

# He must perish at Jerusalem

Pg 1

[List](#)

"The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto Him (to Jesus), 'Get Yourself out, and depart from here; for Herod will kill You.' And He said unto them, 'Go you, and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' Nevertheless I must walk today, and tomorrow, and the day following; **for it cannot be done that a prophet (Jesus, speaking of Himself) perishes (dies) outside of Jerusalem.** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent unto you; how often I would have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your House (the Temple) is left unto you desolate; and truly I say unto you; you shall not see Me, until the time comes when you shall say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD (the Father).' " ([Luke 13:31-35](#))

**For it cannot be done:** from the Greek words *hoti ouk endechetai* which mean: for it cannot be done; or it is not acceptable, or not allowable; or not possible; the context is that Jesus cannot perish by the hand of Herod; but must travel day by day to be in Jerusalem during the Passover Feast. There, as God's True Prophet, and Christ-Messiah, Jesus will be tried and condemned to death in Jerusalem by the religious leaders of Israel as a false prophet: to their own condemnation; and the desolation of the Temple.

**Prophet:** from the Greek words *propheten* which mean: a prophet; someone sent by God to speak forth His will; a person gifted at expositing divine truth; again: Jesus is God's True Prophet, and Christ-Messiah sent to His people to save them from their sin.

**Perishes:** from the Greek word *apolesthai* which means: to perish; to destroy, to kill, to cut off entirely, to lose ones life. The context speaks clearly of His crucifixion and death on the Cross! The fundamental way through which He took upon Himself the sins of the world for the forgiveness of sin and it's consequences, for all those who believe on Him.

**Outside:** from the Greek word *exo* which means: outside-of; a position or state of being outside or beyond a certain boundary or limit. In Context: not in Galilee, Herod's jurisdiction; or any where else outside Jerusalem. He must perish at the City of God where the House of God, Temple stood; the capital city of Israel; the seat of the sanhedrim, the religious rulers of Israel: the judicial counsel, who alone could pass judgement for or against a prophet.

**Jerusalem:** from the Greek word *Ierousalem* which means: Jerusalem; ('the dwelling of peace'); "the spiritual and political heart of Israel, the site of the Temple, and a focal point for Jewish worship and pilgrimage. In the New Testament, Jerusalem is also significant as the place of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and the early church's birthplace." "The city chosen by God for His dwelling place, where Solomon built the First Temple. It was the capital of the united kingdom under King David and later the southern kingdom of Judah. Throughout history, Jerusalem has been a center of religious, cultural, and political activity." Jerusalem was also the site of significant events in Jesus' life and ministry.

Of all the former prophets sent by God to His people, who were slain at the City of God, Jesus would be by far the most significant prophet of all, and He would be recognized as a significant prophet by the common people:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He who believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, which those who believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified. Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, '**Of a truth this is The Prophet.**' " ([John 7:37-40](#))

## He must perish at Jerusalem

Pg 2

Jesus clearly and severely condemned the religious leaders of their hypocrisy in regard to the slain prophets of the past. Please consider the following:

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous, and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Therefore, you are witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of those who killed the prophets. Fill you up then the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell? Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and **some of them you shall kill and crucify**; and some of them you shall scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city; so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you killed between the Temple and the Altar. Truly I say unto you, 'all these things shall come upon this generation.' ” ([Matthew 23:29-39](#))

Jesus was steadfast in His determination to reach His destiny with death in Jerusalem:

“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, **He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.**” ([Luke 9:51](#))

On more than one occasion Jesus spoke and foretold His crucifixion and death in Jerusalem, and His resurrection, to His disciples:

“And Jesus went out, ... He asked His disciples, saying unto them, 'Whom do men say that I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.' And He said unto them, 'But whom do you say that I am?' And Peter answered and said unto Him, '**You are the Christ.**' And He charged them that they should tell no man about Him. And He began to teach them that the **Son of Man** must suffer many things, and **be rejected by the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed**, and after three days rise again. And He spoke this saying openly. And Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him. But when he had turned about and looked on His disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, 'Get you behind Me, Satan; for you are not mindful of the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.' ” ([Mark 8:27-33](#))

"And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and **the Son of Man** shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, **and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again.**" ([Matthew 20:17-19](#))

“Then He took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are **written by the prophets** concerning **the Son of Man** shall be accomplished.” ([Luke 18:31](#)) (see [Psalm 22](#), and [Isaiah 53](#))

### Prophetic Excerpts from Psalm 22:

(vs. 7-8) “All those who see **Me laugh Me to scorn**; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, 'He trusted on the LORD *that* He would deliver Him; let Him deliver Him, seeing He delights in Him.' ”

(vs. 12-18) “Many bulls have compassed Me: strong ones of Bashan have beset Me all around. They gaped upon Me with their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaves to My jaws; and You have brought Me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed Me; the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me, they pierced My hands and My feet. I may tell all my bones; they look *and* stare upon Me. They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My robe.”

## He must perish at Jerusalem

Pg 3

Eventually the hour and time came for Jesus to be glorified and lifted up on the Cross! Please consider the following:

“Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, And said, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and they hit Him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and said unto them, 'Behold, I bring Him forth to you, that you may know that **I find no fault in Him**. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate said unto them, '**Behold the Man!**' When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, '**Crucify Him! Crucify Him!**' But Pilate said unto them, 'Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself **the Son of God**.' When Pilate therefore heard those words, he was the more afraid;” ([John 19:1-8](#))

“And from then-forward Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, 'If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend; for whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.' When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he said unto the Jews, '**Behold your King!**' But they cried out, 'Away with Him, away with Him, **crucify Him.**' Pilate said unto them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' Then he delivered Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And **He bearing His Cross** went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha, **where they crucified Him**, and two others with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.**” ([John 19:12-19](#))

“Then the soldiers, when they had Crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His robe. Now the robe was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, as to whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, which said, 'They parted My clothes among them, and for My robe they did cast lots.' These things therefore the soldiers did.” ([John 19:23-24](#))

“After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, and so that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst.' Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, '**It is finished**' and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.” ([John 19:28-30](#))

## Jesus Perished at Jerusalem

**He fulfilled all things that were written by the prophets concerning His death and resurrection at Jerusalem !! It is as it says in [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#):**

**“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ Died for Our Sins According to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and He Rose Again the third day According to the Scriptures.”**

**Jesus, You were a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people !!  
Thank You for taking our sins upon Yourself up on the Cross for our salvation !!  
Thank You for accomplishing all things that the Father sent You to do !!  
Jesus, You are the Christ-Messiah the Son of the Living God !!  
You are the Eternal King who reigns in Glory in Heaven !!**

**Come soon again Lord Jesus !! Amen !**