 46 books (chromosomes) in each human cell. These books contain so many words that the human encyclopedia is more than ten times as long as Encyclopaedia Britannica. To put this another way, over a million pages are needed for all human instructions. And this DNA message is played back every time a new life is created, because its instructions are obeyed to the last letter. This one million page DNA message book gives complicated technical instructions to make a plant or an animal or a man. They are more technical than any man-made computerised code for making a passenger airliner, for example. They are more technical than any of the computers on our planet. Think about this. Could a series of faults in instructions (mutations) make, by accident, such a technical code? This code, like a Morse code of dots and dashes, needs to be translated before it can be used. The truth is, this DNA code needed someone who knew the translation and then made a machine to translate it. That translation machine is included into every cell of your body, as well. Think about this. Someone was needed to (a) know the code secret and (b) make the code breaker. The theory of evolution cannot explain how this information arose. 40 As we have just noted, one process which the cell undertakes is the formation of new cells. This incredible process requires the cell to read itself and then reproduce itself. And can you guess how fast it does this? The complete duplication is accomplished in just a few hours. Would you like to attempt a job like that? And do it without mistakes. To repeat: a living cell can do something that no man-made machine can do. It can make a perfect copy of itself in just a few hours! Now think about this. Somehow, although each cell has such a vast encyclopedia of “blueprints”, yet each cell “knows” its own special job and keeps it. For example, a cell on your skin at the end of your ear has the genetic information to produce a toenail cell... but it doesn’t! Aren’t you glad? How small are your genes? Now, have you stopped to consider that human DNA is infinitely more complex than our computers? As impressive as man-made microchips are, this bio-micro-circuitry is beyond the incredible. The programmed genetic coding for all of earth’s 6.8 billion people would take up space less than the size of an aspirin tablet! A single gene – can you grasp this – is estimated to be between 4 and 50 millionths of an inch across. And 500,000 genes would easily slide around in a hole made by an ordinary pinpoint! 41 The density of sub-microscopic information In an interview with Benjamin Wiker, Dr Dean Kenyon, Professor of Biology at San Francisco State University, said: The number of bits of information stored in a cubic millimetre of tightly packed DNA exceeds, by many orders of magnitude, the information storage capacity of the same volume in any computer’s memory. DNA’s information density is  $1.9 \times 10^{18}$  bits per cubic millimetre – by far the highest density of information storage known to humans. (Paper: A New Scientific Revolution) Kenyon observed that this had led many scientists to conclude that living cells were designed by a superintelligent Agent outside of nature. The incredible RNA The messenger in a cell city is called RNA. Although it looks like DNA, it has a passport to leave the nucleus. And just listen to this: Firstly, in a split second, the master DNA and the messenger RNA intertwine. Then the DNA instantly imprints a section of its code on the RNA. Then the DNA separates from the RNA. Then the RNA rushes to the edge of the city. And there it transfers its code in rapid-fire succession to one enzyme after another. 42 This code tells each enzyme to do a particular job somewhere in the larger organism. The whole mass of cells within a body somehow cooperate to act like a fish, a cat, a human, or whatever the total organism is supposed to be. Protein forming so that DNA could be possible Here’s a puzzle for you. DNA cannot form without pre-existing protein. But proteins cannot form without pre-existing DNA! So, can you answer me this: From where and how did the first

protein originate, to facilitate the DNA code structure in each species? Mathematical probability alone has shown that even if our earth and our universe were billions times trillions of years old, it would not even begin to scratch the odds of the simplest protein molecule forming by chance, much less an entire cell. All DNA's interlocking, working parts must be 100% intact And wonder at this! Inside the cell, one piece of machinery is manufactured, then transported to fit precisely into another waiting piece, then another, and another – each one designed specifically to fit and interact with that particular piece and no other. We're talking about many parts of a complex machine, so small you can't see it with the naked eye! 43 Then what about this: DNA has to be totally 100 percent intact with all its interlocking, working parts, before one living cell can even exist. Not only do you need the information in the individual genes. You also need the information that enables them to work together. Such masses of information do not emerge from chance random processes. Our sophisticated machines can do nothing at all unless someone supplies a programme of code instructions. And the programmes must be developed by intelligent human beings. Suppose I told you that my XP Windows computer, with all its interacting information software, just "happened" – that no one ever designed it? Each working piece of the machinery is designed to fit and interact precisely with another working piece. 44 You might be too polite to say, but I can guess what you'd be thinking. How did this information evolve? Now here's the big question. Do you have the answer?: DNA code, more complexly assembled than a computer... how did this information evolve? By a fluke? I found myself unable to shrug this off. Information is not something that can evolve, step by step, nor even appear suddenly, fully assembled. It first has to be programmed. I would like to introduce to you Dr Stephen C. Meyer, Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for the Renewal of Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute in Seattle. (He is also author of *Darwinism, Design, and Public Education*, and is co-author of *Science and Evidence of Design in the Universe*.) He says: It's part of our knowledge base that intelligent agents can produce information-rich systems. So the argument is not based on what we don't know, but it is based on what we do know about the cause and effect structure of the world. We know at present there is no naturalistic explanation, no natural cause, that produces information. Not natural selection, not self-organizational processes, not pure chance. But we do know of a cause which is capable of producing information, and that is intelligence. So when people infer design from the presence of information in DNA, they're effectively making what's called in the historical sciences an inference to the best explanation. So when we find an information-rich system, in the cell, in the DNA molecule specifically, we can infer that an intelligence played a role in the origin of that system, even if we weren't there to observe the system coming into existence. (DVD, *Unlocking the Mystery of Life*, Illustra Media, 2002) 45 In 2004, the scientific journal *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* published an article by Dr Meyer, advocating that the complexity of living organisms could only have been deliberately designed – and that biological information could not have arisen from Darwinian evolution. Like it or not, information has to be an artefact of intelligence. Scientist forced into a U-turn Dr Dean Kenyon, Professor of Biology (Emeritus) at San Francisco State University, was one of the leading chemical evolution theorists in the world. He co-authored *Biochemical Predestination*, which claimed that the evolution of life was inevitable... that proteins to produce living cells were formed directly by forces of attraction between their parts... that proteins are just formed together (self assemble) in chains, directly from amino acids, without any DNA assembly instructions. His theory was accepted with enthusiasm by the evolutionary scientific community. But within just five years after publishing, Kenyon suddenly had serious doubts. It began when one of his students asked, "How could the first proteins have been assembled without the help of genetic instructions?" (Proteins were the necessary information to build the first cell.) And then DNA was discovered. This would prove fatal to Kenyon's molecular evolution theory. Kenyon confesses: The more I conducted my own studies, including a period of time at NASA-AIMS Research Center, the more it became apparent there were

multiple difficulties with the chemical evolution account. And further experimental work showed 46 that amino acids do not have the ability to order themselves into any biologically meaningful sequences. The more I thought about the alternative that was being presented in the criticism, and the enormous problem that all of us who had worked on this field had neglected to address, the problem of the origin of genetic information itself, then I really had to re-assess my whole position regarding origins. (Ibid.) What he now had to address was this: What was the source of the biological information in DNA? If one could get at the origin of the messages, the encoded messages within the living machinery, then you would really be onto something far more intellectually satisfying than this chemical evolution theory. (Ibid.) From *Unlocking the Mystery of Life* (Illustra Media) 47 The astonishing fact is that inside every microscopic-sized cell, machines work together to accomplish specific jobs and are shepherded by other specially shaped machines to precise locations where they are needed. Learning this, Kenyon exclaimed, "This is absolutely mind boggling, to perceive at this scale of size, such a finely tuned apparatus, a device, that bears the marks of intelligent design and manufacture!" Observable evidence of a Master Designer What else can you call this but observable evidence of thoughtful, programmed designing by a Superior Mind? Evidence of intelligently organized patterns. Obviously, such a Designer can only be greater than us. Greater than the creation itself. Music.in.genes Oh, and something else. Did you know this? It was recently discovered that DNA is linked to music! If you like music, but think that you can't carry a tune, you may be wrong. Respected geneticist, Susumo Ono, believes he's discovered music in genes – particularly human genes, fish genes and rabbit genes. Susumo is a researcher in DNA. He asked himself, If we were to assign a musical note to each chemical on the DNA strand and string those notes together and play them, what would DNA sound like? 48 So he did this – and the result was amazing. He discovered musical patterns of notes, that again reveal intelligence. Susumo Ono was so astonished that he took his findings to musicians. And musicians, in turn, were astonished to hear echoes of Bach, of Schubert, of Mozart in DNA music. Using the same formula for converting DNA into music, Dr Ono worked backwards and translated Chopin's funeral march into chemical symbols. It came out cancer! Skeptics naturally point out that these strands of DNA produce only a string of single notes; it is the musicians who fill in the rhythm and the harmony. That's so. But the bottom line is this: Whichever way you look at it, the PATTERNS of single notes testify to intelligence as the source of DNA. Certainly it is not from a blind, accidental force in nature. Identical to written language But there's more, much more. Scientists at Bell Laboratories conducted studies on the mathematical language in the DNA molecule. And what did they find? Its mathematical pattern is identical to that of conversational language. Concerning DNA, Charles Thaxton states: A structural identity has been discovered between the genetic message on DNA and the written messages of a human language. (Charles Thaxton, "A New Design Argument," *Cosmic Pursuit* 1, no. 2, Spring 1998) Hupert Yockey explains: 49 There is an identity of structure between DNA (and protein) and written linguistic messages. Since we know by experience that intelligence produces written messages, and no other cause is known, the implication, according to the abductive method, is that intelligent cause produced DNA and protein. The significance of this result lies in the security of it, for it is much stronger than if the structures were merely similar. We are not dealing with anything like a superficial resemblance between DNA and a written text. We are not saying DNA is like a message. Rather, DNA is a message. True design thus returns to biology. (Hubert P. Yockey, "Journal of Theoretic Biology". Quoted in Charles Thaxton, "A New Design Argument," *Cosmic Pursuit* 1, no. 2, Spring 1998. Emphasis mine.) Since it takes intelligence to write a language, is it not evident that it took intelligence to write the DNA code? Intelligently designed 'sentences' impressed from the 'outside' Dean Kenyon was asked if DNA comes in intelligently designed 'sentences'. "Is it true that when scientists peer into the microscopic world of DNA, they find not mere random arrangements, but well-written 'instruction books'?" "Yes," responded Kenyon. "Masterpieces of immense intricacy

and subtlety.” “And you argue that these biological ‘sentences’ in DNA could not have arisen merely by material means, as evolutionists suggest?” asked the interviewer. “No,” said Kenyon. “Just as the chemistry and physics of ink and paper do not determine the order of symbols in a printed text, but that order must be impressed on the ink from the ‘outside’, so also the order of the bases, or sub-units, in DNA [adenine, thymine, guanine, and cytosine, or A, T, G, and C as commonly represented] is not determined by the known 50 chemical tendencies of these individual sub-units, but instead appears to have been impressed from the ‘outside’ on the sub units to create just those sequences that make biological sense.

The fantastic complexity and orderliness of the DNA code – condensed into an incredibly tiny size – suggests the work of a brilliant intellect rather than chance processes. It suggests that much thought has gone into their design – just as human beings use intelligence to design and construct computers, Jumbo jets, space craft and other intricate equipment. If radio signals were to be received from outer space, they would be understood as evidence of an intelligent source. Why then should we not regard the message sequence on the DNA molecule as *prima facie* evidence of an intelligent source? Designed to NOT evolve But that is not all! Gene code letters have built in error protection! 51 Genes store information in long strings of DNA, in the form of chemical letters, called A, T, C and G. So that genes can be accurately copied, each gene consists of two parallel strands of DNA held together by links between the code letters of one strand and those of the other strand. The two strands are not identical. That is, A’s do not link to A’s, and so on. Instead, they are complimentary. A’s link to T’s; C’s always link to G’s. Donail MacDonaill of Trinity College, Dublin, studied that pattern of linkages between letters. And he found that they form a parity code similar to computer codes, to minimise mistakes during the electronic transfer of information. (Nature science update, [www.nature.com/nsu](http://www.nature.com/nsu) September 18, 2002) Now is the moment of truth. No one would be so naïve as to believe modern electronic parity codes could have evolved by chance. They were carefully planned by software designers. Could the parity code found in DNA be further evidence that the genetic code was deliberately created? DNA is designed to maintain accurate copies and avoid changes in the information it carries. This means it was designed to NOT evolve. But rather to reproduce its own kind forever. Doesn’t this make evolution scientifically impossible? The genes of fruit flies were manipulated to produce flies with no eyes. When these were interbred their offspring also had no eyes. But after several generations eyes started to reappear due to this fail-safe mechanism, reverting back to a normal fly. In other words, no evolution! A miracle – nothing less Microbiologist Dr Michael Denton challenges the scientific community to address the impossibility of a single cell being thrown together, unless by an occurrence “indistinguishable from a miracle.” (Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*. Bethesda, Md.: Adler and Adler, 1986, p. 264) 52 Is it any wonder that mathematicians can have serious doubts about evolution? Mathematician I.L. Cohen, a member of New York Academy of Sciences, writes: ...any physical change of any size, shape or form is strictly the result of purposeful alignment of billions of nucleotides [in the DNA]. Nature or species do not have the capacity to rearrange them nor to add to them... The only way we know for a DNA to be altered is through a meaningful intervention from an outside source of intelligence – one who knows what it is doing, such as our genetic engineers are now performing in the laboratories. (I.L. Cohen, *Darwin Was Wrong; A Study in Probabilities*. New York Research Publications, Inc., 1984, p. 209) Each nucleotide base (or letter) on one DNA strand interlocks with a specific partner on the other strand. Together they then form a base pair of letters. Three pairs of letters form a code for one amino acid. The order in which the pairs are arranged on a DNA strand determines the information contained in that strand. Genetic information is contained in the myriad combinations of pairs throughout the length of the DNA molecule. A gene is a particular sequence of letters which codes for a specific protein. 53 He adds: ...every single concept advanced

by the theory of evolution (and amended thereafter) is imaginary as it is not supported by the scientifically established facts of microbiology, fossils, and mathematical probability concepts. Darwin was wrong. (Ibid.) ...The theory of evolution may be the worst mistake made in science. (Ibid., p. 210)

## **22 Mathematical proof 2 – AN AMAZING PREDICTION COMES TRUE!**

“What’s wrong?” “Oh, she’s just found out the baby’s a girl.” But why the disappointment? Ah, we shall see why, in this chapter...

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You remember how the wealthy King Croesus went to visit the oracle at Delphi? He wanted to know whether he should fight the Persians. According to the historian Herodotus, the “wise oracle told him that ‘by crossing Halys, Croesus will destroy a mighty power.’” Croesus took this as a prophecy that he would destroy the great Persian army. So he went into battle. But he was defeated. He did destroy a mighty power: his own! Whichever way the battle went, the augury would be true. Psychic or human prophecy, it matters not which. I shall say it again. They are mere guess work. 287 But when you investigate Bible prophecy, you will discover it to be as far from human prediction as midday is from midnight. Bible predictions burn all bridges. They are specific. And Daniel’s prophecy, which we shall now pursue further, is a notable example of this – which may prompt us to ask, How did the prophet know? 483 years “to Messiah the Prince” “Until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty two weeks.” (Daniel 9:25) That is, seven “weeks of years” (49 years) to rebuild the city, followed by 62 “weeks of years” ( $62 \times 7 = 434$  years) duration of the restored city — till the Messiah! The Jewish writer, J. J. Slotki, says: Jerusalem will be a fully restored city during a period of 434 years. (J.J. Slotki, J.J. Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, P.7) If the rebuilding of Jerusalem was to occupy 49 years this would bring us to the year 408 BC. When we calculate another 434 years, we should get the very year when Messiah would appear. 288 It must be remembered that there was no “0” BC (no zero BC) year. Thus, when we count from BC dates to AD, one year must be deducted from the total. You will see that 434 years after 408 BC reaches to the year 27 AD. These 434 years would reach to the Messiah, a name meaning the “Anointed” one. So the Messiah must appear in that year. And if that year passed and he didn’t come, then we might well say that the prophecy failed. And for that matter, any future claimant to the role is NOT the promised Messiah!! Do you see how clear that is? The eternal God in His Intelligence Report has given you a tremendously solid platform on which to base your confidence. Did something significant occur during that year? Let’s see. The Jewish expectation At the time, the land of Judea (Israel) was in the hands of the powerful Roman Empire. Many a Jewish heart longed to throw off the imperial yoke. Soon news filtered up to Jerusalem that an eloquent speaker had appeared in the Jordan Valley east of the city and was calling on 289 everybody to “repent” (that is, turn from their old failed ways) and “be baptized” (immersed in water to signify a new start). John the Baptist, as everyone called him, understood the chronology of Daniel’s prophecy, and had caused quite a stir by announcing, “the kingdom of heaven IS AT HAND”. (Matthew 3:2), that the promised Messiah was about to appear. As the time drew near, those who knew Daniel’s time prophecy were expecting the appearance of the Messiah. Luke records that “the people were IN EXPECTATION”. (Luke 3:15) For centuries, almost every Jewish mother prayed with longing that her firstborn son would be the Messiah. Thus there developed a custom that if a boy was born there was great joy. If a girl was born... they wept. Poor girls! Early Jewish documents, such as the Septuagint translation of the Scriptures (283-180 BC) (Hengstenbery, E.W. Christology of the Old Testament, reprint; McDill AFB, FL, 1973. 2:824-825 von

Lengerke, C Das Buch Daniel, 1835, p.410) and the Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs (c. 100 BC) (Testament of Levi chaps. 14-16) interpret Daniel's time prophecy as referring to the Messiah. The Septuagint (LXX) interprets the "weeks" in all instances in v.25-27 as "years" (ete) and "times" (kairoi). Indeed, whether Essene, Hellenistic, Pharisaic or Zealot, the most usual interpretations of Daniel 9:24-27 within Judaism, until after 70 AD, were of the messianic kind. (Beckwith, Roger T. "Daniel 9 and the Date of the Messiah's Coming in Essene, Hellenistic, Pharisaic, Zealot and Early Christian Computation," *Revue de Qumran* 40, 1981: 521) Expectation among other nations We noted in an earlier chapter that the Promised One was expected by the nations of the world – including the Persians, 290 the Babylonians, the British Druids and the Egyptians – independently of each other. To cap it all, the ancient Romans were convinced that a master and ruler of the world was to come out of Judea. (Tacitus, *Histories*, v.13; Suetonius, *Vespasian*, iv) Tacitus, Suetonius, Josephus and others testify that by the first century BC there was a widespread expectation of a great Prince to arise in the East – even though general conceptions had become indefinite and incompatible with the character of the Messiah as portrayed in the most ancient prophecies. In the land of Judea, the Herodian group knew that the time for the appearance of Messiah was at hand. In their worldly perception of the event, they regarded King Herod as the Messiah. (Epiphanius, *Ilanarian*, "The Drugchest, a Refutation of all Heresies," Tertullian, *De praescriptione haereticorum*) From Daniel's prophecy, they correctly found that the period of 490 years was approaching its completion in the time of Herod. The Essenes of the Qumran community likewise interpreted Daniel's prophecy messianically. That understanding was worked out prior to 146 BC. (Beckworth, p. 525) The Dead Sea Scrolls have yielded text confirming the Jewish expectation of a personal, individual Messiah who would die and rise from the dead. A fragment called "A Genesis Florilegium" (4Q252) reflects belief in an individual Messiah who would be a descendant of David: "Column 5 (1) (the) Government shall not pass from the tribe of Judah. During Israel's dominion, (2) a Davidic descendant on the throne shall [not c]ease ... until the Messiah of Righteousness, the Branch of (4) David comes." (Robert H. Eisenman and Michael Wise, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered*. New York: Barnes & Nobel, 1992, p. 89) Even the deity of the expected Messiah is affirmed in the fragment known as "The Son of God" (4Q246), Plate 4, columns one and two: "Oppression will be upon the earth... 291 [until] the King of the people of God arises,... and he shall become [gre]at upon the earth. [... All w]ill make [peace,] and all will serve [him.] He will be called [son of the Gr]eat [God;] by His name he shall be designated.... He will be called the son of God; they will call him son of the Most High." (Ibid., p. 70) "The Messiah of Heaven and Earth" fragment (4Q521) even speaks of the Messiah raising the dead: "(12) then He will heal the sick, resurrect the dead, and to the Meek announce glad tidings." (Ibid., p. 23; cf. pp. 63, 95) Clearly, the general expectation of the Jews was that the time for the Deliverer's appearance had arrived. This is why the Jews sent priests and Levites to John the Baptist, to ask him if he was the Messiah. Although he confessed, "I am not the Messiah" (John 1:19,20), there were still many who speculated that John was "that prophet that should come into the world". (John 6:14; 7:40) Certainly John the Baptist understood the chronology of Daniel's prophecy and made it one of the bases of his appeal, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2) "The time is fulfilled" In the crowd pressing around John was a young man approaching thirty. He came to John to be baptized by immersion in the River Jordan. From this time onward, there followed a series of public statements which, had they been accepted at face value, would have prepared their hearers for what was to occur three and a half years later. The first was John's announcement upon seeing the young man approaching, whose name was Yeshua: "Here is the Lamb of 292 God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) As symbolized by the ancient sacrificial system, this young man would ultimately go "as a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7) for claiming to be "the Son of God". (John 19:7) Yeshua began his public ministry by declaring, "THE TIME IS FULFILLED." (Mark 1:15) With his own lips, he announced

the termination of the prophetic time period. "I'm here," he declared, "ON TIME." Thus, one of the crowd who had been to the Jordan reported back to his brother, the fisherman Peter, "We have found the MESSIAS... the Christ." (John 1:41) The term Christ is the English equivalent of the Greek Christos, "ANOINTED ONE", and of the Hebrew Mashiach, (MESSIAH). Soon after this, Yeshua entered the synagogue of Nazareth, his home town, and announced, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath ANOINTED me." (Luke 4:18-22) 6 facts pinpoint the year And what year was this? We're not left to speculate. The first century writer Luke informs us that it was "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanius the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests" (Luke 3:1,2), that John the Baptist commenced his ministry. Luke wrote two books: Acts and the Gospel of Luke. Both books used to be discounted by critics. Among those who doubted their accuracy was William Ramsay. 293 Honest critic forced to change his mind Sir William Ramsay is reputed to be one of the greatest archaeologists of all time. As a student in the German historical school of the mid-19th century, Ramsay was firmly convinced that the New Testament book of Acts was a fraudulent product of the mid-2nd century. In his research to make a topographical study of Asia Minor, he was compelled to consider the New Testament writings of Luke. Here is how he relates his experience: I began with a mind unfavourable to it... but more recently I found myself brought into contact with the Book of Acts as an authority for the topography, antiquities and society of Asia Minor. It was gradually borne upon me that in various details the narrative showed marvellous truth. In fact, beginning with a fixed idea that the work was essentially a second century composition, and never relying on its evidence as trustworthy for first century conditions, I gradually came to find it a useful ally in some obscure and difficult investigations. (Edward Musgrave Blaiklock, Layman's Answer: An Examination of the New Theology. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1968, p. 36 – quoted from Ramsay, St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen) As a result of that, Ramsay was forced to do a complete reversal of his beliefs. He concluded after thirty years of study that "Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... this author should be placed along with the greatest of historians." (Sir W. M. Ramsey, The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1915, p. 222. Emphasis mine) In fact, Ramsay concluded that "Luke's history is unsurpassed in respect of its trustworthiness." (W. M. Ramsay, St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1962, p. 81) 294 Since then, further discoveries have shown New Testament writers such as Luke to be careful historians. His reliability shines through details so intricately yet often unintentionally woven into the narrative. His familiarity with particular locations with details suitable only to the times in question stamps Luke as a trustworthy contemporary of the events reported. Here also is the verdict of Roman historian A.N. Sherwin White: For Acts the confirmation of historicity is overwhelming.... Any attempt to reject its basic historicity must now appear absurd. Roman historians have taken it for granted. (A.N. Sherwin-White, Roman Society and Roman Law in the New Testament, reprint edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1978, p. 189) F. F. Bruce, of the University of Manchester, offers this tribute to the historical accuracy of Luke: A man whose accuracy can be demonstrated in matters where we are able to test it is likely to be accurate even where the means for testing him are not available. Accuracy is a habit of mind, and we know from happy (or unhappy) experience that some people are habitually accurate just as others can be depended upon to be inaccurate. Luke's record entitles him to be regarded as a writer of habitual accuracy. (F.F. Bruce, The New Testament Documents. Are They Reliable? London: Inter Varsity Press, 1974, p. 90. Emphasis supplied) Clark Pinnock, Professor of Interpretations at McMaster University, Toronto, concurs: There exists no document from the ancient world witnessed by so excellent a set of textual and historical testimonies, and offering so superb an array of historical data on which the intelligent decision may be made. An honest (person)



cannot dismiss a source of this kind. (Josh McDowell, *The Resurrection Factor*. San Bernadino Ca: Here's Life Publishers, Inc., 1981, p. 9) 295 Yes, you can trust Luke's testimony. Luke gives you six historical facts, in order to pinpoint a date. You can check and re-check. He informs us concerning the time that John the Baptist commenced his ministry, that it was "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanius the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests..." (Luke 3:1,2) You see how historically precise is Luke? He takes pains to confirm the date by six independent lines of evidence. Emperor Tiberius Tiberius' 15th year We have an abundance of facts on the Caesars of Rome. And we can identify the fifteenth year of Tiberius' reign. It is 27 AD. Tiberius commenced reigning on August 19, 14 AD. The Jewish New Year began in September-October (on the date known in Jewish terminology as Tishri 1). 296 It was Jewish practice to reckon the years of foreign kings from Tishri 1 (New Year's day by the civil calendar). Thus Tiberius' short first year (commencing August 19) ended - and the second year of his reign began — on Tishri 1 (in September-October, according to Jewish reckoning.) The chart above shows the first fifteen years of Tiberius' reign. Tiberius' fifteenth year began in September or October, 27 AD. Tishri 1, Rosh Hashanah, was calculated to follow the new moon of either September or October. A king's "first year" was considered to be the interval between the day he began to reign and the arrival of the following autumn New Year's Day. Jewish clerks and those of some other eastern Mediterranean countries began to date documents by a new emperor's "first year" as soon as they heard the news that he had begun to reign. Tiberius' second year thus began in Palestine on New Year's Day in September or October, 14 AD even though he had been in power no more than about two months. 297 Even today in some eastern lands, children are considered to be a year old in the year of birth and to be two years old on the subsequent New Year's Day - even if that New Year's Day comes only a day or two after a child is born. Interestingly, although many Palestinian coins from various years of Tiberius' reign have been found, archaeologists have not found one Palestinian coin dated to his "first year". This absence of "first year" coins can be explained by the extreme shortness of Tiberius' first year. (The same year AD 27 is established from a different set of evidences researched by William A. Spicer, in *The Hand of God in History*. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Assn., pp. 62-63,69-70.) According to Daniel's prophecy, the Messiah should appear 483 years from the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. That is, in 27 AD. And right in that very year, Yeshua of Nazareth appeared, stepped into the Jordan to be baptized, and publicly proclaimed Isaiah's prophecy of the "Anointed One" as predictive of himself. (Luke 4:16-21) Yeshua was baptized quite soon after John began to preach. Then between Yeshua's baptism and his first Passover (in the following March-April) he spent 6 weeks in the wilderness, gathered disciples here and there, and also attended a wedding feast. On account of all this, we may safely conclude that he was baptized within the year 27. May one conclude by this public announcement of Yeshua, that Daniel's prophecy given 600 years earlier was fulfilled on time? Indeed, the prophecy concerning 69 weeks (483 years) to the anointing of the Messiah at his baptism in 27 AD was fulfilled with astonishing accuracy. Paul, a former skeptic, seems to have hinted at this when he wrote, "When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman." (Galatians 4:4) 298 Yeshua in historical records Does any skeptic have a problem with the fact of Yeshua's existence? Then listen... It staggered me to discover that Yeshua's life was attested to by no fewer than 22 different historians of his day, such as Tacitus, Suetonius, Serapian, Phlegon, Lucian, Josephus. Many of these historians were antagonistic toward him. He was mentioned in at least four official Roman records: 1. Cornelius Tacitus, born around AD 55, may have been the greatest Roman historian. He held the positions of senator, consul, and provincial governor of Asia. He wrote *Annals* (16 volumes), *Histories*, *Agricola*, *Germany*, and a dialogue on oratory. And he mentions that Pontius Pilate crucified Yeshua. (*Annals*, 15:44) Tacitus was a scrupulous historian who paid careful attention to his historical works.

(Wikipedia) You can depend on his historical trustworthiness. He was contemporary with many of the events he records. 2. Governor Pontius Pilate (31 to 37 AD) (See Justin Martyr, Apology, 1.48) 3. Caius Suetonius Tranquillus (c. AD 69 – 140), overseer of Rome's libraries (Lives of the First Twelve Caesars: Life of Claudius, 26.2) 4. Pliny the younger (AD 112) (Letters 10:96.7) You can check on the early historical testimony concerning Yeshua by these and various others, more comprehensively in my book Who's Playing Jesus Games?, chapters 1 to 3. But there's more in Daniel's prophecy... 299

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### **Mathematical proof 3 – WHAT WILL HE DO?**

Brenda shuddered. "Jonathan, that makes my flesh creep. All this just coincidence?" Yes, it was uncanny. It sent a tingle up my spine. And I'm about to share it with you... as we continue Daniel's prophecy. ... Daniel wrote, "He shall confirm the COVENANT with many for one week." (Daniel 9:27) This "week" is the final one of the seventy weeks allotted in a special sense to the Jews. The covenant to prevail 7 years An equally valid translation of this passage is: "One week shall establish the covenant" or "For one week the covenant shall prevail." Of course, "one week" denotes seven years. The prophet Malachi called the coming Messiah "the messenger of THE COVENANT" (Malachi 3:1) This is the everlasting covenant of mercy (the promise of rescue) that the Creator had made with the human family, the promise that he had given to Adam. 300 By the events of this seven year period, the covenant would be forever established. And it would prevail "with many" of Daniel's people, the Jews. (Daniel 9:27) This divine covenant was to triumph in the ministry of the Messiah to Israel — a ministry which was to be a unique demonstration of patient, forgiving love. Mistaken modern interpretations of this passage have had it that some evil character will "make" a covenant with the Jews, then break it. However the original Hebrew word here is never translated "make". It is usually translated "prevail". Nobody was to "make" a covenant. The covenant already existed. It was now simply to be confirmed. (Daniel 9:27) For 3½ years Yeshua came publicly to Israel. Four annual Passovers occurred during Yeshua's public ministry - between his baptism during September-October 27 AD and his death during March-April 31 AD. ( John 2:13; 5:1; 6:4;13:1) Yeshua's baptism to first Passover... ½ year to 2nd Passover... 1 year to 3rd Passover... 1 year to 4th Passover... 1 year \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL 3½ YEARS He confirmed the covenant in person by his life and teachings. Then, just before his death, he lifted a cup of wine and said to his disciples, "This is my blood of THE COVENANT, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28) Evidently, he was thinking that night of Daniel's prophecy, "He shall CONFIRM THE COVENANT with many." (Daniel 9:27) 301 To become effective, the covenant would require his death. This period of 3½ years — and a second period of 3½ years that would follow his death — were definitely directed at the Jews ("thy people" of Daniel's prophecy). And as a consequence many Jews did recognize Yeshua as the Messiah. The New Testament writers bear witness that after Yeshua's death on the cross, the same covenant message was confirmed to the Jewish nation for a further 3½ years. Fifty days after the crucifixion, on the day of Pentecost, the Jew Peter called his countrymen to turn around and accept forgiveness. "For the promise is to you and to your children," he said. (Acts 2:38,39) He testified in the very city where the messianic events had occurred. The evidence was right under their noses. On that occasion, 3,000 Jews accepted the offer. And soon after, another 5,000 men, as well as women and children. The former skeptic Paul added his testimony concerning "the COVENANT, that was CONFIRMED before of God in Christ." (Galatians 3:17). 70 WEEKS OF YEARS (490 Years) 69 Weeks (483 YEARS) 1 Week (7 YEARS) Jerusalem rebuilt 7 weeks (49 years) 62 weeks (434 years) 70th week Artaxerxes Decree Messiah to Appear End.of.the Jewish Period 302 So persuasive was this superlative sort of love, so attractive was the appeal of a God who continued to

share his promise in spite of rejection and crucifixion, that (as Luke records) “the word of God increased: and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7) Mark, another writer, states that when the disciples went publicly to Israel, that their Lord was “confirming the word with signs following.” (Mark 16:20) Again, Paul wrote to his Jewish kinsmen, “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him.” (Hebrew 2:3) Can you see? In a very real sense, the ministry of the disciples was a continuation of the ministry of Yeshua himself. This is how the Messiah would “confirm the covenant” with “many” (that is, the Jews) for “one week” (seven years). Yeshua’s use of “Messiah” and “Son of man” In the popular mind, messiahship had degenerated to the idea of kingship, of one who would violently overthrow the Romans and bring on a Golden Age. Messianic ideas had become nationalistic, destructive and vengeful. To play that part was the last thing Yeshua desired. Any suggestion that he might do so was a hindrance to his cause. So he told his followers not to say that he was the Messiah, not in public. (Matthew 16:20) Then, abruptly, he “began to teach them that the Son of man had to undergo great sufferings and to be rejected,” that his role was to be essentially that of the innocent sufferer. (Matthew 16:21) 303 “Your Messiah is a conqueror,” he told the disciples; “God’s Messiah is a servant.” Yeshua accepted the messianic faith of the Jews but interpreted it by means of the suffering servant prophecy of Isaiah chapter 53. He knew what lay ahead and was doing his best to prepare his disciples for it. Rather, he preferred to call himself “the Son of man”. That was his favorite title; it identified him with mankind. However, at the end of his ministry, when he had to confront the high priest preparatory to his arraignment, he was asked point blank “Are you the Messiah?” And he replied, “I am.” It is clear that Yeshua allowed himself to be condemned to death for claiming the messianic role. Even if contemporary ideas of the “Messiah” were mistaken, Yeshua still could not simply repudiate the title to save his life. He was voluntarily taking a course that would lead to his death. A violent death “And after the 62 weeks,” says the literal Hebrew language of Daniel’s prophecy, “shall Messiah be cut off.” (Daniel 9:26) That is, after the full 62 week period of the sequence of events in the prophecy, shall Messiah die. During the 70th week, in other words. It does not tell us how soon “after”. We need a specific phrase to place the timing of the event. We shall see, shortly, that the prophecy gives that timing in the next verse. 304 The expression “CUT OFF” implies that Messiah would not die a natural death; he would be murdered! Isaiah’s prophecy concurs The prophet Isaiah spoke in similar terms regarding the coming Messiah. He will be • “despised and rejected”, • “stricken”, • “wounded”, • “bruised”, • “brought as a lamb to the slaughter”, • “taken from prison and from judgment” and • “CUT OFF out of the land of the living”. (Isaiah 53:3-8) The majority of Jewish scholars understood this as a prophecy of the Messiah. Concerning Isaiah chapter 53, the Jewish writer Abarbanel writes: Jonathan ben Uzziel interprets it in the Targum of the future Messiah; and this is also the opinion of our learned men in the majority of their midrashim. (cited by David L. Cooper, Messiah: His Redemptive Career Los Angeles: David L. Cooper, 1935, p.90) A similar confession comes from Alshech, another famous Jewish writer of the sixteenth century: Our rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet [In Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12] is speaking of King Messiah. (Ibid., p.90) The eminent commentator David Baron wrote that: 305 The Messianic interpretation of this chapter was almost universally adopted by Jews, ...one of whom says... that in truth ‘it was given of God as a description of the Messiah, whereby, when any should claim to be the Messiah, to judge by the resemblance to it whether he were the Messiah or no. (Ibid., p.90) Many Jews would be amazed to find in their own prayer book this statement: Our righteous Anointed [Messiah] is departed from us: horror hath seized us, and we have none to justify us. He hath borne the yoke of our iniquities, and our transgression, and is wounded because of our transgression. He beareth our sins on his shoulder, that he may find pardon for our iniquities. We shall be healed by his wound, at the time that the Eternal will create him [the

Messiah] as a new creature. O bring him up from the circle of the earth. Raise him up from Seir, to assemble us the second time on Mount Lebanon, by the hand of Yinnon. (Prayer Book for the Day of Atonement, as translated by Dr. A. Th. Phillips, p.239. Bloch Publishing Company) Did Jewish sages of old know all this concerning the Messiah when they wrote the prayer books? The answer is obvious. They must have known! They are citing Isaiah chapter 53. The clarity of this Isaiah prophecy is so anticipatory of the New Testament message concerning Yeshua that some of the Ashkenazi Jews had this passage removed from their Scriptures. However, the Sephardic Jews retained it. When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, among the most prized treasures included was a complete scroll of Isaiah, and right there in it was this same chapter 53. You can see it for yourself if you visit Jerusalem, in the specially built Shrine of the Book, adjacent to the Israeli Museum. Both Rabbi Yakov Rambsel and Grant Jeffrey describe how the complete phrase Yeshua shmi - "Yeshua is my name" - 306 appears uniquely coded behind the text of Isaiah's Messiah prophecy in chapter 53. This full phrase occurs only here. (Yakov Rambsel, Yeshua – The Hebrew Factor and His Name is Jesus; Grant Jeffrey, The Signature of God and The Handwriting of God. All published by Frontier Research Publications, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1996 and 1997 respectively) Yeshua is also encrypted in the heart of Daniel's chapter 9 Messiah prophecy. In fact, the name Yeshua appears to lie encrypted behind every major Messianic prophecy! This code is quite another subject. Since it is not the foundation of my case, I shall neither submit it here as evidence nor go into it further at this point. It is also significant that the actual name of the coming Messiah is found in the straight surface text of the Hebrew Bible. (See Chapter 24.) To die on our behalf Daniel prophesied that Messiah was to die "not for himself". (Daniel 9:26) He would not die for his own sins, but for those of others; it was to be a substitutionary death. He told the prophet Isaiah to write that he was coming to die "for the transgression [sins] of my people" – to be "wounded for our transgressions," "bruised for our iniquities," so that we can be "healed". (Isaiah 53:4,5,8) "... and shall have nothing." (Daniel 9:26 RSV; also expressed thus in the marginal reading of the King James Version.) — no people, no place, no recognition, no kingdom, no adherents. He shall be deprived of everything. Yeshua was crucified virtually alone and even stripped of his clothes. 307 "After 3½ years" In the midst of the week [of the 7 years] he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. (Daniel 9:27) This is the final "week" of Daniel's prophecy. From Messiah's appearance to the time of his death would be half of the week, or 3½ years. And, as we have already seen, the disciple John, by recording the annual Passovers that Yeshua attended, provides evidence that three and a half years did indeed elapse between Yeshua's baptism and his crucifixion. The fourth Passover came in the spring of 31 AD — just 3½ years after his first public appearance — just as the heavenly messenger Gabriel had indicated to the prophet Daniel. I must agree with Merv Maxwell that "If Gabriel were an athlete instead of an angel, we would stand on our feet and cheer!" (Mervyn Maxwell, God Cares, Vol. 1. Mountain View, Ca.: Pacific Press, 1981) Irrefutable evidences Other Old Testament prophecies not only identified the year, but the month, the day and the hour in history when that event would occur. 308 The year: AD 31 The month: Nisan (March-April on Gregorian calendar) The day: 14th The hour: 3 pm A mountain of historical evidence concerning these and other prophecies and their astonishing fulfillment may be found in my 600 page book Ark of the Covenant. () To occur at Passover time It is interesting that Hebrew scholars were expecting the Messiah to accomplish his errand at the time of Passover (March-April). The noted Jewish commentator Abrabanel states that ...during the month Nisan in which the messianic redemption is to occur, the cup of Elijah at the Passover meal preserves in symbolism the idea that the new redemption will come during the same season as the exodus from Egypt. (Don Isaac Abrabanel, Commentary on the book of Daniel, titled The Wells of Salvation 1497) Traditional Jewish observance of the annual Passover feast (Seder shel pesach) is inextricably linked with the messianic idea. Zman-heruteinu, the name by which Passover is known among Jews, means that this is the season of freedom. How significant, when one considers that this event prefigured

the Messiah who was to free the sinner from his chains. Should we be surprised - or not - that other rabbinical writings suggest that during Nisan a much greater redemption will someday be accomplished by the God of heaven? 309 And that rabbinical tradition holds that Elijah will appear at Passover time and announce the coming of the Redeemer? A Jewish tradition expects Israel's messianic deliverance to be on 15th Nisan, the day after Passover: On the same day, the fifteenth of Nisan [the day after Passover], Israel is to be redeemed, in the days of the Messiah, as they were redeemed on that day, as it is said, 'according to the days'. (Cabalistae apud Fagium in loc. cf. Micah 7.15) Now think carefully about this. Is this a bizarre coincidence, or what?: Jewish Passover expectation

Firstly, consider the Hebrew understanding of Passover. 1. Hebrew scholars, from their study of the prophecies, expected the Messiah to bring salvation at the time of the Passover. (Cabalistae apud Fagium; Abrabanal, *The Wells of Salvation*;) 2. The Passover service centered around a lamb that was to be sacrificed. (Exodus 12:1-6, 11; Leviticus 23:4, 5) 3. "In every sacrifice there is the idea of substitution: the victim takes the place of the human sinner." (The Jewish Encyclopedia, art., "Atonement, Day of") 4. Thus the Messiah would become the sacrificed "offering for sin". (Isaiah 53:8, 10) 5. The sinner is thus redeemed from sin, freed from its penalty. 6. The time for the Messiah to die as a sacrifice: It will be at Passover. Jewish Passover testimony

And what happened at Passover time, in AD 31? The man Yeshua was sacrificed. And to this his enemies bear witness. 310 Is it just coincidence that this occurred at Passover? As the Jewish Babylonian Sanhedrin, from AD 95 – 110, testifies: On the eve of the Passover they hanged Yeshu [of Nazareth].... He hath practised sorcery and beguiled and led astray Israel.... But they found naught in his defence and hanged him on the eve of Passover. (Babylonian Sanhedrin 43a – "Eve of Passover") It surely occurred. And the crucifixion of Yeshua at the precise moment at which it was foretold to occur, has become a pivot of the world's history, just as his birth has become the central epoch of the world's dating reference. The prophecy of Daniel 9 is irrefutable proof, mathematical evidence, that Yeshua was who he said he was. Yeshua himself constantly appealed to the prophets as proof of his identity. Prophecy: first, Messiah will die; after that, city and temple destroyed Daniel prophesied that after Messiah dies violently (is "cut off"), a desolator would come to "destroy the city and the sanctuary" – the sanctuary (temple) being the very heart of the sacrificial system. (Daniel 9:26). And so it was that, in 70 AD, the city and temple were destroyed; Judah lost her autonomy and national life; the scepter of ecclesiastical sway departed from Judah, and the Jewish people were banished from the Holy Land as a result of the wars of 70 and 135 CE. For nearly 2,000 years they became a scattered people. Accidental coincidence? Not a chance. Accidental coincidence is a mathematical impossibility, even when a few of all the innumerable related factors are taken into account. 311

Would any honest, thinking person still want to tell us that there was nothing above and beyond mere human power and calculation here? That there was no potent presence of that Mind that knows the end of all things from the beginning? Show me one other historical personage who fulfills this prophecy. There is this one, and no other! As says Adam Clarke: The whole of this prophecy from the times and corresponding events has been fulfilled to the very letter. (Clarke's Commentary) Bring sacrifice to an end ... he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. How would Messiah bring the sacrificial system to an end? And why should he? You will recall that for millennia there were men and women who anxiously awaited the coming Deliverer, and meanwhile the sacrifices of animals illustrated this belief. Now Daniel is informed that the Messiah will be "cut off" — will die violently — "but not for himself." Did this mean that the Messiah would die as the substitute sacrifice for the sins of mankind? Would the Messiah, by his death, abolish the necessity for further sacrifice? Could it be that in the divine plan, Yeshua's death was the Sacrifice to end all sacrifices? One ex-member of that Jewish ruling body, the Sanhedrin, certainly believed so! Paul wrote that Yeshua's sacrifice "in the flesh" had abolished the "ordinances" for the sacrifice of animals in the flesh. (Ephesians 2:13-15 Compare Hebrews 9:8-10) 312 Another coincidence or divine design?

According to the rescue plan, his sacrifice had terminated the significance of all sacrifices – forever. From now on, all Temple services were redundant. And that brings us to another “coincidence”. The crucifixion of Yeshua occurred 40 years before the destruction of the Jewish Temple. In the days of the Second Temple there was a custom to fasten a red-colored strip of wool to the head of a goat which was to be sent away on the Day of Atonement. When this red ribbon became white, it was a sign that God had forgiven Israel's sins. There is a statement in the Talmud that about "forty years before the Second Temple was destroyed...the red wool did not become white!" (Babylonian Talmud, Yoma chapter 39b.) The same passage informs us that the gates of the Temple swung open on their own accord! The ancient rabbis believed that these events were indicators that the sins of Israel were no longer being forgiven and the Temple would soon be destroyed! (Arthur Kac, *The Messianic Hope*, p. 227) What was the reason for these strange events? Why was this God-given sign of forgiveness removed? Was the Levitical system of atoning for sins through animal sacrifice no longer recognized by God? Two events in history had virtually synchronised: 1. Yeshua's sacrifice, which he claimed would provide forgiveness to all who would accept it. 2. The red wool stopped turning white, interpreted by the rabbis as indicating no more forgiveness (They had rejected Yeshua's offer). Coincidence – or something more? 313

Condescended to be one of us Here comes the only one in all history who claimed that he actually chose to be born into this world. Because this is beyond our own limited experience, it is a great mystery that the Creator himself would come to join his creatures. But he tells us it is so. Rescue mission If it be true, then talk about AMAZING! This is the most amazing fact of all. Here is what the prophecies say: The great God, ruler of the universe, LOVES us – poor, erring men, women and children – so much that HE PROMISED TO GIVE all that He could to buy us back and make us whole again. He was ready to GIVE HIMSELF in the person of his Son. And He would take the penalty of the broken law upon Himself so that we could be pardoned. Hearing the cries of His suffering people, the Prince of God was stirred with pity. Nothing was to be desired while man was an outcast, without hope. So He planned to lay off His royal majesty and step down from His high command over the galaxies, to take upon Himself feeble human flesh. Now the plan is activated... The Prince of God enters this enemy territory to save mankind. He will live and suffer with us. He would be targeted for assassination as a human baby and subjected to eleven recorded attempts on his life during his 3½ year ministry. Then he would show by his example how to overcome the Legion of Lucifer. What humility was this! It stunned the universe. 314

He humbled Himself to become one of us – and that must have been about as attractive as if we were to become a rat or a slug! The indescribably mighty Lord shrinks Himself to become a fertilized egg in a girl's womb. Nothing less, is the claim. And He did this, among other things, to show human beings what He is like and how much He loves them. Our free choice There is pathos in his love letter to us. Firstly, He reveals himself as “merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.” (Exodus 34:6,7) Then He appeals to us: “Cast away all your transgressions... and make a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die?” (Ezekiel 18:31) He loves every person in the world. That's why He allows each of us free choice. Who is really keeping this from us? As you have noticed by now, the Bible does indeed claim to reveal the good news of this Deliverer. And it exposes the Legion of Lucifer as a bunch of deceivers. Might this explain why this document, more than any other on Planet Earth, has become the focus of such fierce attacks? Especially is this so with the book of Genesis, the section which reports on the Creation and the Fall. (You see, if there has been no Fall, then there is no need of rescue. Our enemy gets us thinking that way, and he has won against us. We are lost.) 315

So was the theory of evolution engineered by these same malicious forces simply to discredit the book in the minds of the masses, so that millions would reject rescue? Was Darwin an unwitting pawn in their hands? It is noteworthy that many well-meaning but pathetically ignorant church leaders have also fallen for the deception. To avoid open conflict with

the academic community, theological colleges have retreated under the onslaught of the evolutionists' propaganda. Cowardly behaviour. Think about this carefully. If there were no Fall, then there is no need for a Rescuer. But – amazingly – it is the very one offering rescue who is, above anyone else, spurned in our world today. No wonder the Bible has become central to the “alien” phenomenon! These so-called aliens are obsessed with the Bible more than any other religious book. They quote it when it suits them. Yet they put it down as being fraudulently written. Yes, these so-called “space brothers” especially teach New Age philosophy, deny Christianity and support the occult. When you know who they really are, it explains everything. Rabbis: “Yeshua is Messiah” As a result of the evidence, many conscientious Jewish scholars have reached the conclusion that Yeshua is, indeed, the Messiah. (See Risto Santala, *The Messiah in the Old Testament in the Light of Rabbinical Writings*, and *The Messiah in the New Testament in the Light of Rabbinical Writings*; Keren Ahvah Meshihi, Jerusalem, 1992; Mark Eastman, *The Search for the Messiah*, California, 1993) Other rabbis: “Cursed be it!” Daniel the prophet! “Read him,” said Yeshua. “No,” said the rabbis. “We’ll place a curse on you.” 316 And here, again, is their curse: MAY HIS BONES & HIS MEMORY ROT WHO SHALL ATTEMPT TO NUMBER THE SEVENTY WEEKS. And in the Talmud this curse is recorded: Rabbi Samuel B. Nahmani said: “Blasted be the bones of those who calculate the end.6 (Note 6: i.e. Messiah’s advent) For they would say, since the predetermined time has arrived, and yet he has not come, he will never come.” (Talmud Sanhedrin 97-b, translated in the Babylonian Talmud ed. by Isidore Epstein. 35 vol. London: The Soncino Press Ltd, 1935-1952, p.659) This statement from the Talmud says: The Targum of the Prophets was composed by Jonathan ben Uzziel ... He further sought to reveal by a targum [the inner meaning] of the Hagiographa, but a Bath Kol went forth and said, Enough! What was the reason? -Because the date of the Messiah is foretold in it. (Megillah 3a, pp.9,10 Soncino Press) Footnote 2 on p.10 says: The reference is probably to the Book of Daniel. Now ask an historian who was an eyewitness at the destruction of Jerusalem, “Josephus, what do you think about the prophecy of Daniel?” Listen to his reply: Daniel also wrote concerning the Roman government, and that our country should be made desolate by them. All these things did this man leave in writing, as God had showed them to him, insomuch, that such as read his prophecies, and see how they have been fulfilled, would wonder at the honor wherewith God honored Daniel. (Josephus, *Flavius Antiquities of the Jews* Vol. 2, Bk. 10, ch.11, sect.7)

24 The Rescuer’s name - WAS HIS NAME FORETOLD? Alexander the Great once learned that in the ranks of his army was a soldier also named Alexander. But this man was a coward in battle and a thief among his companions. Alexander sent for Alexander the soldier. “Your name is Alexander?” “Yes, sir.” “You are a man of ill repute in the army?” The man admitted he was. “You go from here,” ordered the king, “and amend your ways, or change your name.” In ancient times, the meaning of a person’s name was considered particularly important. The biblical Lamech, for example, called his son Noah (meaning Comfort), saying “This same shall comfort us...” (Genesis 5:29) Eber named his firstborn son Peleg (meaning Division), “for in his days was the earth divided.” (Genesis 10:25) 320 The patriarch Jacob’s name was changed to Israel, meaning “God’s Prince”, to denote a change of character. Did you know, the coming Messiah’s very name is predicted in the plain surface text of the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament)? Yeshua = Salvation, deliverance The New Testament writer Matthew records a heavenly messenger’s visit to a Jewish man Joseph, concerning the coming birth of a child: And...thou shalt call his name SALVATION [YESHUA - same word]: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21) Thus the baby was given the Hebrew name YESHUA. The meaning of this name was important – because it indicated his predicted role. Yeshua (Yahushua) means “the Lord saves.” It is a combination of the name YAWH (the Eternal One) and the Hebrew root YASHA. YASHA is related to an Arabic word, “to make wide,” “to make sufficient” – as contrasted with TSARAR (meaning “narrow”). Wideness came to denote “freedom” or “safety”,

which led to the root YASHA (meaning “to be delivered to a position of freedom or safety”). The Jewish scholar’s challenge Arthur Glass was a Jew who was convinced Yeshua was the promised Messiah. Glass lived in the United States. 321 One spring day in St. Louis, he met a fellow Jew in the home of a mutual friend. The conversation gravitated to the subject of Yeshua (Jesus). And the other Jewish man flung at Arthur Glass this challenge: “If Yeshua is our Messiah, and the whole Tenach [Old Testament] is about him, how come his name is never mentioned in it even once?” “But it is,” responded Arthur. “Rubbish. I’m a Hebrew Scholar. And I tell you, you can’t find the name of Yeshua in the Old Testament.” Arthur paused for an instant. Then he bent down, opened his briefcase and took out his Hebrew Bible. “My friend,” he said, “would you translate into English the passage of Isaiah 62:11, for me?” The Jewish scholar did so with the utmost ease. He translated rapidly and correctly. And this was his translation of the text, verbatim: Behold, Yahweh has proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy YESHUA cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. Immediately he crimsoned. It dawned on him what he had done. He fairly screamed out, “No! No! You made me read it ‘thy YESHUA’, Mr Glass! You tricked me!” “No, I did not trick you,” was the reply. “I just had you read the Word of God for yourself. Can’t you see that here SALVATION is a Person and not a thing or an event? HE comes, HIS reward is with HIM, and HIS work before HIM.” 322 The other man rushed to open his own Old Testament. He was talking frantically as he did so. “I’m sure mine is different from yours.” He found the passage, looked it over, and dropped like a deflated balloon. His Hebrew Bible was, of course, identical. And there it is in the Hebrew Bible (the Tenach): Save us from what? Yeshua means salvation, because it indicates the Messiah’s predicted role: “the Lord saves.” So from what does he come to save us? Here’s the answer in Ezekiel: \* They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will SAVE them from... where they sinned, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. (Ezekiel 37:23) Again: \* Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. (Psalm 51:14) \* Help us, O God, our SAVIOUR, for the glory of your name deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake. (Psalm 79:9) 323 Indeed, SALVATION is portrayed as a means of HEALING THE EFFECTS OF SIN IN OUR LIFE and our relationship with God: \* HEAL me, O Lord, and I will be healed; SAVE me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. (Jeremiah 17:14) \* Jeremiah also specifies that God’s chosen agent to “SAVE” His people is the Messiah. (Jeremiah 23:6) The divine choice of Yeshua as the name for the Messiah has an ironclad logic. After all, \* Salvation comes only from the Lord. \* The Messiah is the one through whom God accomplishes our salvation. No wonder, then, that the heavenly messenger told Joseph: “You are to give him the name Yeshua – salvation – because he will save his people from their sins.” And the record adds that salvation is found in no one else apart from God’s appointed Messiah. “There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) Every time the Old Testament uses the word SALVATION (especially with the Hebrew suffix meaning my, thy or his), with very few exceptions (when the word is impersonal), it is the very same Hebrew word YESHUA. Yeshua in the plain surface text In the Hebrew Scriptures, the expected Messiah is referred to as Yeshua. The name YESHUA is found about 100 times in the plain surface text all the way from Genesis to Habakkuk! Yes, 324 the very word — the very NAME — that the angel Gabriel used when he told Mary about the Son she was to have. (Luke 1:31) For example, in Isaiah 12:2 we read: “Behold, God is my salvation (yesu’ah).” (For an excellent discussion on this subject, see The 490 Year Prophecy, by S. Howard SAN Enterprises Inc., PO Box 623, Thorsby, AL 35171, USA. Also Arthur E. Glass, Yeshua in the Tenach. Cincinnati, Ohio: Messianic Literature Outreach, P.O. Box 37062) In Habakkuk (in a prayer concerning the future), we read literally from the original Hebrew: Thou wentest forth with the Yesha [a variant of Yeshua] of [or for] thy people; with Yeshua thy Messiah [thine Anointed One] thou woundest the head of the house of the wicked one [Satan]. (Habakkuk 3:13) Here you have it!... for the Deliverer who shall wound the head of the



house of Satan... This refers back to the first messianic prophecy ever given, concerning the Coming One who will wound Satan's head. (Genesis 3:15) Here you see the very same NAME that is given in the New Testament – Yeshua thy Messiah! As it is, nearly all Jewish commentators, with isolated exceptions, receive this Genesis prophecy as real history, and agree that the prophecy was messianic in character. For example, notice this commentary on the Genesis prophecy: The Messiah shall restore the good state of the universe which is disturbed by the fall of man. (Bereshith Rabba, Ch. xii; Bamidbar Rabba, ch.xiii; Targum, Jer. i on Gen.3:15) The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language. The name Jesus in Hebrew is Yeshua (Y'shua), or Yashua. The New Testament was written in Koine Greek, because, in the Roman Empire of the first century, Greek was the international 325 common language. The Hebrew name Yeshua came into Greek as Iesous because the Greeks did not have a Y or a SH in their language. Then it went into Roman as Iesus, and later into English.as.Jesus. However, in the land of Israel where Jesus lived, his family would have called him Yeshua. Yeshua in the Jewish prayer book As a matter of fact, even in the Jewish Prayer Book it is written: May it be Thy will that the sounds of the Shofar [ram's horn] which we have sounded today be woven into Thy tapestry Yeshua, the Prince of Thy presence and Prince of might. So mayest Thou receive our pleas and extend to us Thy compassion. (Prayer Book for the New Year. Translated by Dr A. Th. Phillips, revised and enlarged, p. 100. Hebrew Publishing Company) Huh? In the Jewish Prayer Book? How did the sages who wrote the Prayer Book know that the name of the MESSIAH was Yeshua (Jesus), as quoted in the Mahsor for the New Year? The answer is that they understood what the Bible teaches concerning the Messiah. Moreover, on the same page of the Prayer Book is this prayer to God: May He appear the second time. Why did the Hebrew sages write that? Evidently, because he already came once (though most of the Jewish people are oblivious to it). Let us remember that among the Hebrew sages were many honest men who knew and wrote truth. And there were others 326 who were not so honest. "May he appear the second time." That some did know the prophecies is evident. Though they wrote honestly knowing that the MESSIAH had to come during the time of the Second Temple, yet, because of prevalent prejudice, they may not have known the true identity of the MESSIAH. Yet he came — and at the precise time foretold by Daniel. And he fulfilled the predicted messianic role. Here is another statement in the Jewish Sabbath and Festival Prayer Book: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God. The Lord is one. He is our God, He is our Father, He is our King, He is our Redeemer. And in His mercy we will hear from Him twice before the presence of all living beings, and He will be our God. (Rabbi Morris Silverman, Editor, Sabbath and Festival Prayer Book, p.139. USA:The Rabbinical Assembly of America and the United Synagogue of America - Conservative Judaism - Jan. 1980) The key word is sheynit (which in Isaiah 11:11 is translated "twice" or "the second time"). This word can only mean "two times" — and clearly alludes to the fact that the Messiah comes two.times. First he comes as "messianic prophet". (cf. Deuteronomy 18:15 ff.) The second time, he comes as "messianic king". (Isaiah 9:6,7) Do you see? The words of this prayer are repeated every Monday and Thursday after the 18 benedictions during Shachrit before the Torah is brought out of the Ark. They are also recited during the Musaf service on Shabat after the Torah is placed back into the Ark. It seems that Bible prophecies were speaking of the Messiah as fulfilling a dual role: 327 1. Messiah must come first as God's suffering servant to die in behalf of his people. 2. At a much later time, "in the end of days" (Hosea 3:5), he would come to establish and reign over his everlasting, universal kingdom on earth. 328 25 The Rescuer's name - WAS HIS NAME EVEN ENCODED? Is it possible that the name Yeshua appears not only in the plain surface text of the Old Testament, but is also encoded below the surface? Let me say up front, however, that our case is rock solid without what follows in this chapter. In other words, what I shall now share with you is not offered as proof — but you might call it the icing on the cake. In 1994, scholars at the Hebrew University and Jerusalem College of Technology announced they had discovered a hidden code in the Bible that appeared to reveal the details of events that took place thousands of years after the

Bible was written. You may have already heard of this code. It was discovered by Dr Eliyahu Rips, a world expert mathematician in quantum physics. It was later confirmed by famous mathematicians at Yale, Harvard and Hebrew University and replicated by a senior code-breaker at the United States Department of Defence.

329 The “skipping” code This sub-surface code was discovered in the original language version of the Old Testament, that is, the Hebrew. Hidden under the plain surface text, was found information in the form of equidistant letter sequences. That is to say, letters spaced at regular, equal distances throughout the text spelled out words containing another message. Allegedly, so intricate, complex and clever is this code that it was found only with the help of computers. The amount of information encoded into a limited text - in which the same arrangement of letters can contain multiple meanings - would be beyond the capacity of any individual (or group) to create, whatever computing resources are available. These are highly sophisticated word games – quite invisible without a computer. Can you imagine a book constructed with several different layers of coded information hidden under the text... each layer independent of the other and each complete in itself? Isaiah chapter 53 is a prophecy of the promised Messiah. The text of Isaiah 53:10 says: But it was the will of YHWH [Yahweh, the Eternal One] to crush Him and to put Him to grief; and though YHWH makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring [those who are rescued by Him], and prolong His days, and the will of YHWH will prosper in His hand. That is the plain surface message. But encoded at 20-letter intervals through the text of this Messiah prophecy is the message, 330 “Yeshua Shmi” (Yeshua is my Name). Both Rabbi Yakov Rambsel and Grant Jeffrey describe how this full phrase occurs only here. (Yakov Rambsel, *Yeshua – The Hebrew Factor and His Name is Jesus*; Grant Jeffrey, *The Signature of God and The Handwriting of God*. All published by Frontier Research Publications, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1996 and 1997 respectively) Now, just try to get your head around this: The chances of that expression, Yeshua is my Name, being encoded beneath the surface of that particular verse, by accident, is one in a billion. That’s only one tiny chance in 1,000,000,000! Can you grasp that? Some critic will point out that “even if Yeshua is hidden in the text of Isaiah 53, that does not mean it is referring to the person known as Jesus. Yeshua is quite a common name.” With this criticism in his mind, Rambsel, a Jewish scholar, dug deeper into the prophecy of the Messiah in Isaiah chapter 53. And what his search uncovered was breathtaking! In just those 15 verses from Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12 he discovered the Hebrew names of 43 people and phrases, all connected with the Person and death of Yeshua (the Jesus of history). They were sitting there, encoded at various intervals, left to right, or right to left. Y’shua... Nazarene... Messiah... Shiloh... Galilee... The disciples... Peter... Simon... John... Matthew... Andrew... Philip... Thomas... James... Simon... Matthias... Thaddaeus... Joseph... Mary (encoded 3 times – there were 3 Marys at the crucifixion of Jesus)... His cross... Moriah... Let him be crucified... Atonement-lamb... Passover... Bread... Wine... Seed... Water... Obed... Jesse... Herod... Caesar... Pilate... Annas... Caiaphas... Levites... From Zion... Lamp of the Lord... His signature... The evil Roman Empire. 331 The odds of these 43 people and phrases linked to the life and death of Yeshua all appearing clustered here by chance in this brief messianic prophecy are in the octillions! (Well beyond googleplex). In other words, it is not an accident! This prophecy is definitely and deliberately referring to Jesus Christ – and written 700 years before the event. Coded in Daniel 9 Yeshua – Jesus – is also encrypted in the heart of Daniel’s chapter 9 Messiah prophecy. In that prophecy of Daniel 9:26 which says in the plain text surface message, “Messiah shall be cut off [killed],” what do we find again but this very same name encoded beneath the surface: Yeshua! It says quite plainly Yeshua Messiah... Jesus Christ! Right there in a prophecy of the Deliverer written 600 years before the event. Coded in all Messianic prophecies According to Yakov Rambsel, Yeshua is encoded in virtually every major Messianic prophecy of the Deliverer in the Old Testament. He has written a 264 page book on the discovery. (Yakov Rambsel, *His Name is Jesus: The Mysterious Yeshua Codes*. See also, Yakov Rambsel, *Yeshua. The Name of Jesus Revealed in the Old Testament*. Tulsa, USA: Frontier Research

Publications, 1996) Let's repeat that. Beneath the surface, the appearances of the name Yeshua are found especially clustered around the Messianic prophecies. Are you grasping what this all means?

332 The "sevens" factor We have already noted the astonishing design of interlocking 7s (sevens) found throughout the Bible. Like wheels within wheels, this pattern is woven together below the surface, in every conceivable way. (And more is to come in later chapters.) But we might note in passing that this same amazing pattern is especially attached to the name Yeshua! For example, in the Torah (the five books of Moses), at least 12 times Yeshua is encoded at precisely 7000-letter intervals. (Not 6997 or 7001... but always 7000 exactly!) The prophecy of the coming Messiah was also encapsulated in the Hebrew Passover, which centered upon the sacrifice of a lamb. (See Chapter 23 of this present work.) Exodus 12:27 speaks of this Passover ritual. Beginning here, we find three significant words encoded: \* Starting with the last letter of the fifth word, and reading the last letter of each subsequent word, we find ha'rachel (the Lamb) spelt out. \* At five-letter intervals, the word Mashiach (Messiah) appears. (In biblical numerics, the number 5 denotes "grace" - the undeserved mercy of God). \* And also, starting in this verse, the name Yeshua (Jesus) is spelt out at 777-letter intervals. 7-7-7. How more perfect could it get? Oh yes, and something else. As already noted, in Hebrew and Greek, each letter of the alphabet also doubles as a number (just as in Latin, v equals 5; x is 10; c is 100, and so on). By adding up the numeric value of each letter in a Hebrew word, you get a numeric value for that word. 333 The name Yeshua is composed of four Hebrew consonants, YOD, SHIN, WAW, AYIN. (Y-Sh-W-A) The total numeric value of the four letters of Yeshua is 386. And – just get this – twelve times in the Torah, that name Yeshua is spelt out at 386-letter intervals. Has Yeshua placed his signature on every page of his written Word, like a barely visible watermark on a bank note? \* \* \* \* \* Among the nations Without a shadow of doubt, the message of the Promised One was also known to the nations of the world – each nation independently of the other. They testified that they had inherited this knowledge from the same great father from whom all were descended. This was outside the Bible and other sources derived from the biblical text. They knew that: • Originally this was a perfect world with no suffering. • There had been a rebellion in the heavens. • Man had followed the rebels and had himself fallen. • The Curer of all ills was coming to restore man. • He was to appear in Judea. He has a Hebrew name. (References are given in the respective chapters of this current work. The next two chapters will give further examples.) On this, we shall see more in the next two chapters. However, it would be appropriate to find among the Hebrews a fuller revelation (such as we discover in the Bible), since through that branch of the human race he was to make his appearance. And logically such a source should carry more weight. 334 26 The Rescuer's name - OTHERS KNEW THE COMING ONE'S NAME Among the numerous popular fallacies we've been taught is that the Druids of Britain were pagans who practised human sacrifice. This propaganda was deliberately promoted by their Roman enemies, to defame a gentle people they could neither coerce nor conquer. Would it surprise you to know that in pre-Christian times the Druidic universities were the largest in the world? Yes, both in size and attendance. Records from that time list sixty large universities, with an average attendance of over 60,000 students. (Gildas, Cottonian Ms. See also Morgan, History of Britain, pp.62-65) This fact is substantiated both by Greek and Roman testimony. Records affirm that the noble and wealthy of Rome and other nations sent their children to Britain to study law, science and religion. Integrity of Druid faith Examination of the ground around and under the altar at Stonehenge by the eminent archaeologist Sir Flinders Petrie has completely demolished the human sacrifice accusations. His discovery of only the fossilized bones of sheep and goats established, rather, the affinity of the Druid religion with the 335 patriarchal Hebrew faith. In each case the sacrificial burnt offerings were the same as those stated in the biblical record. Organized by a man called Hu Gadam (Hugh the Mighty), the faith took on the name of Druid. Some claim that the term 'Druid' is derived from the Keltic word 'Dreus', meaning 'an oak', from their custom of worshipping in the open within the oak groves of the

island. However, it is more likely derived from 'Druthin', which means 'Servant of Truth'. The motto of the Druids was, in fact, 'The Truth against the World'. Druids awaited the Messiah. The Druid Triads emphasised the omniscience of One God, the coming of the Messiah and life beyond the grave. They believed that the Coming One would sacrifice his life to atone for each man's sins. They looked for the coming of a "Curer of all ills", who was symbolised by the emblem of the mistletoe – which was identical to the coming "Branch" of which Israel's prophets spoke. That harmonises well with a statement made by an arch-Druid of the early Christian days, named Taliesin: Christ, the Word from the beginning, was from the beginning our teacher, and we never lost His teaching. Christianity was a new thing in Asia, but there never was a time when the Druids of Britain held not its doctrines. (Frederick Haberman, *Tracing Our Ancestors*, p.88) Research now suggests that the Druids, simultaneously with the wise men of Persia, discovered in the sky the Star of Prophecy, which heralded the long-expected One who was to lighten the 336 world – that same "Star" that, according to a Bible prophecy was to "arise out of Jacob". (Numbers 24:17) And now – are you sitting down? – here is a discovery even more astonishing: Not only did the pre-Christian Druids know of the coming Messiah. His actual name was known to them – hundreds of years before Jesus Christ even appeared! It was a name familiar on the lips of every Briton. This has astounded students of theology. They knew the Coming One's name. In the ancient Celtic Triads this was recorded: The Lord our God is One. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be Ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord Yesu; He is the King of Glory. (George F. Jowett, *The Drama of the Lost Disciples*, p.7. Emphasis added) There it is, as easy to see as your hand. The Druidic priesthood knew the name 'Yesu' ('Jesus') hundreds of years BC. This name 'Yesu' was incorporated in the Druidic Godhead. In Britain the name 'Jesus' was always the pure Celtic 'Yesu'. It never changed. (Procopius, *De Gothici*, bk. 3) Druidism's influence on the ancient world, as well as its peaceful and ready reception of the Christian faith, proves its noble structure. Druidism prepared the way for Christianity in Britain.

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The Rescuer's name -

ANCIENT STAR CHARTS

RECORDED HIS NAME

This is not about astrology. It is the archaeology of the ancient star.maps.

Just as all nations once shared a common language (For evidence, see my book *The Corpse Came Back*, chapter 8), likewise all nations had an original zodiac derived from a common source.

Very early in human history, the stars were named and arranged into groups (constellations) and drawn on sky charts as pictures of animals, people and other objects. Significantly, the same names and figures are consistent throughout history and throughout the cultures of the world. And they have survived on

astronomical charts to this day.

These constellations extend in a belt about 16 degrees wide, encircling the earth. If the stars could be seen in daytime, the sun would appear to move through this belt in the course of the year, in a path called the ecliptic. It is this belt, with 12 months for its steps or stages, that we call the zodiac (not from the Greek "life" as is commonly supposed, but from a more ancient Hebrew word meaning "a way by steps").

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Each stage of the yearly cycle contains its own group of stars designated by a picture, or sign. These are the 12 signs of the zodiac. Each sign is accompanied by 3 more adjacent signs, called decans (pieces), which explain the main sign. This makes a numbered and well-ordered set of 48 signs (12 groups of 4). (Actually there are 88 constellations in all, but only 48 lie within the band across the sky known as the zodiac.)

The world has looked in vain for the origin of these hieroglyphics. Current attempts to guess the zodiac's origin are amusingly absurd, with no supporting fact. The various theories and why they are not valid, are covered in my book *Sting of the Scorpion*. (<[www.beforeus.com/shopcart\\_ebook.html](http://www.beforeus.com/shopcart_ebook.html)>)

There is evidence that the most ancient peoples uniformly acknowledged the star pictures and names as sacred in meaning - a pictorial scientific coordinate system which told a story.

So many of us have assumed that star signs were invented to tell peoples' fortunes through the stars. However, the historical evidence shows that in the earliest times, star sign hieroglyphics had nothing to do with astrology. They are much, much older than astrology. Of 48 zodiac signs, astrology later hijacked 12.

According to Hugh Thurston, the constellations have been scientifically dated at least to about 2700, and a latitude of 36°

north (Hugh Thurston, *Early Astronomy*. New York: Springer-Verlag, 1994, pp. 135-137), but there is evidence that they are even older.

As you may already know, each year the stars rise and set some 50.2 seconds later. In 2,156 years they fall back 30 degrees. It has been calculated that when the earliest zodiac sphere was drawn, the position of the stars in relation to earth was almost 90 degrees different from now. The Southern Cross was visible in the Northern Hemisphere from 40 degrees N. latitude; Alpha in Draco was the North Pole Star; Taurus opened the equinoctial year in March; and the summer solstice was in the first degree of 339

Virgo – about 4000 BC. And other supporting testimony comes from the ancient world. (Flavius Josephus, Book I, chs.1-3; Jonathan Gray, *Modern Religious Myths About Genesis*, pp.26-29)

Names and signs basically unaltered

The Arabs are among the greatest astronomers and historians this world has seen. Albamazer, astronomer for the Caliphs of Granada, speaking of these constellation signs, says that:

None of these forms from their first invention have varied in coming down to us, nor one of their words [names] changed, not a point added or removed. (Albamazer, *Flores Astrologias*. Written in Arabic and translated into Hebrew by Aben Ezra. A Latin translation is in the British Museum Library. Emphasis added.)

Did you get that? The star maps of his day – about 850 AD – and which are in use today, have basically never been altered since their origin thousands of years ago. They were essentially the same as now. Not only the names, but also the figures drawn around these groups of stars, have remained basically the same. There are, to this rule, a few exceptions – which can be traced. (Jonathan Gray, *Sting of the Scorpion*, pages 44, 45).

The star maps recorded a prophecy

When you translate the constellation and star names into English (according to the best lexicons and philological authorities) you get meanings such as these:

- “the serpent of Eve” (ancient Persian name for the Hydra constellation)
- “the coming lamb to be slain” (ancient Arabic name for the star sign Lupus, also called Victima)
- “the enemy of the coming” (the Arabic name Arnebeth, for Lepus)
- “the sacrifice slain” (The star Al Dibah, in Capricornus)
- “bruised in the heel” (star name in Aquila)

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- “who comes to save” (meaning of the Egyptian name for Taurus)
- “the pierced; the slain” (Arabic star name El Nath, in Aries)
- “the coming judge” (Denebola, star name in Leo; Deneb, star name in Cygnus)
- “this one comes to reign” (Per-ku-hor, Egyptian name for Cepheus)
- “the Serpent bruiser” (Egyptian Fent-Har, star in Ursa Major)
- “rejoicing over the Serpent” (Egyptian Shes-en-Fent, name for Argo)
- “the punished deceiver” (Arabic star name Minchir al Sugia, in Hydra)
- “Satan’s head” (Hebrew star name Rosh Satan, in Perseus)

...and so on.

So unlikely are such names for stars or groups of stars, that the question naturally arises, Was there a deeper meaning intended?

Was there some message portrayed in the star maps?

It turns out that these 48 ancient pictures with their hundreds of star names were carefully chosen and set in sequence to tell a story. According to the ancients, they depicted an important prophecy.

And this same star chart story was known across the whole ancient world – separately among the different nations.

So, what was this prophecy? It was about a coming Deliverer.

The ancient civilizations believed that a serpent (representing the Devil) had taken control of the earth. They believed that a virgin's baby would fight the serpent, defeat him and bring life, peace and happiness back to mankind.

Hieroglyphic pictures on the maps showed this. So here we have star maps thousands of years old, overlaid with pictures and names – and predicting a world Deliverer!

The promised rescue

A clue to what the star charts are saying is found in this ancient cryptic prophecy, dated about 4000 BC:

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[There will be] enmity between Satan [symbolised by the Serpent] and the woman's Seed. He [the woman's seed] will bruise the Serpent's head [ultimately destroy Satan]. But, Satan will bruise his heel [wound him].(Genesis.3:15)

Carefully researching these star maps, I discovered no less than 116 absolute parallels between (a) these star messages and (b) prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning a coming Deliverer. Both sources told the same, identical story – from beginning to end... the prophecy of a Messiah who would come to rescue men and woman of Planet Earth.

In the star sign pictures, the parallels with the Scriptures become striking, such as the Fishes (common symbol for the followers of God) being bound by the "bands of death" to the Sea Monster, with the Ram's (Lamb's) leg apparently breaking those bands. Every picture symbol is paralleled in the Bible.

None of this imagery depends on the star name translations.

Another example is the "Healer", bruised in the foot, restraining the serpent which reaches for the crown of rulership.

The 48 signs (not 12) commence with Virgo and her child (the woman's "Seed" in the book of Genesis) and end with Leo (the



“Lion” of Revelation) – in the same sequence as the Bible. The synchronisation between the Bible and the star charts, of both words and symbols, is amazing. (See the step by step details in my books *Sting of the Scorpion* and *Modern Religious Myths About Genesis*, Chapter 2.)

Recorded on the sky maps

And so it was that on the star maps, over the stars of the Virgo constellation, was superimposed a picture of a “virgin” with a child in her arms - the virgin-born Messiah who will come to deliver mankind.

Here let me stress that this concept did not originate with the religions of India, China, the Americas, Europe or Egypt. It already existed BEFORE they emerged.

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The same meaning worldwide

Despite their later differences of language, the nations of the world inherited this prophecy. The meanings of the star symbols remained virtually the same among the nations. A coincidence?

Not on your life!

Consider that group of stars known as Virgo. The hieroglyphic for this constellation is the picture of a woman. But not just any woman... she is a virgin.

This star group was called:

- Virgo by the Romans
- Bethulah by the Hebrews
- Parthenos by the Greeks
- Kanya by the Indians.

And every one of these names means “VIRGIN”.

You may well ask, Why a virgin? Why not just a woman? There is surely no reason on earth to specify that a group of stars is a “virgin” in preference to a “woman” –unless there already existed some deeper reason for calling this woman a virgin. And

if we ask the ancients to explain this, they will tell us they were expecting the coming Deliverer to be the “seed” of a virgin.

And so we find that in this constellation Virgo, the brightest star is Spica, a Latin word which means “Seed”. But, long before that, the Hebrews called it Zerah which also means “Seed”. The various languages each have similar star name meanings. The “seed” of the virgin – not the seed of a man. In other words, a child conceived without an earthly father. That’s the prophecy.

A common origin

The sameness of meaning worldwide suggests that the stars were named before the scattering of the races, so that, even  
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though the name would differ in each new language, the meaning did not change.

So there you have it! The global pattern of a single story in different languages, recorded in each constellation. The same story was told in all the world’s great civilizations. The star charts gave it in 48 pictures and the names of hundreds of stars.

It makes perfect sense that there must have been a common source for such a phenomenon – a source older than the different cultures.

What astrologers

don’t tell you

Troy Lawrence was a New Age devotee. This motivated him to do thorough research into the practice of astrology. He discovered, to his surprise, that astrologers could not tell him the origin of the signs. What he discovered blew him away.

I started my quest by comparing various astrological charts and found that other cultures do not always use the same signs we use. The Chinese, for example, use such things as a horse, dog, chicken, etc. The ancient Chinese signs had

been the same as our occidental version, but a long time ago, a Chinese emperor had changed them. (Troy Lawrence, The Secret Message of the Zodiac. Here's Life Publishers, 1990, p. 14. Emphasis added)

Note that East and West, the signs were originally the same!

He continues:

I also discovered, surprisingly, that the earliest charts of the zodiac were Hebrew. The Greeks derived their knowledge of the zodiac from the Hebrews; the Romans got their information from the Arabs, who also had received it from the Hebrews. (Ibid. Emphasis added)

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That led New Ager Tony Lawrence to the record of the Hebrews, the Bible, to solve the mystery.

Yes, it's a fact! Most of the names on those ancient star charts have stemmed from Hebrew-Arabic-Noetic roots.

There is substantial evidence of a single language spoken throughout the world, in earliest times. This language, which Gary Vey calls "The First Tongue", was in use before the historic splitting up of languages occurred. (See The Corpse Came Back, Chapter 8.)

It is also significant that even the Egyptians, when speaking of the "sacred" language, and citing examples of it, quoted words that are Hebrew. All of this strongly suggests that the "sacred" tongue was what we might today term proto-Hebrew. (This was not a Jewish language. Today's Jews have merely inherited a modern version of it. Rather, proto-Hebrew appears to have been the universal language, spoken by the ancestors of us all.)

If the "First Tongue" was akin to archaic Hebrew, that would explain why the nations of the whole planet, in preserving their ancient star names, continued to use names and meanings

which were derived from proto-Hebrew. And why so many of today's star names survive in the Hebrew and Arabic form, two languages spoken by descendants of the Hebrew patriarch Abraham.

In the beginning, not only was there one global language, but the star names were identical worldwide.

Then, about 2200 BC, during the reign of Nimrod, occurred a dramatic confusion of languages. (see *The Corpse Came Back*, chapters 10 to 12; *UFO Aliens: The Deadly Secret*, chapter 29) In the resulting dispersion, the migrating groups took into their new languages the same constellation and star name meanings with them. Ultimately, the star sign book in the sky was forgotten by most people. But now archaeology is able to retrieve it.

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Vindimiatrix

Zavijarveh

Spica

Older than the "christ" legends

We noted earlier the vast antiquity of the star signs. According to the evidence, the promised Messiah portrayed on star maps goes back thousands of years earlier than the various "christ" legends of the world.

This prophecy was known to mankind LONG BEFORE the time of the Sumerians, the Indians or the Egyptians. The ancients themselves claimed it had been handed down from the first parents of the human race. And, whether we like it or not, that's also precisely what the biblical book of Genesis tells us!

So what is the sequence of history revealed by the evidence?

Just this:

Stage 1 – c. 4000 BC: A prophecy is received concerning a coming Messiah.

Stage 2 – To portray this Messiah prophecy, star names and symbols (surviving to this day basically unchanged) are created in the “First Tongue”, a language akin to proto-Hebrew. Internal evidence from the positions of the constellations within the sky maps themselves enables them to be dated to as early as 4000 BC. (See *The Corpse Came Back*, ch 8; *Stolen Identity*, ch. 4; *Sting of the Scorpion*, ch.1) Later, the Greeks would make some changes, but these are traceable.

Stage 3 – c. 2200 BC: Queen Semiramus of Babel seizes on the expectation of the Coming One to glorify her dead hero husband, Nimrod, and establishes the pagan Mysteries. Egypt, Sumeria and other nations adopt this Mystery symbolism of the “hero christ” into their religious systems. (*Stolen Identity*, chs.11-13.)

Stage 4 – Recording the original 4000 BC prophecy, the Bible goes further to predict the precise year of the Messiah’s appearance. In numerous details, the “Messiah” prophecies found in the Bible are identical to those in the star maps. (See *Modern Religious Myths About Genesis*, ch.2.)

If you have heard someone say that the “christs” of Hinduism and other religions came first, it is well to note that the first messianic prophecy, recorded on the star maps around 4000 BC definitely pre-dates the 2200 BC confusion of languages which led to the eventual birth of Egypt, India and those other nations with their “christ” legends.

Indeed, would it surprise you to discover that no verifiable dates for the earliest civilizations – whether they be Egypt, Sumeria, India, China or whatever – go back earlier than about 2200 BC? And increasingly the confirmable evidence brings the dating closer to our day than previously thought. While it is beyond the scope of this present work to go into the great body of new

evidence concerning this, if comparative dating is an important issue to you, may I suggest that you study my research report on the dating of ancient civilizations. (See *Lost.Races: The.Big Dating Shock*, chapters 6 to 17 <<http://www.beforeus.com/dating-civilizations.pdf>>);

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Considering the above archaeological facts, might one suspect that the world's pagan "christ" legends (2200 BC onwards) are but imitations of something that was already expected?

In a nutshell, the ancients themselves believed that the 48 zodiac signs were:

- a divine revelation, unchanged from the time of the first man
- a picture gallery of what the coming Messiah (Christ) will do to save mankind from his mess and end Satan's rule.

Let's say it again. Any notion that the pagan "Christ" legends may pre-date this prophecy of the Messiah finds no historical support. The archaeological evidence is that, from the earliest age, the world inherited the promise of the Coming One. This original prophecy was already universally known. And then, as the nations scattered out, they adapted the messianic expectation into their respective mythologies.

Historical versus mythical

A most obvious difference between Yeshua (Jesus Christ) and the "christ" figures of various pagan religions is this. The pagan "christs" exist only as myths. The different religions do not postulate for their "christs" an historical basis, whereas Yeshua is firmly embedded in real time history, attested by an abundance of contemporary witnesses – and the world's calendars are dated from his intrusion into history.

Star maps basically unchanged

According to the great Arab astronomer Albamazer, the star maps, with their figures and names, have basically never been  
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altered since their origin. They were essentially the same as they are today. Not only the names, but also the figures that were drawn around these groups of stars, have remained basically the same through the centuries.

Critics may point to some changes made. There are some. But they are comparatively minor and generally can be traced.

There is a tradition that Eudoxus of Greece obtained a constellation globe from a temple in Egypt and that this became the basis of Greek astronomy. The same globe was described in detail by the poet Aratus (310-240 BC). (Aratus, *Phaenomena*) However, Aratus described the constellations not as he saw them, but as they were positioned in the sky about 4,000 years earlier. His source, therefore, was an extremely ancient star map. Yet it is noteworthy that the constellations he describes in detail are very much the same constellations that we have today.

The “lost” constellation

But are you ready for this? Did you know that a whole constellation sign, packed with absolutely explosive information, was blasted right off the star charts? And a blank space was left where it used to be!

You ask, Why on earth would somebody do that? Why was it deliberately chopped out? What was so offensive that it had to be removed? The answer may haunt you.

Yet, although lost, this star picture can now be recovered by some wonderfully preserved clues (which we shall soon track).

This brings us to Ptolemy’s famous star catalog. Claudius Ptolemaeus, also known as Ptolemy (87- c.170 AD), a Roman citizen of possibly Greek descent, lived in Alexandria, Egypt.

And Ptolemy, writing in Greek, actually confessed that he had modified some of the constellations.

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Not just modified. One complete constellation was somehow ripped out of the sky maps completely. Ptolemy's celestial map left a space which showed several unfigured stars.

After Ptolemy's time, astronomy came to a standstill for almost 1,000 years. And then, during the Renaissance, Ptolemy's star catalog became the standard. The constellations on Ptolemy's map are still used, almost unchanged, today.

But what is this missing constellation sign? Are you curious to know?

Tracking it down

Now comes an exciting piece of detective work. Please follow this carefully.

On Ptolemy's map we can see a blank space which marks the location of the missing star sign.

In the map, which is reproduced on the next page, do you notice the large area with no constellation – near the top in front of the face of Virgo, the virgin, near where she seems to be pointing?

The space contains five stars bright enough for Ptolemy to have recorded there. That is the precise area of the missing constellation.

Today the constellation Coma Berenices (Berenice's Hair) occupies the area of sky where this missing constellation should be found.

The Polish astronomer Johannes Hevelius in 1687 created the Hunting Dogs just to fill up the same gap.

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The earlier zodiacs identify it

Fortunately, we get some help from Albamazer, the famous



Arab astronomer. From earlier star maps, Albamazer knew about and was able to describe this constellation.

He informs us of its location, what the figure looked like, and even its meaning. It was above the head of Virgo – and one of Virgo's explanatory signs.

What star group should be in that position on Ptolemy's map?

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It is the first of the three constellations (decans) associated with the Virgin (Virgo). And fortunately, sufficient clues still remain for it now to be restored to its proper place. The clues come from the ancient Egyptians and Persians.

The Egyptians portray it

We now have confirmation of the missing star sign from the detailed sky chart from the temple of Hathor at Dendera, Egypt, which shows the star signs as they were anciently.

When Napoleon Bonaparte conquered Egypt,

he had scholars undertake a comprehensive

study of the Cheops

Pyramid and some of

the temples. In the

temple of Hathor at

Dendera, they discovered a detailed map of

the heavens which

portrayed the constellations as they were

anciently. Napoleon's

artists copied all of the figures carefully, in detail. The result

was a set of huge volumes of drawings. The Dendera map of the

heavens is now in the British Museum. Although the temple was

constructed in the first century BC, the map revealed features of

the sky that could be dated by the precession of the equinoxes to a period much earlier. (Peter Tompkins, *Secrets of the Great Pyramid*. New York: Harper & Row, 1971, p. 174; The above sketch: John Pratt)

Because the Dendera zodiac is centered on the north celestial pole, its projection can be dated simply by measuring where the  
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ecliptic intersects the celestial equator. The intersection of the ecliptic and celestial equator rotates one degree in 72 years.

Using this method, various researchers have dated the time shown on the map to be from 700-1600 BC. The uncertainty is due to the circles not being well defined. Since the temple itself was built in the first century BC, the zodiac (which memorialises a much earlier time) cannot be used to date the building.

Here is the missing sign

On this ancient map from Egypt, the constellation of the Virgin (Virgo) is easily found. She is portrayed as a woman holding a branch. Close to her is found a decan, or explanatory sign, of a woman seated on a throne holding up a young infant. This sign is called Coma. This is the “missing” constellation.

Why would this one get cut out?

What can we discover about this “missing” constellation?

As we saw earlier, the 12 main zodiac signs do not stand alone. Each of them has co-joined with it, either on the north or south side of the zodiac belt, three amplifying signs, equally full, vivid and to the point. These are called decans.

And so, on the oldest star maps, VIRGO (the virgin) is accompanied by three explanatory signs, or side-pieces (COMA, the desired; CENTAURUS, the despised, sin-offering, appointed to die; and BOOTES, the coming one).

We now zero in on the sign adjoining (and thus amplifying)

Virgo ("the virgin") which went missing.

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Here is how Albamazer describes this zodiac sign:

There arises in the first Decan, as the Persians, Chaldeans, and Egyptians, and the two Hermes and Ascalius, teach, a young woman whose Persian name denotes a pure virgin, sitting on a throne, nourishing an infant boy,...

You ask, What could lead to a star sign that had been on the charts for 4,000 years, to then be suddenly rejected?

On the next page, you will notice, in the photo of the virgin and child constellation as found in the Dendera planisphere, that the head of the son is slightly higher than the head of his mother.

This hieroglyphically symbolises that he is to be the greater.

In the Hebrew and Oriental dialects Coma meant "the desired", "the longed for". Since hieroglyphically, the son is greater than the mother, the "desired one" is not the woman, but her child.

The Virgo woman (who gives birth to the "Seed") and the woman in Coma (holding up the infant) are one and the same.

And the infant in all the star signs is everywhere the same

Promised One. The focal point of Coma is the child.

Let's continue Albamazer's description of this star sign:

There arises in the first Decan, as the Persians, Chaldeans, and Egyptians, and the two Hermes and Ascalius, teach, a young woman whose Persian name denotes a pure virgin, sitting on a throne, nourishing an infant boy, said boy having a Hebrew name, by some nations called Ihesu, with the signification Ieza, which in Greek is called Christ. (Frances Rolleston, Mazzaroth; or the Constellations. London: Rivingtons, 1862, updated in 1875, with the latter version reprinted by Weiser Books, York Beach, Maine, 2001).

Interestingly, the Cherokee nation of North America refer to the

Messiah as Tsi Sa, other nations as Chisa. The English equivalent is Jesa, a corruption of Yesha which means deliverance, all of which resemble Ieza (Ihesu) of the star sign.

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Constellation from Dendera planisphere (Photo: John Pratt)

So what could lead to a star sign that had been on the charts for 4,000 years, to now be suddenly rejected? Is it becoming clear?

Please take note that Albamazer was not a Christian. He was an Arab astronomer simply stating a fact. According to

Albamazer's information, this puts the name of Yeshua (Yeshu, Jesus) back thousands of years with the earliest (as he said, unchanged) zodiac maps – identified as the “desired one”, or the Deliverer the nations were longing for!

In the ancient zodiac he is “the Desired”, which is precisely how he is denoted in the Old Testament: “the Desire of all nations” who “shall come”. (Haggai 2:6,7)

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Two more bombshells:

- \* He has a Hebrew name.

- \* That name is IHESU.

The identity with Yeshua is unmistakable. Here is Yeshua the expected Deliverer – on a sky map unchanged from earliest times (declares Albamazer) – scientifically dated to the period 700 to 1600 BC, with an ultimate origin back to 4000 BC!

Not only did Albamazer preserve for us the Persian interpretation that it was an infant being held by its queenly virgin mother, and that it represented Jesus Christ. He adds that there are many testimonies that this is correct: and he names them - the Persians, Chaldeans, Egyptians and others.

I'll say it again. This is long before Greek myths were written.

So the stars did not come from the myths. Rather, the myths

came from the stars. The Messiah's name Ihesu (Yeshua, Jesus) pre-dated the pagan myths that imitated the prophecy.

Now can you guess why this "explosive" star message had to be blasted right out of the sky maps?

Attempt to stifle the news

As the message of Yeshua the Messiah spread across the earth, it shook paganism severely. Its opponents in Rome and Alexandria (the chief centers of paganism) counter-attacked.

(a) In Rome and Alexandria in particular, they infiltrated the Christian movement to defuse its power;

(b).In Alexandria and Rome, corrupted texts downgraded Yeshua; (but texts elsewhere escaped).(The Da Vinci Code Hoax, Chapters 17-18,20-21; Who's Playing Jesus Games? Chapters 12-15; The Sorcerers' Secret, Chapters 4-6)

(c).In Alexandria, Ptolemy's star map chopped out the prophecy identifying Ihesu (Yeshua) by name.

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My turning point

I was staying at a backpacker's hostel in Melbourne, Australia.

There I heard a young lady from England proudly claiming that the stars controlled her everyday life.

"What nonsense!" I thought. Determined to prove her wrong, and with time on my hands, I plunged myself into research at the Victorian State Library. But as the evidence on the origin and history of star signs materialised, it not only made astrology look anaemic, it compelled me to come face to face with something that I had long avoided.

Well, I finally confronted Mary Ann with my discovery, and she looked at me incredulously. "Then, Jonathan, why are you not a Christian?" And she followed that up with, "I'm going to get myself a Bible tomorrow." (You don't need to guess, this

changed Mary Ann's life.)

A few days later I stood on the corner of Elizabeth Street and

Bourke Street, waiting for the pedestrian lights to change.

And right there on that corner, the implications suddenly hit me

like a jack hammer on concrete. "So this thing is not just in the

Bible, for Jews or Christians. It's on the star charts of the whole

world. Wow! Then this God is leaving no stone unturned to

make the evidence available to every person who will listen.

He's telling His love... even to me... pitiful wretch that I am!

What love – what huge, enormous love! Incredible!"

That was the moment of truth for me. That day Lucifer lost one

of his lackeys. Not that I'm anything great. Believe it!

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End note: Missionaries have found native tribes that already

know the gospel, from seeing it in the stars. (For one example, see

Modern Religious Myths About Genesis, ch.2)

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