

# The Real “Real Meaning” of Easter

**E**vening Meal (Matthew 26:17-29)

**A**rrest (Matthew 26:30-50)

**S**wordplay (Matthew 26:51-56)

**T**rials (Matthew 26:57-27:26)

**E**xecution/Expiation (Matthew 27:27-27:66) = The SAS of Jesus

**R**esurrection (Matthew 28:1-20) = The LBSR of Jesus

1: Easter Celebrates the Literal Bodily Supernatural Resurrection of Jesus (LBSR)

2: The LBSR Validates the Virtue of His Substitutionary Atoning Sacrifice (SAS)

3: The LBSR + the SAS = the Essential Content of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

## **Christianity: Based on Reality (Spiritual & Physical) Not Just Religious Concepts**

The NT Describes Real People, Real Places, Real Events Which Are Consistent with Ancient History and Archeology (The “Jesus of History” is “The Christ of Faith!”)

## **The Lord Jesus Christ Did Not Die Simply as a Virtuous Martyr**

His Death was a SAS = Substitutionary Atoning Sacrifice for the Sins of the World

1 John 2:2; Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24 and 3:18

## **The Saving Virtue of the Death of Christ Is Validated by His LBSR**

LBSR = Literal Supernatural Bodily Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-20; John 20:1-29; 1 Corinthians 15:1-26

## **Because Jesus Died FOR Our Sins We Do Not Have to Die In Our Sins**

Good Works are the Fruit/Effect Not the Root/Cause of Salvation

Rom 3:20; Titus 3:4-9; Jn 1:9-13; 3:14-18; 6:39-40; Galatians 2:21; 3:21

## **Because Jesus Rose from the Dead We Can Embrace Life Despite Our Mortality**

1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Revelation 21-22

## **IYNTK about Easter**

(Information You Need to Know)

The word “Easter” was derived from the proto-Germanic word meaning “to rise.” This is seen in the contemporary German cognate “ööst-” and the English word “east,” the direction from which the sun rises in the morning. It is not true that the word was derived from the pagan goddess Oestar or from the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.

The first Easter-the literal, bodily, supernatural resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, occurred on the Sunday after Passover in 33 AD. Because of this, the first day of the week became Christianity's primary day of weekly worship and celebration of the resurrection by means of the corporate gathering of the local church (singing, sharing/prayer, Scripture and supper/LORD's Supper). By the late 1<sup>st</sup> century, the Sunday after the Jewish Passover was recognized as a special day of resurrection celebration for believers.

Many of the modern popular aspects of the celebration of Easter did come from cultural traditions rather than from biblical doctrine. However, rather than paganizing the Church, the Church took these well known (at the time) elements and “converted” them to convey Christian principles. For example, the egg was a common pagan sign of fertility and good luck. In Christian tradition, the egg has been used as an analogy to the Trinity and to signify the resurrection life promised us by Christ's resurrection. Rabbits were fertility symbols among some ancient European pagans, but in Christianity we remember that all life physically and spiritually comes from God in accord with His program of salvation which revolves around the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the “Passover Lamb” (Exodus. 12:5), the One Whose sacrifice cleanses from sin (Isaiah. 53:7; John 1:29; Acts 8:32-25; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation. 5:6-13; 7:13-14; 15:3). Since Easter isn't about the Easter Bunny some Christians may opt out of “dealing with him” while others including the Pastor of TBF (Romans 14:5b) don't mind having a little fun with him on the fringes of our personal celebration of the most important event in human history-the literal, bodily, supernatural resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Died for OUR Sins  
But He Isn't Dead Anymore  
And because...

...Jesus Died for OUR Sins  
We Don't Have to Die  
IN Our Sins



# Top 5 Pet Peeves of the Easter Bunny

- #5 Every year, after Easter is over, he has to clean jelly bean residue...  
...out of his huge bunny ears with expensive extra long Q-Tips!
- #4 High levels of stress leading up to the big day causes his bright white tail...  
...to turn a sick faded shade of crimson and cream!
- #3 All of the "fake news" this spring claiming he's an agent of the mega-evil...  
...Jelly Bean Industry!
- #2 Jealous FB posts from Santa Claus, Superman & the Tooth Fairy claiming...  
...the vast majority of the kids worldwide love them more!
- #1 After gaining 150 pounds in 2018, most people now mistake him...  
...for a Sumo Wrestler  
...stuffed into an Extra-Small Easter Bunny Suit!

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# The Bible

## A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



### ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

### ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming!

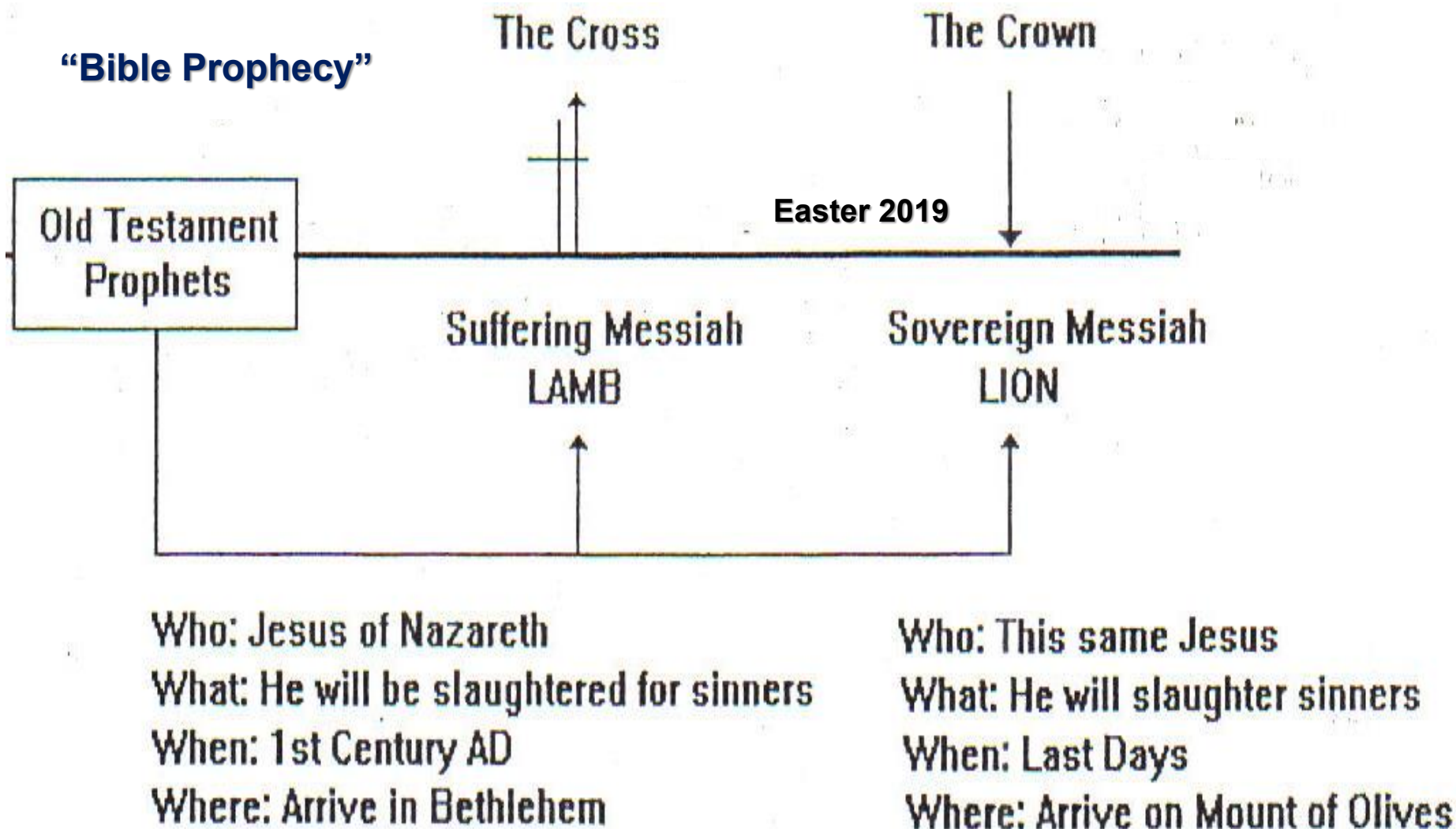
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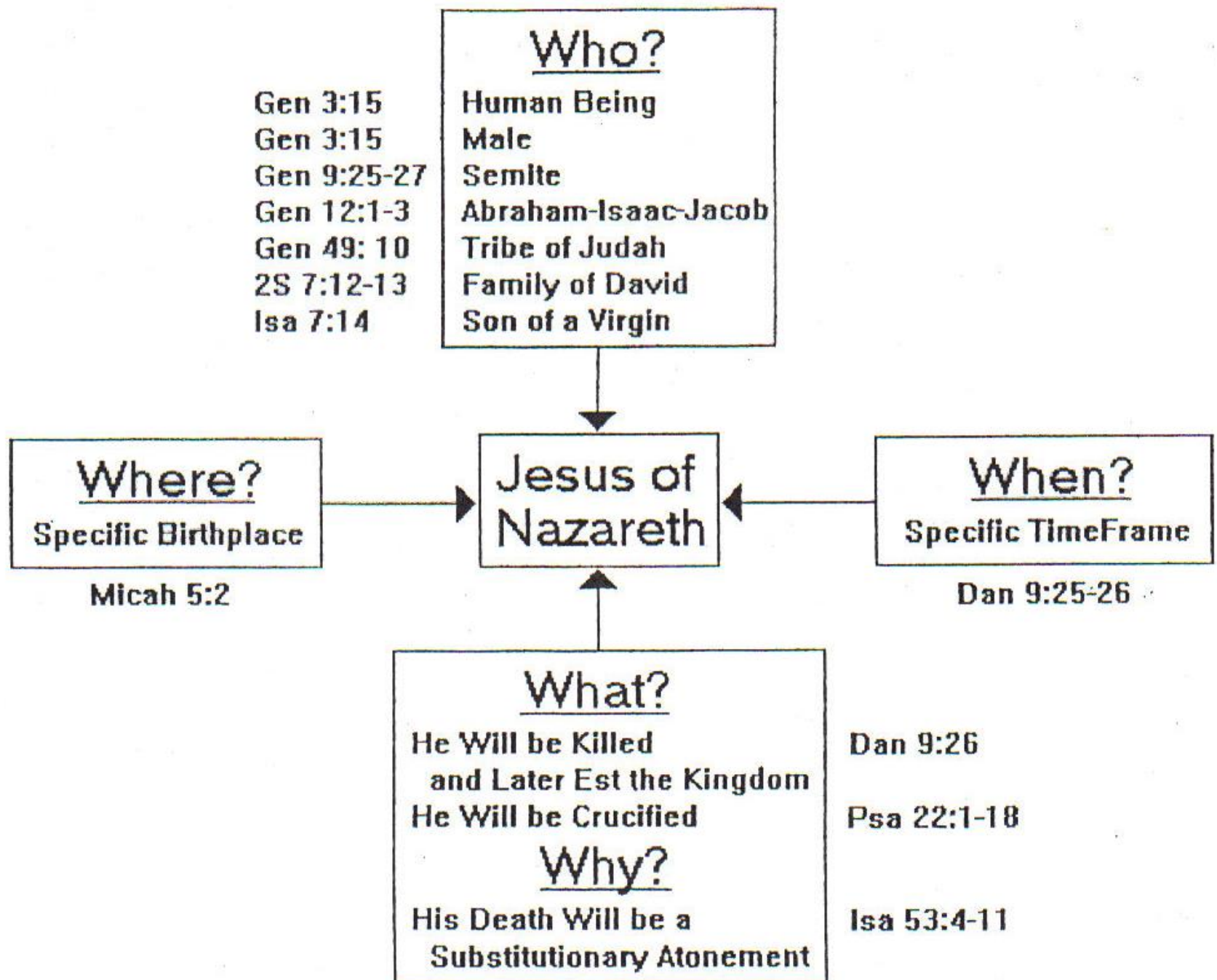
Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

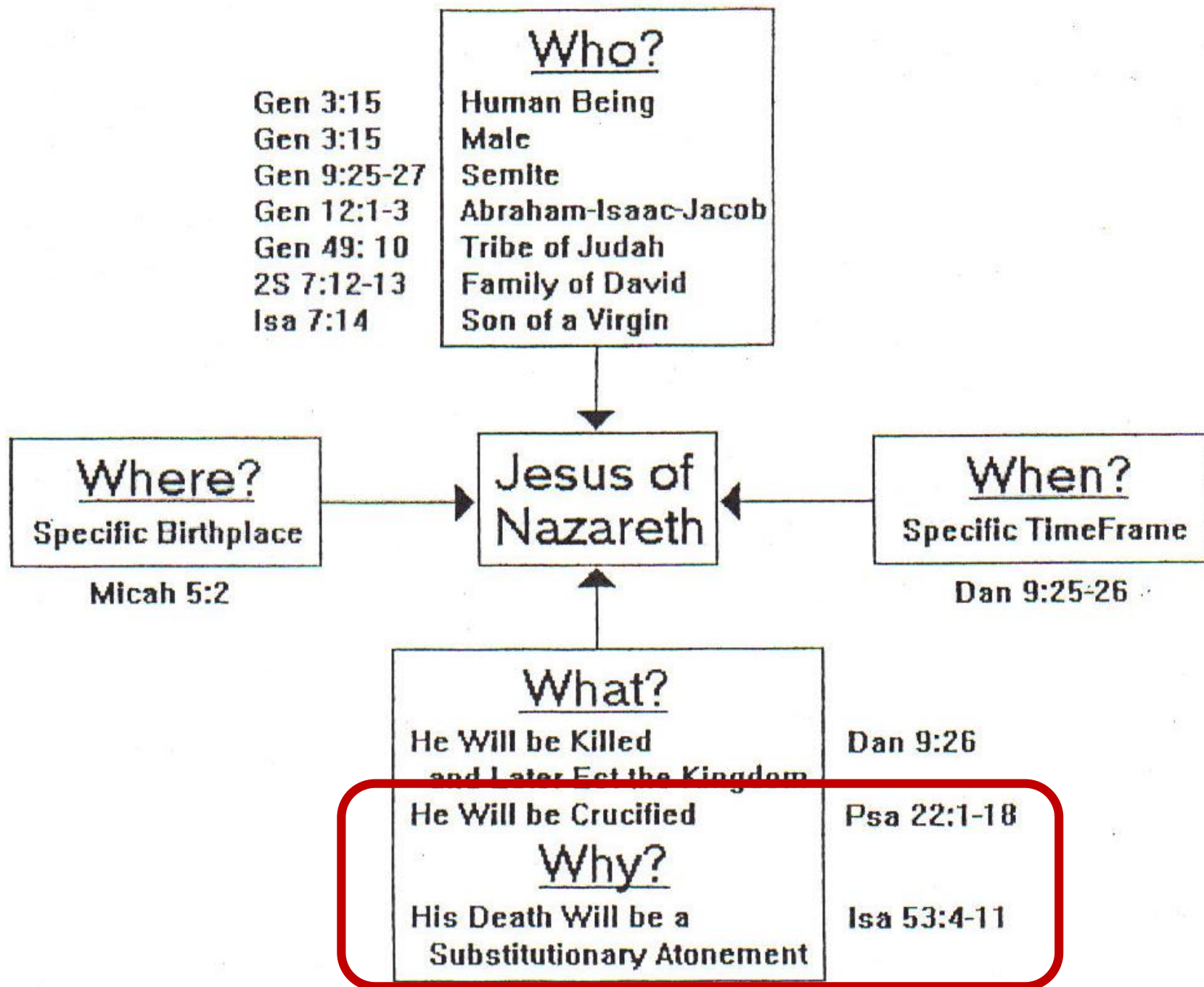
### ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming Back!

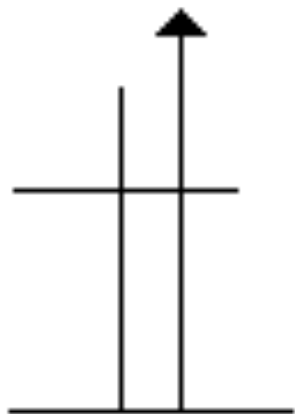
## **"Bible Prophecy"**







God's Grace



**If Righteousness Comes by  
the Law/Works  
Then Christ Died Needlessly**  
Galatians 2:21

Human Merit

The Cross

Circumcision

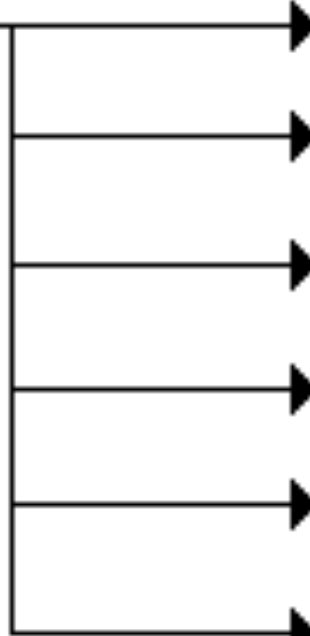
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Catechism

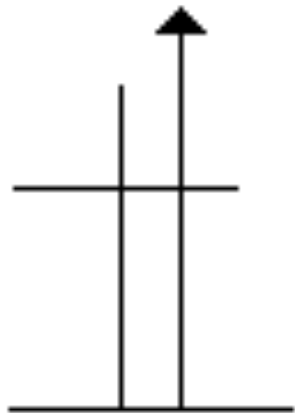
Ordination

Dedication

Denomination



God's Grace



**If a Law Was Able to Impart  
Life Then +R Would Indeed  
Have Been Based on Law**

Galatians 3:21

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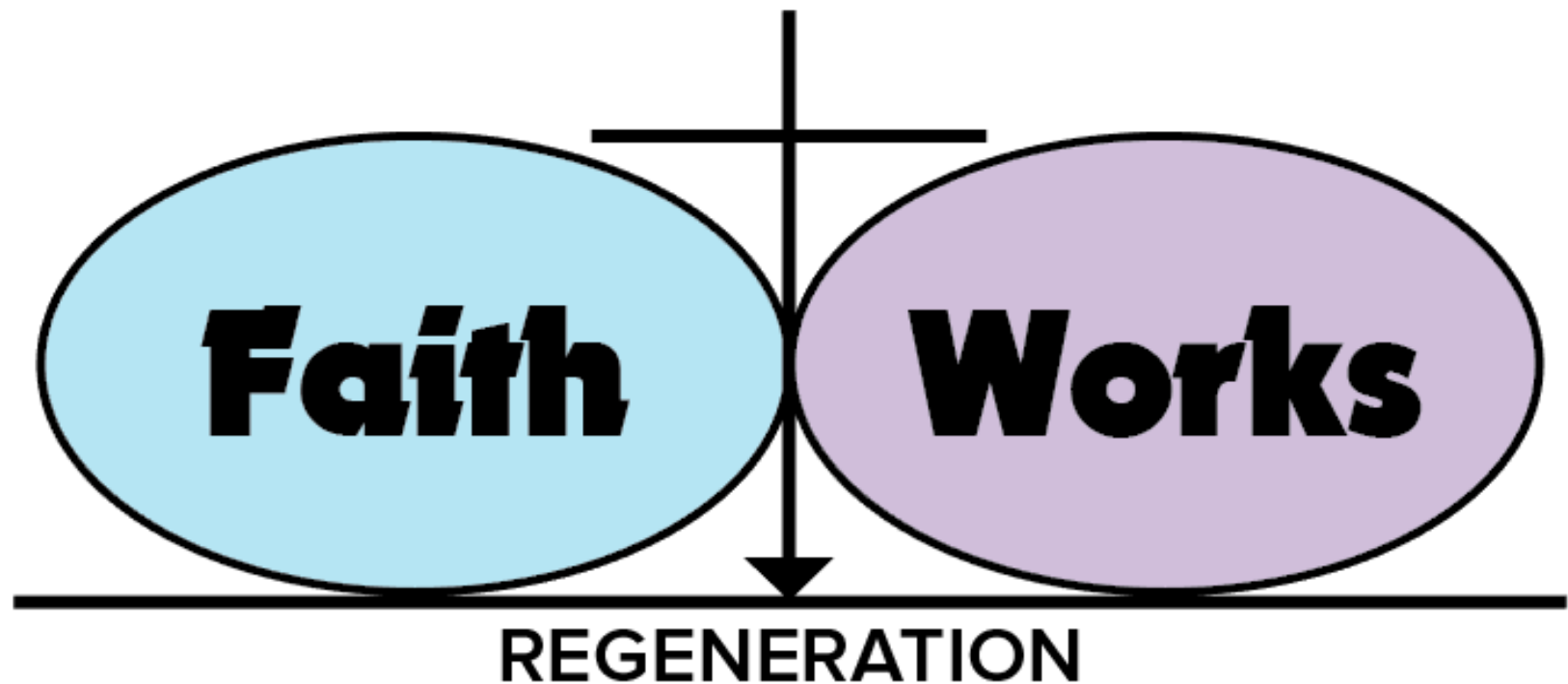
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ATONEMENT



**Root Cause**

Ephesians 2:8-9

*Not by Works  
Come to the Light*

► **Fruit Effect**

Ephesians 2:10

*But for Works  
Let your Light Shine*

# John 11:25-27

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live even when he dies and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never really die.

# John 6:40

Who Said This?

This is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him/her up on the Last Day.

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Today

Jesus Centered Egg Hunt

For Children

5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Below