

# IN DEFENSE OF THE CHRISTAIN WORLDVIEW

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## I. INTRODUCTION:

Thesis: Belief in and following Jesus as Messiah is the superior system of values, principles and priorities that best benefit society and best benefit individuals.

Reality: Once you get away from your parents and the “Biblical bubble” you have been living in for most of your life, you will find that today’s culture will attempt to rob you of everything Biblical. You will be challenged and made to look like a fool if you attempt to stand up for anything Biblical—unless you are prepared and understand what you are about to be thrust into. There is a cultural battle for your heart and mind. There will be a calculated effort to dissuade you from continuing to have a Biblical worldview. [Charlie Galvin story].

There are two basic worldviews: (1) Secular-Humanism and (2) Biblical worldview.

The god of humanism is thought and human reasoning. Why is it so easy for a humanist professor to back a Christian student into a corner? Because the Christian student isn’t prepared to rationally communicate Biblical ideas to a secular world. Why? Because Christians take the Bible as true and don’t have to think (i.e., God said it, so it’s true--and there is nothing wrong with that as long as you can continue to live in a Biblical bubble). But humanist have a problem with that approach because it violates their god (which is thought and reasoning). Thought and reasoning is the language of the secular-humanist. So to speak persuasively to a humanist and to defend your own faith under questioning, you must appeal to thought and reasoning.

This is what the first Christians did: “reasoning in the synagogue...trying to persuade” (Acts 18:4); “demonstrating by the Scriptures [specific Old Testament prophecies] that Jesus was the Christ” (Acts 18:28); “reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God” (Acts 19:8); “reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus” (Acts 19:9).

## II. WHY DEFEND THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW:

1. “Always being ready to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence....” 1 Peter 3:15.
2. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6
3. “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.” Colossians 2:8
4. “Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument.” Colossians 2:2-4
5. “The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:4
6. “But whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” 2 Corinthians 3:16
7. “If you abide in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32.

### III. SUPPORT FOR THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW BY APPEALING TO THOUGHT AND REASONING:

- **SHOW ME THE EVIDENCE:**  
Evidence: “Testimony, writings, material objects, or other things presented to the senses that are offered to prove the existence or nonexistence of a fact.” Black’s Law Dictionary.
- In Courts, a jury is not asked to decide with 100% certainty what the true facts are.
- Preponderance of the evidence: “A standard of proof (used in many civil suits) which is met when a party’s evidence on a fact indicates that it is ‘more likely than not’ that the fact is as the party alleges it to be.” Black’s Law Dictionary.
- Beyond a reasonable doubt: The standard used in criminal cases. Under this stricter test, it does not require 100% certain.
- All exercise faith. To reach a belief or decision on anything, faith fills in where evidence ends.
- Faith that chair will hold you--no certainty. Exercise some faith.
- Atheists have faith. Not enough faith to be an atheist. World order. Eye.
- Tom Lee. Painting.
- Wrist Watch.
- Hold Biblical worldview to no less or greater of a standard of proof than for anything else we judge in life.

#### 1. **QUESTION ONE: WHAT RELIABLE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE IS THERE, OTHER THAN THE BIBLE, THAT JESUS LIVED OR THAT ANYTHING DESCRIBED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ACTUALLY OCCURRED?**

ANSWER: IN ADDITION TO THE BIBLE, THERE ARE OTHER RELIABLE FIRST AND SECOND CENTURY HISTORICAL REFERENCES TO JESUS, THE CRUCIFIXION, UNEXPLAINED DARKNESS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE CRUCIFIXION, JESUS’ BROTHER JAMES, CHRISTAINS, AND CHRISTIANITY:

A. **FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS** (Born 37 A.D.; first century Jewish/Roman historian. He was a Pharisee. In 66 A.D. he was the commander of Jewish forces in Galilee but surrendered to the Roman general Vespasian. After being captured, he was attached to the Roman headquarters. He authored *The Antiquities*, which was a history of the Jewish people from Creation to his time):

1. “About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who wrought surprising feats and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing among us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared to them restored to life, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvelous things about him. And the tribe of Christians, so called after him has still to this day not disappeared.” *The Antiquities* 18.63-64 (this passage is known as the *Testimonium Flavianum*).
2. “But the younger Ananus who, as we said, received the high priesthood, was of a bold disposition and exceptionally daring...he thought he had now a good opportunity, as Festus was now dead...so he assembled a council of judges, and brought before it the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ, whose name was James, together with some others,

and having accused them as law-breakers, he delivered them over to be stoned.”  
*Antiquities* 20.200.

- B. **THALLUS** (Samaritan-born historian; in 52 A.D. wrote a history of the eastern Mediterranean world since the Trojan War. No existing copies of original writings, but other writers have cited to writings of Thallus. Around 221 A.D., Julius Africanus cited writings of Thallus regarding the darkness that fell on the earth, as follows):
1. “Thallus, in the third book of his histories, explains away this darkness as an eclipse of the sun—unreasonably, as it seems to me.” [Unreasonably, of course, because a solar eclipse could not take place at the time of the full moon, and it was at the season of the Paschal full moon that Christ died].
- C. **PHLEGON** (First Century Historian; Greek Author writing soon after 137 A.D., reported that in the fourth year of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad (i.e., 33 A.D.) wrote *Olympiades he Chronika*, much of which are not extant but are cited by other writers):
1. “during the time of Tiberius Caesar an eclipse of the sun occurred during the full moon.” Cited by Julius Africanus.
  2. [In the fourth year of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad, there was] “the greatest eclipse of the sun.” “It became night in the sixth hour of the day [i.e., 12:00 noon] so that stars even appeared in the heavens. There was a great earthquake in Bithynia, and many things were overturned in Nicaea.” Cited from a fragment from Phlegon, *Olympiades he Chronika* 13 ed.
  3. “And about this darkness...Phlegon recalls it in the *Olympiads*.... Phlegon mentioned the eclipse which took place during the crucifixion of the Lord Christ...and this is shown by the historical account itself of Tiberius Caesar.” Philo (De. opif. mund. II 21).
- D. **CORNELIUS TACITUS** (Born 52-54 A.D.; Roman Historian; Governor of Asia in 112 A.D. In 115 A.D. he wrote that Nero persecuted the Christians as scapegoats to divert suspicion away from himself for the great fire that burned Rome in 64 A.D. Confirms Jesus as a historical figure who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, that the movement was based on a crucified man, and that an “immense multitude was convicted” in Rome showing the quick spread of Christianity):
1. “Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome.... Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty: then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind.” *Annals* 15.44.
- E. **LUCIAN OF SAMOSATA** (around 100 -199 A.D.); a satirist of the second century:
1. “Christ...the man who was crucified in Palestine because he introduced this new cult into the world.... Furthermore, their first lawgiver persuaded them that they were all brothers one of another after they have transgressed once for all by denying the Greek gods and by

worshipping that crucified sophist himself and living under his laws.” *The Passing Peregrinus*.

F. **SUETONIUS** (A.D. 120; Roman historian; court official under Hadrian, annalist of the Imperial House):

1. “As the Jews were making constant disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus [another spelling of Christus], he expelled them from Rome.” *Life of Claudius* 25.4.
2. “Punishment by Nero was inflicted on the Christians, a class of men given to a new and mischievous superstition.” *Lives of the Caesars*, 26.2

G. **PLINEY THE YOUNGER** (Roman; Governor of Bithynia in northwestern Turkey in 112 A.D.; corresponded with his friend, Emperor Trajan; following written about 111 A.D. Following quote shows rapid spread of Christianity in city and rural areas among every class, including slaves, and that they worshiped Jesus as God, maintained high ethical standards, and were not easily swayed from their beliefs):

1. “I have asked them if they are Christians, and if they admit it, I repeat the question a second and third time, with a warning of the punishment awaiting them. If they persist, I order them to be led away for execution; for, whatever the nature of their admission, I am convinced that their stubbornness and unshakable obstinacy ought not to go unpunished....  
They also declared that the sum total of their guilt or error amounted to no more than this: they had met regularly before dawn on a fixed day to chant verses alternatively amongst themselves in honor of Christ as if to a god, and also to bind themselves by oath, not for any criminal purpose, but to abstain from theft, robbery, and adultery....  
This made me decide it was all the more necessary to extract the truth by torture from two slave-women, whom they called deaconesses. I found nothing but a degenerate sort of cult carried to extravagant lengths.” *Epistles* 10.96.

H. **JUSTIN MARTYR** (written around 150 A.D. referring to Pilate’s report during a speech to Emperor Antoninus Pius, in *Defense of Christianity*):

1. “‘They pierced my hands and my feet’ are a description of the nails that were fixed in His hands and His feet on the cross; and after He was crucified, those who crucified Him cast lost for His garments, and divided them among themselves; and that these things were so, you may learn from the ‘Acts’ of Pontius Pilate.” *Apology* 1.48

I. **TERTULLIAN** (Jurist and theologian of Carthage; in a defense of Christianity (197 A.D.) before the Roman authorities in Africa):

1. The darkness over the earth during the crucifixion was visible in Rome, Athens, and Mediterranean cities. According to Tertullian, it was a “cosmic” or “world event.”
2. “Tiberius accordingly, in those days the Christian name made its entry into the world, having himself received intelligence from the truth of Christ’s divinity, brought the matter before the senate, with his own decision in favor of Christ. The senate, because it had not given the approval itself, rejected his proposal. Caesar held to his opinion, threatening wrath against all the accusers of the Christians.” *Apology*, V. 2.

**J. JEWISH TALMUD (100-500 A.D.):**

1. “On the eve of Passover they hanged Yeshu [or Nazareth] and the herald went before him for forty days saying [Yeshu of Nazareth] is going forth to be stoned in that he hath practiced sorcery and beguiled and led astray Israel. But they found naught in his defence and hanged him on the eve of Passover.” Babylonia *Sanhedrin* 43a.

**2. QUESTION TWO: CAN THE NEW TESTAMENT BE RELIED UPON AS HISTORICALLY ACCURATE?**

ANSWER: USE A COMPARISON TEST

The New Testament claims for itself to be an accurate and historical account of actual events and persons. There are no living eye witnesses to any historical events that occurred more than about 125 years ago. Thus, most all of what we call “history” depends upon written accounts of others and the accuracy of those accounts. This is particularly true of events occurring in antiquity.

The historical reliability of the New Testament should be tested under the same standard that all other historical documents are tested. The Bible should be held to no higher and no lower a standard. This is a comparison of the New Testament to other books of antiquity:

Author	No. of Copies	Original	Earliest Copy	Time Span
Plato	7	427—347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200 years
Caesar	10	100—44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,000 years
Aristotle	49	384—322 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,400 years
Homer (Iliad)	643	900 B.C.	400 A.D.	500 years
New Testament	24,633	40—100 A.D.	125 A.D.	<85 years

**3. QUESTION THREE: HOW DO YOU KNOW JESUS IS THE MESSIAH AND WHAT JESUS SAID IS TRUE?**

ANSWER: IF SOMEONE WERE TRYING TO LOCATE YOU, THEY WOULD WANT YOUR ADDRESS. OUT OF ALL THE UNIVERSE, EVERYONE HAS A UNIQUE ADDRESS: GALAXY (MILKY WAY), STAR SYSTEM (SOLAR), PLANET (EARTH), CONTINENT (NORTH AMERICA), NATION (UNITED STATES), STATE (TEXAS), COUNTY (HARRIS COUNTY), CITY (HOUSTON), SUBDIVISION (MEMORIAL), STREET (SMITHDALE), STREET NUMBER (#125), FLOOR (2<sup>ND</sup>), TURN LEFT OR RIGHT WHEN ENTER, HOW MANY DOORS DOWN, ON LEFT OR RIGHT, SIDE OF ROOM (LEFT)—16 ASPECTS OF ADDRESS.

SIMILARLY, THE OLD TESTAMENT GAVE US THE “ADDRESS” OF THE MESSIAH SO WE COULD LOCATE HIM. THIS WAS DONE THROUGH PROPHECIES. THE FIRST BELIEVERS DID NOT HAVE THE NEW TESTAMENT BUT ONLY THE OLD TESTAMENT TO USE TO DETERMINE IF JESUS MET ALL THE CRITERIA TO BE THE MESSIAH. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PROPHECIES (GIVING US THE MESSIAH’S ADDRESS IN TIME, PLACE, AND HISTORY):

<b>1. BORN AT BETHLEHEM</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler of Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.” Micah 5:2</p>	<p>“...Jesus was born in Bethlehem Of Judea...” Matthew 2:1 (See also John 7:42; Matthew 2:4-8; Luke 2:4-7)</p>

<b>2. SEED OF ABRAHAM</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“And in your descendants [lit., seed] all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” Genesis 22:18 (See also Genesis 12:2, 3)</p>	<p>“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1 “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as referring to many, but rather to one, ‘And to your seed,’ that is, Christ.” Galatians 3:16</p>

<b>3. SON OF ISAAC</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“But God said to Abraham... through Isaac your descendants shall be named [lit., your seed will be called].” Genesis 21:12</p>	<p>“Jesus,...the son of Isaac...” Luke 3:23, 34 (Also see Matthew 1:2)</p>
<p>Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. Now God eliminates one-half of the lineage of Abraham.</p>	

<b>4. SON OF JACOB</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, And a scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.” Numbers 24:17 (Also see Genesis 35:10-12)</p>	<p>“Jesus...the son of Jacob...” Luke 3:23, 34 (See also Matthew 1:2 and Luke 1:33.)</p>

<b>5. TRIBE OF JUDAH</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.” Genesis 49:10 (Also see Micah 5:2)</p>	<p>“Jesus...the son of Judah....” Luke 3:23, 33 (Also see Matthew 1:2 and Hebrews 7:14)</p>

<b>6. FAMILY LINE OF JESSE</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.” Isaiah 11:1 (Also see Isaiah 11:10)</p>	<p>“Jesus...the son of Jesse....” Luke 3:23, 32 (Also see Matthew 1:6)</p>

<b>7. HOUSE OF DAVID</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Behold, the days are coming,’ Declares the Lord, ‘When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.’” Jeremiah 23:5 (Also see II Samuel 7:12-16; Psalms 132:11)</p>	<p>“Jesus...the son of David....” Luke 3:23, 31 (Also see Matthew 1:1; 9:27; 15:22; 20:30, 31; 21:9, 15; 22:41-46; Mark 9:10; 10:47, 48; Luke 18:38, 39; Acts 13:22, 23; Revelation 22:16)</p>

<b>8. PRECEDED BY MESSENGER</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“A voice is calling, ‘Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.’” Isaiah 40:3 (Also see Malachi 3:1)</p>	<p>“...John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 3:1, 2 (Also see Matthew 3:3; 11:10; John 1:23; Luke 1:17)</p>

<b>9. MINISTRY TO BEGIN IN GALILEE</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.” Isaiah 9:1</p>	<p>“Now when He heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 4:12, 13, 17</p>

<b>10. MINISTRY OF MIRACLES</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.”Isaiah 35:5, 6a (Also see Isaiah 32:3, 4)</p>	<p>“And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” Matthew 9:35. (Also see Matthew 9:32, 33; 11:4-6; Mark 7:33-35; John 5:5-9; 9:6-11; 11:43, 44, 47)</p>

<b>11. TEACHER OF PARABLES</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“It will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old....” Psalms 78:2</p>	<p>“All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He was not talking to them without a parable....” Matthew 13:34</p>

<b>12. HE WAS TO ENTER JERUSALEM ON DONKEY</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9</p>	<p>“And they brought it to Jesus, and they threw their garments on the colt, and put Jesus on it. And as He was going, they were spreading their garments in the road. And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives....” Luke 19:35, 36, 37a. (Also see Matthew 21:6-11)</p>



<b>13. BETRAYED BY A FRIEND</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.” Psalms 41:9 (Also see Psalms 55:12-14)</p>	<p>“...Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.” Matthew 10:4 (Also see Matthew 26:49, 50; John 13:21)</p>

<b>14. SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“And I said to them, ‘If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!’ So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages.” Zechariah 11:12</p>	<p>“...’What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?’ And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.” Matthew 26:15 (Also see Matthew 27:3)</p>

<b>15. MONEY TO BE THROWN IN GOD’S HOUSE</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“...So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord.” Zechariah 11:13b</p>	<p>“And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed....” Matthew 27:5a</p>

<b>16. PRICE GIVEN FOR POTTER’S FIELD</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“...So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord.” Zechariah 11:13b</p>	<p>“And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter’s Field as a burial place for strangers.” Matthew 27:7</p>

In the previous four prophecies we find in both prophecy and fulfillment the following:

1. Betrayed
2. By a friend (not an enemy)
3. For 30 pieces (not 29)
4. Of silver (not gold, not copper, not bronze)
5. Thrown down (not placed or handed to)
6. In the House of the Lord (not in the street, not in the marketplace)
7. Money used to buy potter’s field (a specific piece of property in Jerusalem)

<b>17. FORSAKEN BY HIS DISCIPLES</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“...Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered....” Zechariah 13:7	“And they all left Him and fled.” Mark 14:50 (Also see Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27)

<b>18. ACCUSED BY FALSE WITNESSES</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“Malicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I do not know.” Psalms 35:11	“Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death; and they did not find it, even though many false witnesses came forward.” Matthew 26:59, 60

<b>19. DUMB BEFORE ACCUSERS</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth....” Isaiah 53:7	“And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer.” Matthew 27:12

<b>20. WOUNDED AND BRUISED</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him; And by His scourging we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5 (Also see Zechariah 13:6)	“Then he released Barabbas for them; but Jesus he scourged and delivered over to be crucified.” Matthew 27:26

<b>21. SMITTEN AND SPIT UPON</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.” Isaiah 50:6 (Also see Micah 5:1)</p>	<p>“Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him.” Matthew 26:67 (Also see Luke 22:63)</p>

<b>22. MOCKED</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, ‘Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.’” Psalms 22:7, 8</p>	<p>“And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.” Matthew 27:31</p>

<b>23. FELL UNDER THE CROSS</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“My knees are weak from fasting; And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness. I also have become a reproach to them; When they see me, they wag their head.” Psalms 109:24, 25</p>	<p>“They took Jesus therefore; and He went out, bearing His own cross....” John 19:17 “And when they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.” Luke 23:26</p>

<b>24. HANDS AND FEET PIERCED</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“...They pierced my hands and my feet.” Psalms 22:16 (Also see Zechariah 12:10)</p>	<p>“And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him....” Luke 23:33 (Also see John 20:25)</p>
<p>Jesus was crucified in the usual Roman manner; the hands and feet were pierced by large dull spikes which attached the body to the wooden cross or stake.</p>	

<b>25. CRUCIFIED WITH THIEVES</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“...Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors....” Isaiah 53:12</p>	<p>“At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.” Matthew 27:38 (Also see Mark 15:27, 28)</p>

<b>26. MADE INTERCESSION FOR HIS PERSECUTORS</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“...Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12</p>	<p>“...Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing....” Luke 23:34</p>
<p>“This office He began on the cross (Luke 23:34), and now continues in heaven...” (Heb. 9:24; I John 2:1) 11/733</p>	

<b>27. PEOPLE SHOOK THEIR HEADS</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“I also have become a reproach to them; When they see me, they wag their head.” Psalms 109:25 (Also see Psalms 22:7)</p>	<p>“And those who were passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads....” Matthew 27:39</p>

<b>28. GARMENTS PARTED AND LOTS CAST</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.” Psalms 22:18</p>	<p>“The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. They said...’Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be....’” John 19:23, 24</p>

<b>29.</b> <b>GALL AND VINEGAR OFFERED HIM</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” Psalms 69:21</p>	<p>“They gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.” Matthew 27:34 (Also see John 19:28, 29)</p>

<b>30.</b> <b>HIS FORSAKEN CRY</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” Psalms 22:1a</p>	<p>“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli lama sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?’” Matthew 27:46</p>

<b>31.</b> <b>COMMITTED HIMSELF TO GOD</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“Into Thy hand I commit my spirit.” Psalms 31:5</p>	<p>“And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.’” Luke 23:46</p>

<b>32.</b> <b>BONES NOT BROKEN</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“He keeps all his bones; Not one of them is broken.” Psalms 34:20</p>	<p>“...But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.” John 19:33</p>

<b>33.</b> <b>HEART BROKEN</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
<p>“My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.” Psalms 22:14</p>	<p>“...But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.” John 19:34</p>

<b>34. HIS SIDE PIERCED</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“...They will look on Me whom they have pierced....” Zechariah 12:10	“...But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear....” John 19:34

<b>35. DARKNESS OVER THE LAND</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
““And it will come about in that day,’ declares the Lord God, ‘That I shall make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight.’” Amos 8:9	“Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.” Matthew 27:45

<b>36. BURIED IN RICH MAN’S TOMB</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“His grave was assigned to be with wicked men, Yet with a rich man in His death....” Isaiah 53:9	“...There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph...and asked for the body of Jesus...And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb....” Matthew 27:57-60

<b>37. MESSIAH SHALL COME BEFORE SCEPTER DEPARTS</b>	
<b>PROPHECY</b>	<b>FULFILLMENT</b>
“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.” Genesis 49:10	“Scepter” is tribal staff or tribal identity. Jewish commentators interpret “Shiloh” as Messiah. In 70 A.D., Rome destroyed temple and city. Judah lost all legal power. Talmud states Sanhedrin exclaimed “Woe unto us, for the scepter has been taken from Judah, and the Messiah has not appeared.” Talmud, Bab., Sanhedrin, Ch. 4, fol. 37, recto.).

## SUMMARY

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- The only correct worldview is God's worldview.
- God's worldview is recorded in the Bible.
- Acceptance of Biblical ideas is acceptance of the thoughts of God.
- The highest aspiration of knowledge among humanity is to know God's Word.

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