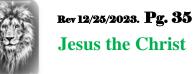


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In the book of Genesis, we read of a descendant who would come and reverse the effects of Adams sin. We read of a promised 'seed' who would destroy the effects of sin (Gen 3:15).

As we continue, we read of the promises which God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – that he would have victory over enemies and that he would eventually bring a blessing to all the nations of the earth. (Gen 22:17-18).

This hope of a 'promised seed' was known to the Jewish people as "The Messiah" – the Saviour. Many prophecies were given by the prophets concerning the one who would come to bring men back to direct contact with God.

The Holy Bible speaks of how the people of Israel were chosen by God and that he had established a Kingdom for them. However, this Kingdom was destroyed due to disobedience. But the Holy Bible also teaches that the Messiah would be the one who would restore the Kingdom once again to Israel

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– and that this future establishment would be everlasting, and the rule of the Messiah would be righteous.

As a reward for following the Messiah (Yeshua/Jesus), God promises that we will be given eternal life.

The work of God who through Christ would seek to reconcile mankind back to Himself again. As the gospel of John records:

John 1:1 (**KJV**) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Jesus (The only begotten Son of God **John 3:16**) was therefore born fully man. He lived a life in which he was tempted by sin like all other men – yet unlike all other men he resisted the temptations from Satan. Jesus lived a perfect sinless life of obedience to God the father.

We read He died a sacrificial, painful death in utter submission to the will of the Father.

This was God's way of opening a way of salvation and reversing the effects of Adams fall. Only one who possessed the inclination to sin and yet overcome its temptations completely could be a perfect sacrifice to take away sin.

No other man than Jesus of Nazareth could ever have done this, for everyone else has "sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

We read in the Bible that death is the wages for sin (Romans 6:23) and therefore God raised Jesus from the dead because he had no personal transgressions. Jesus had to die at the cross right before His death, because He received all of mankind sins. At that moment, He became sin by receiving that sinful nature of Adams curse upon Himself.

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In death Jesus overcame that curse destroying that sinful nature "that had the power of death" (Hebrews 2:14).

Because of this, God raised Him from the dead opening a way of salvation for all who have faith in God and in Jesus the Christ – that by following Him by faith and believing in him (the Word), we can have our sins remitted, and be raised from death and be given the gift of eternal life. In all of this God is declared right: All for the Glory of God.

Romans 3:25-26 (KJV)

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are **past**, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.



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