

Who? God sent the Messiah, His Son. (John 3:16)

What? The New Covenant. (Luke 22:14-20)

When? Prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE (AD). (Luke 19:41-44)

Where? Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:1-10)

How? By His atoning death for us. (John 19:37)

Rejection?! By certain religious leaders. (1 Peter 2:6-7)

Gentiles?! Included. (Acts 26:22-23)

Messiah! = Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

From the beginning, the *Tenach* (Jewish Bible) promised a Messiah (Genesis 3:15), a Savior for both Jews and Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6). The *Tenach* reveals over 65 distinctives of the Messiah. **He** would be from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2), a descendant from the family of David (Jeremiah 23:5-6), born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2,4). The specific time the Messiah would be cut off (Daniel 9:26). **He** would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9) and sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:13). **In Isaiah 53**, we read about the details of Yeshua's (Jesus') sufferings. **He** would be wounded for our sins and transgressions, his hands and feet would be pierced. **He** would suffer and die (Isaiah 53:9) as an atoning sacrifice prior to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE (AD) (Daniel 9:24-26). **He** would be resurrected (Psalm 16:10).

Yeshua (Jesus) was from the tribe of Judah (Luke 3:33), the family of David (Luke 3:31) and born of a Virgin (Matthew 1:18-23) in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7). **He** was betrayed by a friend (John 18:5, Mark 14:17-18) and sold for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). **He** suffered and died (Matthew 27:33-56) as an atoning sacrifice prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE (AD). **He** was resurrected providing salvation for Jew and Gentile alike. (Matthew 28:1-20), (Brit-Chadashah, New Covenant).

The Hebrew Bible says that man's sin separates him from a perfect and Holy God.

Isaiah 59:2: But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have Hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear.

Ecclesiastes 7:20: For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.

Ezekiel 18:4: The soul who sins will die (spiritually).

Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Daniel 12:2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

God requires blood sacrifice for the atonement of sin.

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

In the past, God temporarily atoned for man's sin by initiating the Levitical animal sacrificial system pointing forward to the perfect and final sacrifice for sin made by Messiah Himself (Leviticus chapters 1-7).

God sent the Messiah to provide that atonement

Isaiah 53:5-12: ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: ⁶ ... and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ ... he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, ¹² ... and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (New Covenant).

1 Corinthians 15:3-4: ... how that Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (New Covenant).

Romans 5:9: ... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (New Covenant).

Messiah was crucified on Passover, and his body, the sinless bread of life, was broken and buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Three days later, he was raised to life on the Feast of Firstfruits. God's plan of redemption was perfectly timed and we see that it was God's plan all along for Messiah to suffer, die and be resurrected as an atonement for our sins (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53, Psalm 16:10).

Salvation by Faith

We must believe God as our father Abraham did

Genesis 15:6: And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Habakkuk 2:4: ... but the just shall live by his faith.

New Covenant

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 2:25: And this is the promise that he has promised us, even eternal life.

John 6:29: Yeshua answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

John 3:36: He that believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sent His Son Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to provide the ultimate blood atonement for the remission of sin. On our behalf, Messiah Jesus perfectly obeyed God's Holy Law, died as the final sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, was buried and resurrected through providing salvation for Jews and Gentiles who accept His final atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins. His free gift of salvation is for those who place their faith in His sacrificial death, burial and resurrection.

Believe in Yeshua (Jesus) God's promised Messiah and Deliverer, and the moment you do, like Abraham, God counts your faith as righteousness and gives you the gift of eternal life and peace with God.

Shalom