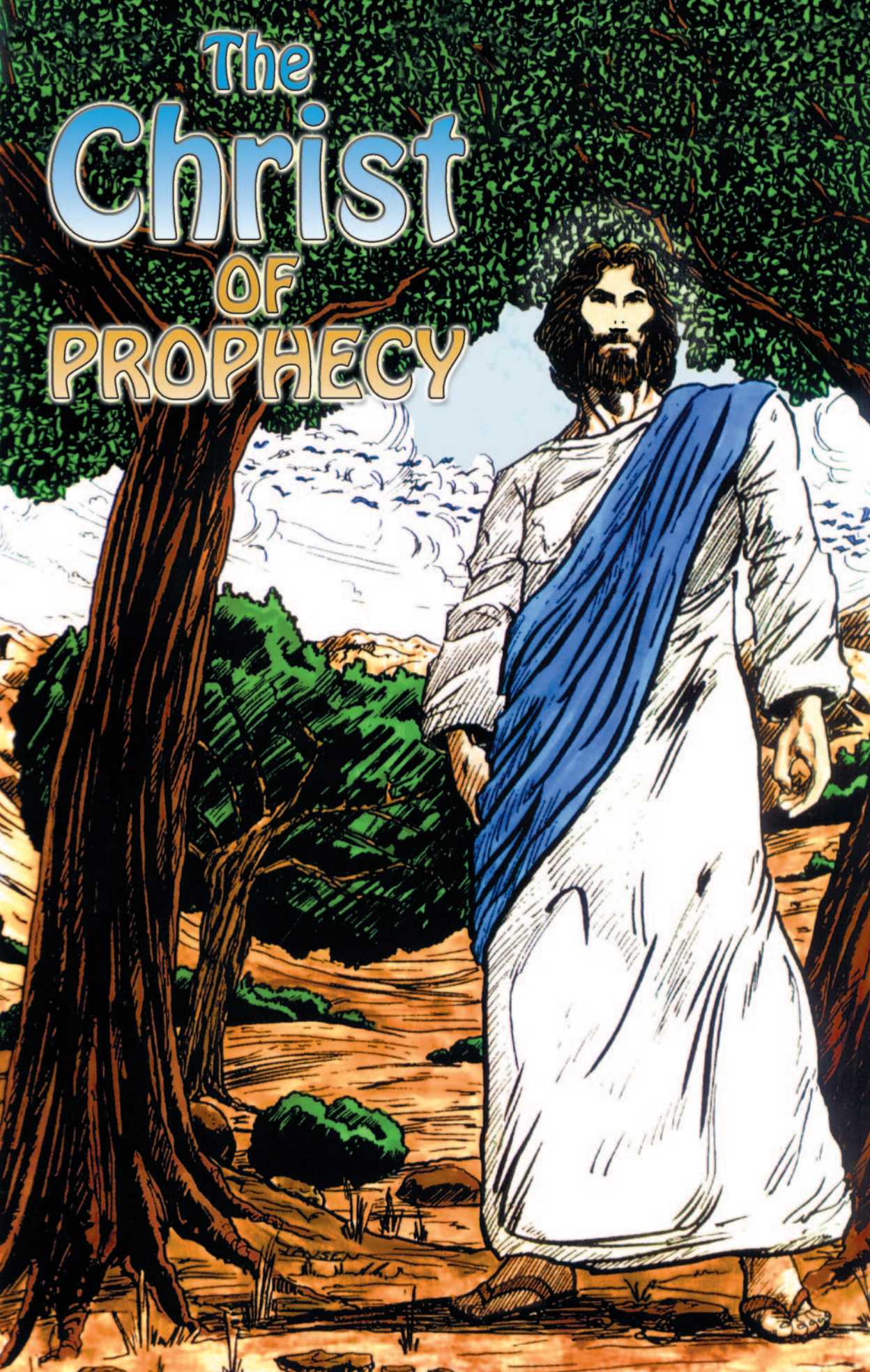


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PLEASE NOTE:

In this work, many Scripture references are given; in almost every case, the Old Testament reference shows where a certain prophecy was first given while the New Testament reference that follows shows where that prophecy was fulfilled. Various translations have been used.



**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This one was in the beginning with God. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”—
JOHN 1:1-5**

From the beginning, prophecies have been given concerning the coming of “this one,” the redeemer of mankind...the Savior.

Just a few of those prophecies follow...

4000 years ago (Genesis 49:10), the Hebrew Patriarch Jacob prophesied that the rightful ruler of the world would be descended from Judah (LUKE 3:33).

2700 years ago (Isaiah 11:1), the prophet Isaiah narrowed it down to the line of Judah's descendant, Jesse (MATTHEW 1:6).

The prophet Jeremiah said 2600 years ago (Jeremiah 33:15) that the Savior would come from the line of David, the eighth son of Jesse (Matthew 1:6).

And, finally, Isaiah specified (ISAIAH 7:14) that the one known as "God with us" would be born of a virgin (LUKE 1:26-34).

To make this last point even more clear, God himself spoke the world's very first prophecy (GENESIS 3:15), telling the first man and woman that the crusher of their deceiver and enemy would be born of "the seed of a woman." Everyone else is born of the seed of a man!



All through the books of the Law and the Prophets are intimations and inclinations, shadows and shadings revealing that the Savior of the world would be God's own Son.

But, beyond that—

—he would be God himself.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (ISAIAH 9:6)

God would take on human form!



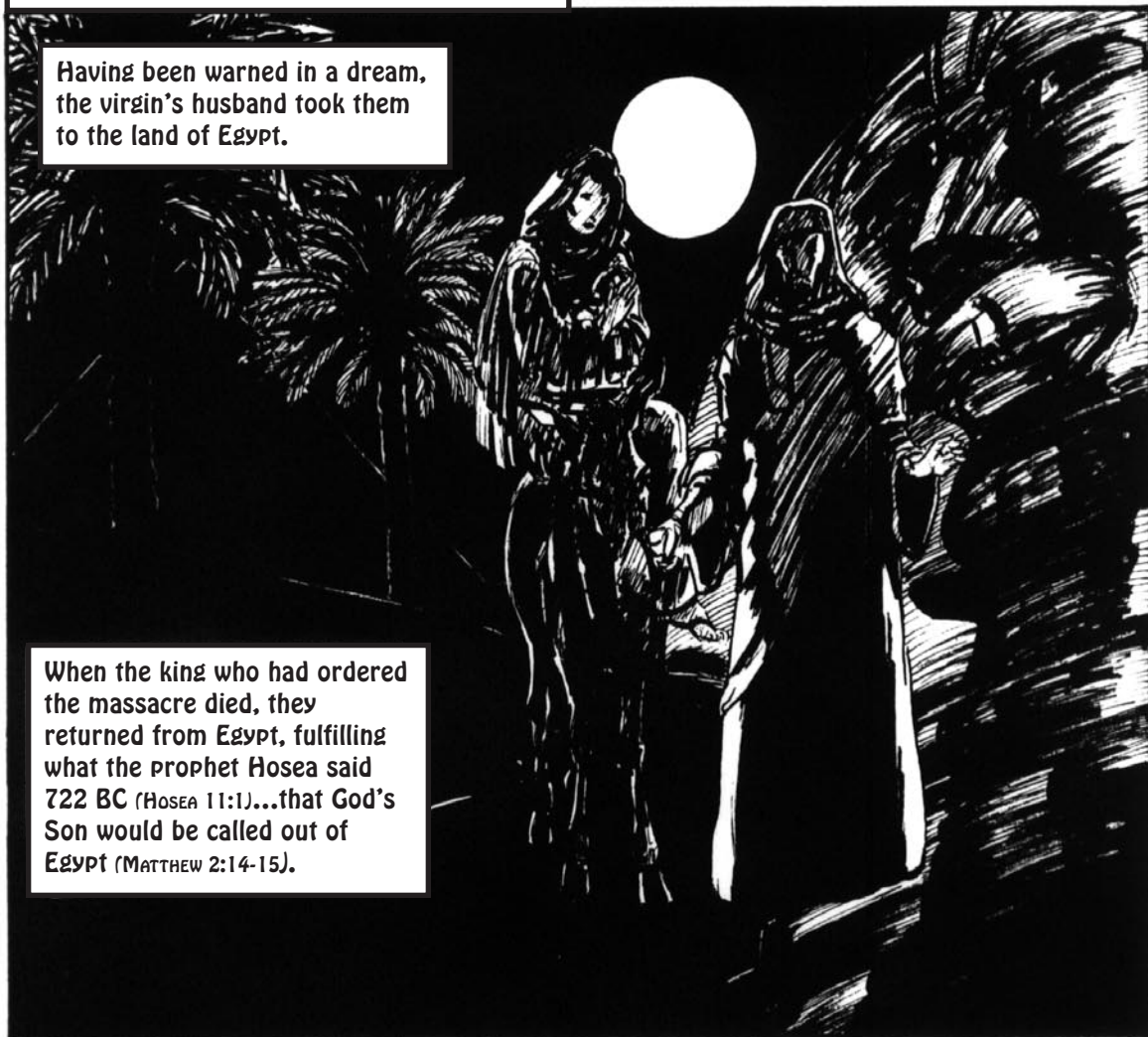
About 700 BC, the prophet Micah said (Micah 5:2) that the Ruler whose “goings out are from of old, from ancient times,” would come out of the small town of Bethlehem (MATTHEW 2:1).

But the children of the vicinity would be murdered in an attempt to kill him.



(JEREMIAH 31:15 & MATTHEW 2:16-18)

Having been warned in a dream, the virgin’s husband took them to the land of Egypt.



When the king who had ordered the massacre died, they returned from Egypt, fulfilling what the prophet Hosea said 722 BC (HOSEA 11:1)...that God’s Son would be called out of Egypt (MATTHEW 2:14-15).

They settled in Nazareth “and the child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him” (LUKE 2:40).



Now, Nazareth was in Galilee which God had said through Isaiah 2700 years ago (ISAIAH 9:1-2) he would honor—he honored it with his presence.


Y'ISHUA*

And his name would be—

The name of the Coming One was stated plainly about 520 BC by the prophet Zechariah (ZECHARIAH 6:11-13 AND 3:8).



*"Joshua" and "Jesus" are the English and Greek versions of this Hebrew name which means "Yahweh the Savior"—and "Yahweh" means "I Am."



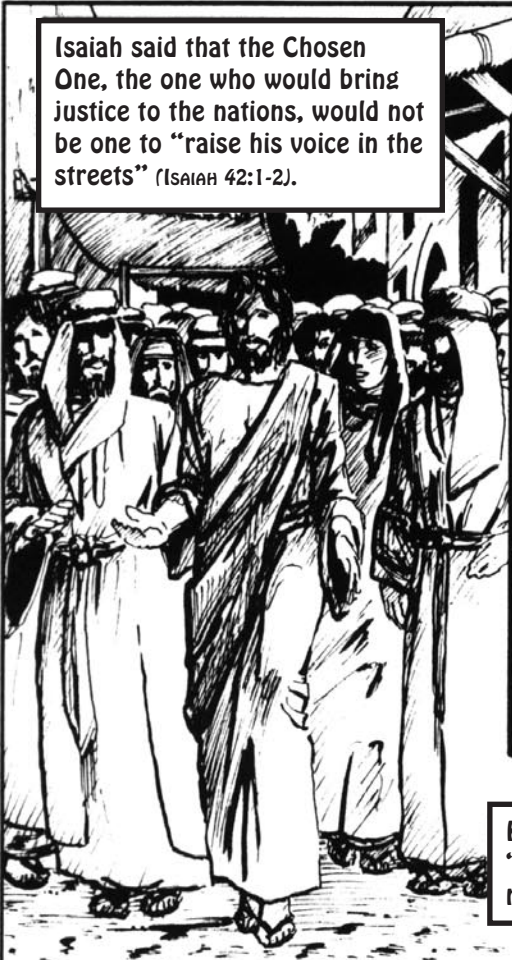
Through the prophet Malachi, circa 430 BC, God said, "...I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me" (MALACHI 3:1).

...one calling in the desert, "Make straight the way for the Lord" (ISAIAH 40:3).

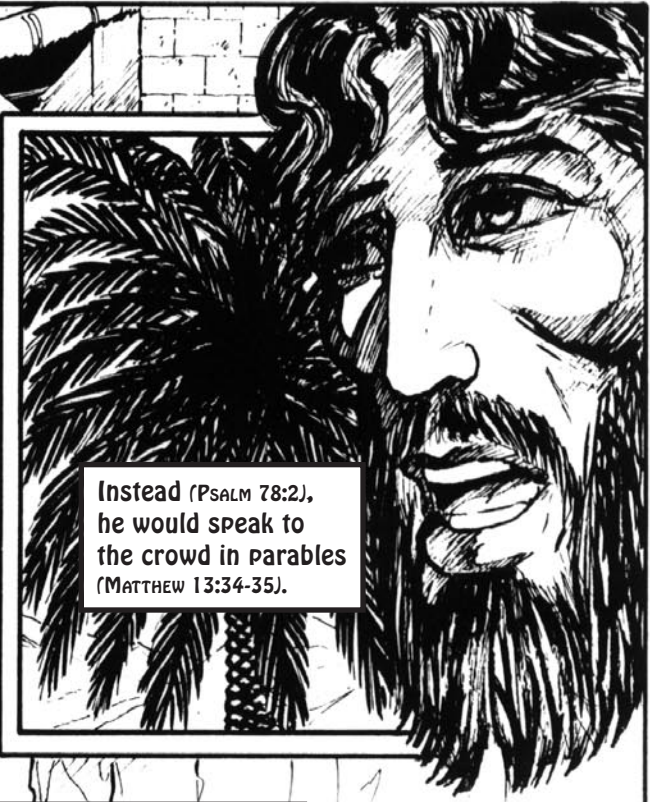
—both fulfilled in the man, John the Baptist (LUKE 1:17 AND JOHN 1:23).

Zechariah said that Y'shua would have associates (ZECHARIAH 3:8).

This was fulfilled in Peter and the other disciples (LUKE 22:28).



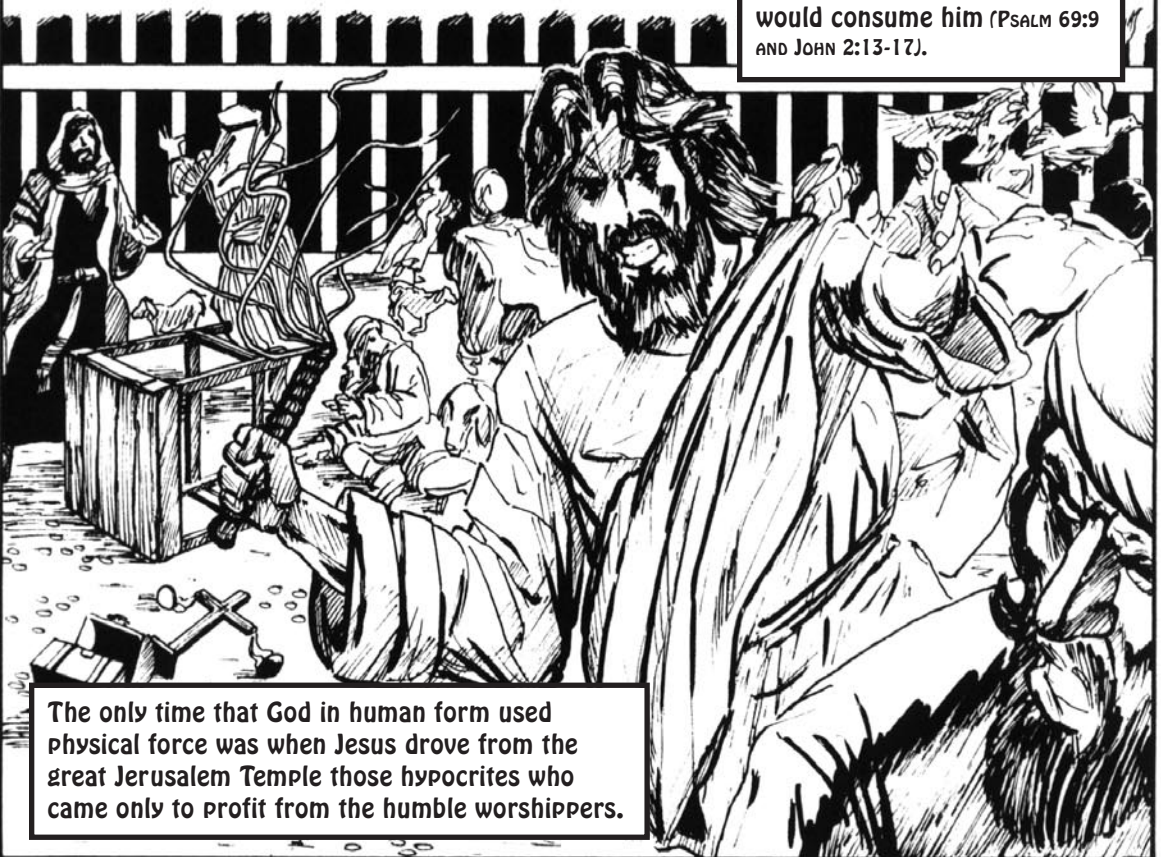
Isaiah said that the Chosen One, the one who would bring justice to the nations, would not be one to “raise his voice in the streets” (ISAIAH 42:1-2).



Instead (PSALM 78:2), he would speak to the crowd in parables (MATTHEW 13:34-35).

He would be so gentle, “a bruised reed he would not break” (ISAIAH 42:3)—

—but zeal for God’s house would consume him (PSALM 69:9 AND JOHN 2:13-17).

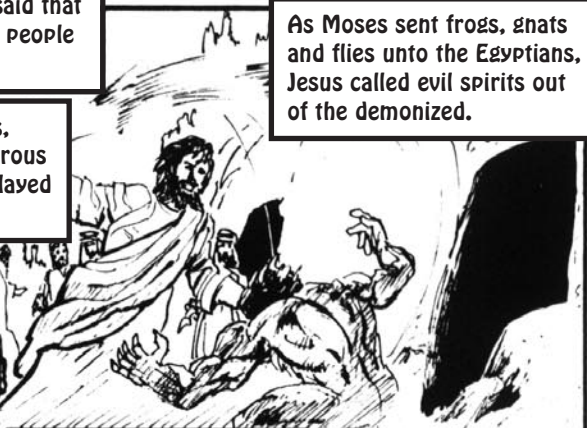
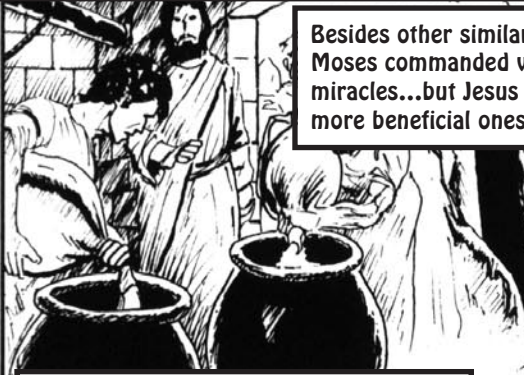


The only time that God in human form used physical force was when Jesus drove from the great Jerusalem Temple those hypocrites who came only to profit from the humble worshippers.

The great prophet Moses, 1400 years before Christ, said that a prophet like him would be raised up and that all the people should do what he would say (DEUTERONOMY 18:18-19).

As Moses sent frogs, gnats and flies unto the Egyptians, Jesus called evil spirits out of the demonized.

Besides other similarities, Moses commanded wondrous miracles...but Jesus displayed more beneficial ones—



Moses turned the water of Egypt into blood, but Jesus turned water into wine.

At Moses' word, hailstones fell upon Egypt, but Jesus calmed the wild storm.

At Moses' command, Egypt's livestock died and locusts ate her crops. But Jesus fed the 5000, and then the 4000, who had gathered to hear his words.



As Moses showed his followers the way through the waters, Jesus showed his the way over them.

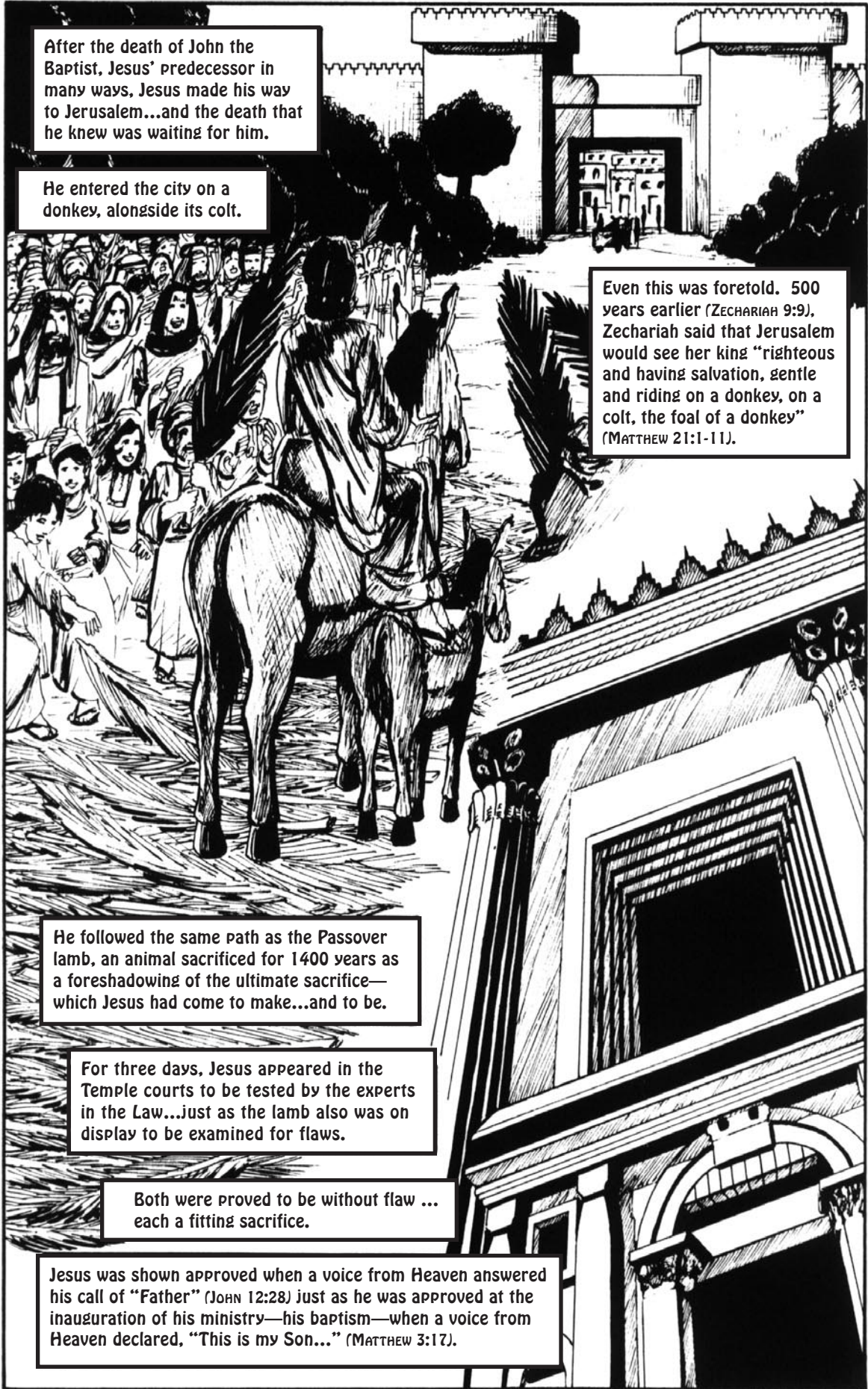
As Moses ordered boils upon the ungodly Egyptians, Jesus ordered healings.



Darkness came upon Egypt at Moses' decree, but Jesus—in a number of ways—brought only light.

And, while the firstborn of Egypt died as a result of Moses' word, the dead were raised at the sound of Jesus' voice.





After the death of John the Baptist, Jesus' predecessor in many ways, Jesus made his way to Jerusalem...and the death that he knew was waiting for him.

He entered the city on a donkey, alongside its colt.

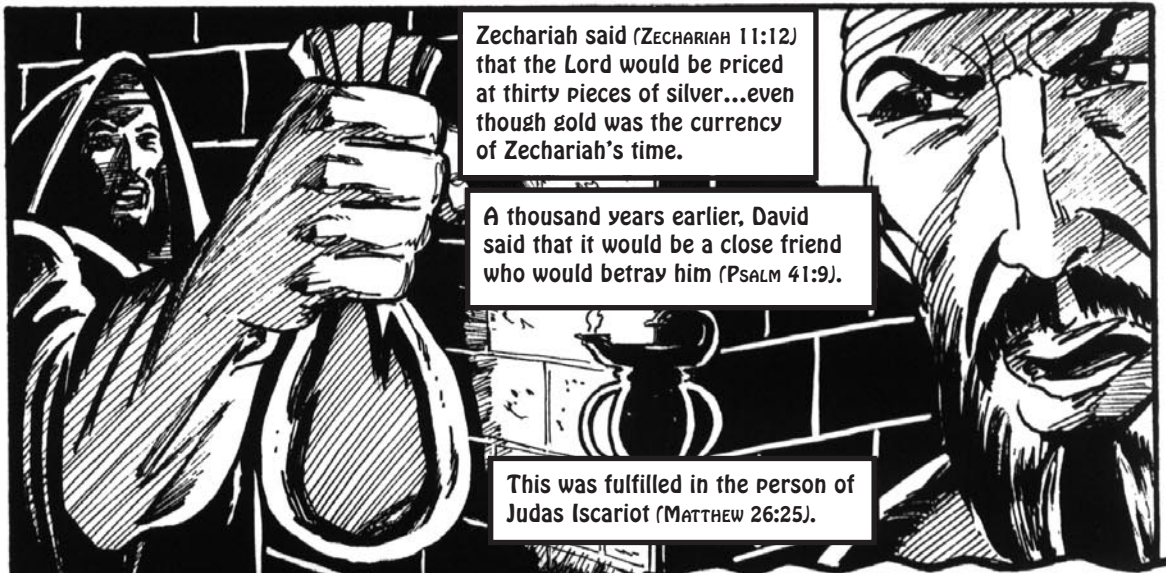
Even this was foretold. 500 years earlier (ZECHARIAH 9:9), Zechariah said that Jerusalem would see her king "righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (MATTHEW 21:1-11).

He followed the same path as the Passover lamb, an animal sacrificed for 1400 years as a foreshadowing of the ultimate sacrifice—which Jesus had come to make...and to be.

For three days, Jesus appeared in the Temple courts to be tested by the experts in the Law...just as the lamb also was on display to be examined for flaws.

Both were proved to be without flaw ... each a fitting sacrifice.

Jesus was shown approved when a voice from Heaven answered his call of "Father" (JOHN 12:28) just as he was approved at the inauguration of his ministry—his baptism—when a voice from Heaven declared, "This is my Son..." (MATTHEW 3:17).



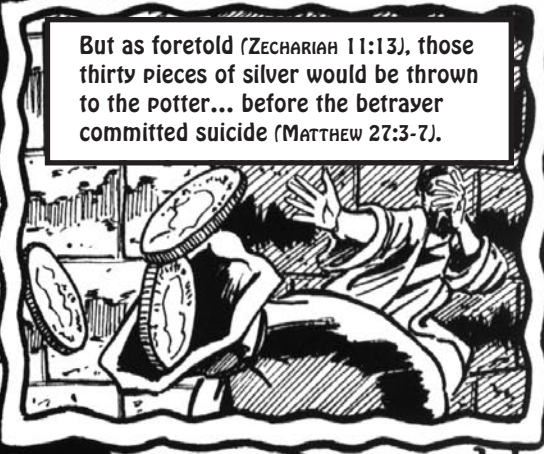
Zechariah said (ZECHARIAH 11:12) that the Lord would be priced at thirty pieces of silver...even though gold was the currency of Zechariah's time.

A thousand years earlier, David said that it would be a close friend who would betray him (PSALM 41:9).

This was fulfilled in the person of Judas Iscariot (MATTHEW 26:25).

JUDAS...

BETRAYEST THOU THE SON OF GOD WITH A KISS?



But as foretold (ZECHARIAH 11:13), those thirty pieces of silver would be thrown to the potter... before the betrayer committed suicide (MATTHEW 27:3-7).

And, as prophesied (ZECHARIAH 13:7), his followers were scattered (MARK 14:50).



(ISAIAH 53:8) He would be arrested and tried (MATTHEW 26)

(PSALM 22:16) encircled* by a band of evil men (MATTHEW 26:59)

(PSALM 69:19) scorned, disgraced, shamed (JOHN 18)

(ISAIAH 53:3) despised, rejected (MARK 6:3)

(PSALM 109:2)
accused by wicked
and deceitful men
(MATTHEW 26:60)

(ISAIAH 50:6) SPIT UPON
(MATTHEW 26:67)

(ISAIAH 53:7)
—all the while without opening
his mouth to defend himself.
(MATTHEW 26:63)

*The Sanhedrin, his judges, were known to meet in a circular room.

(PSALM 69:20) He would look for comforters—



I DON'T
KNOW HIM.

—but find none (LUKE 22:60-62).

David said (PSALM 22:16) that he would be surrounded by dogs—a term commonly used to refer to ungodly gentiles (JOHN 19:1-3)—



—and (PSALM 22:7) that he would be mocked (MATTHEW 27:29, 39, 41 & 44).

PROPHESY!
WHO
HIT YOU?!

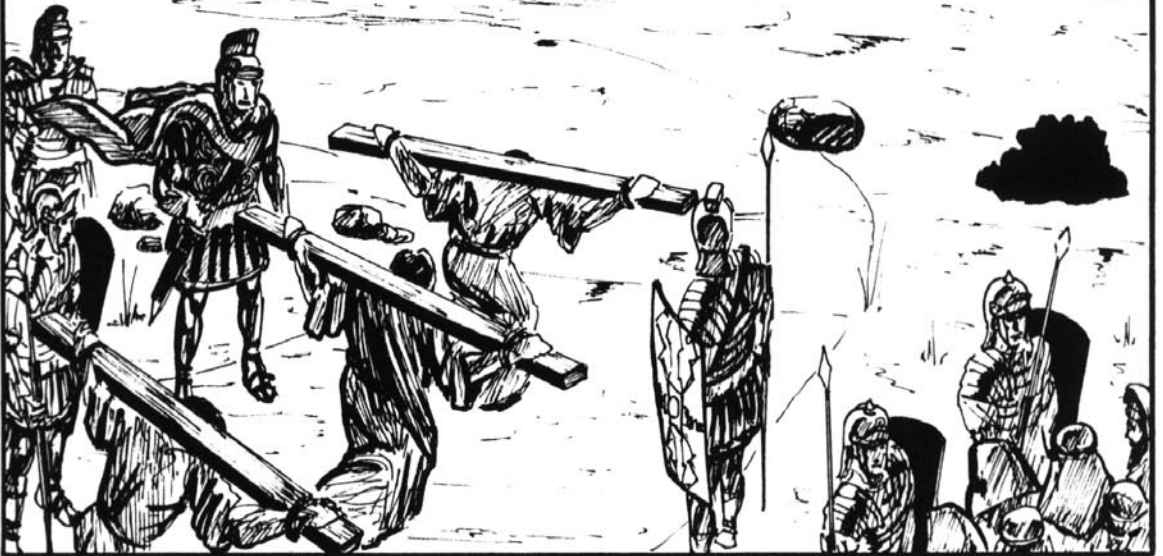
And the prophet Isaiah said (ISAIAH 52:14) that he would be marred beyond “human likeness.”

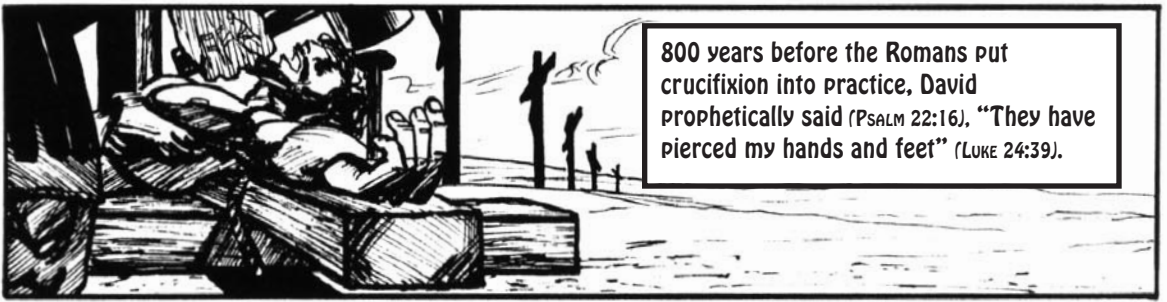


Again, Isaiah spoke (ISAIAH 53:12), saying that the Lord's Servant would be "numbered with the transgressors" (MARK 15:27)—

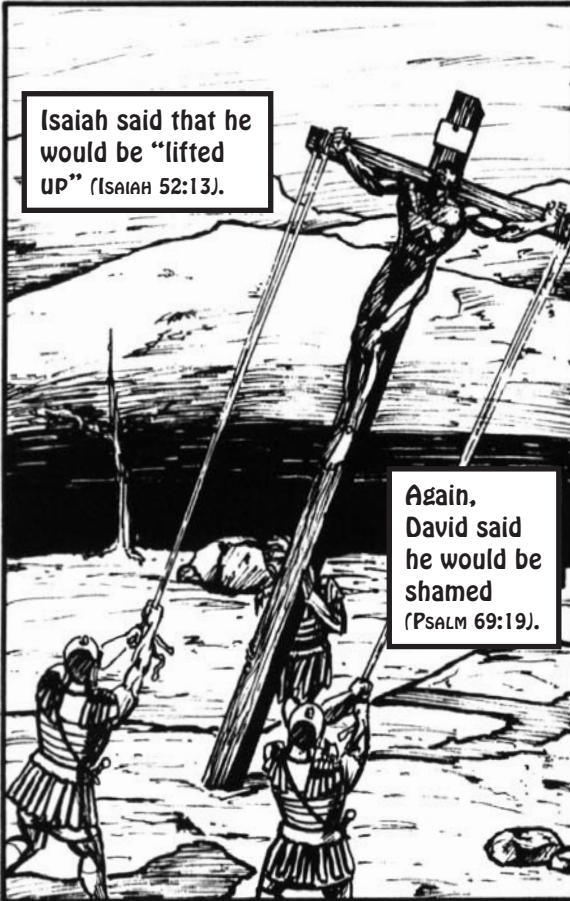


—that he would be
"assigned a grave with
the wicked" (ISAIAH 53:9).





800 years before the Romans put crucifixion into practice, David prophetically said (PSALM 22:16), "They have pierced my hands and feet" (LUKE 24:39).



Isaiah said that he would be "lifted UP" (ISAIAH 52:13).

Again, David said he would be shamed (PSALM 69:19).

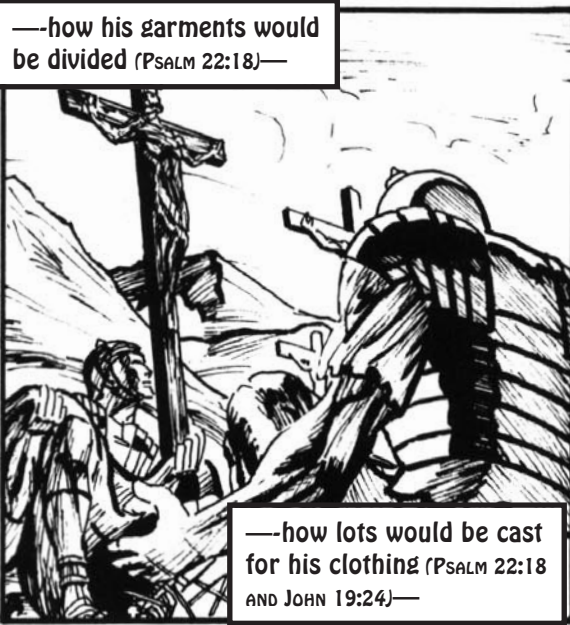
When Jesus asked God to forgive them (LUKE 23:34), he fulfilled, in part, the prophecy that said he would make intercession for the transgressors (ISAIAH 53:12).



"In part" because he still makes intercession for the transgressors, defending his own when they fall.



David spoke more on the Crucifixion—how his bones would show and be out of joint (PSALM 22:17, 14)—



—how his garments would be divided (PSALM 22:18)—

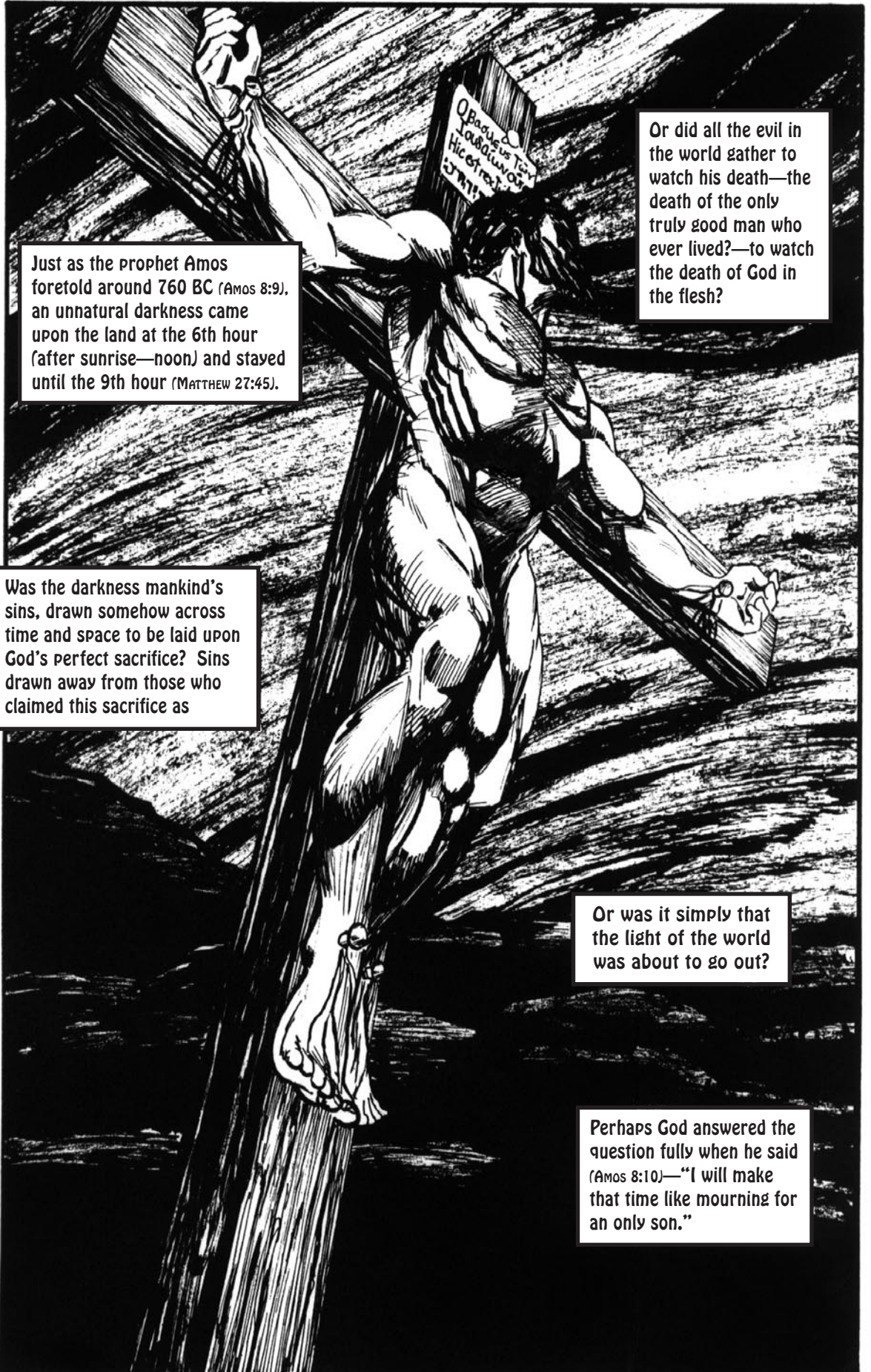
—how lots would be cast for his clothing (PSALM 22:18 AND JOHN 19:24)—



—how he would be gloated over (PSALM 22:17 AND MARK 15:31)—

—and how he would thirst (PSALM 22:15 AND JOHN 19:28). Gall would be put in his food and vinegar would be given him to drink (PSALM 69:21 AND MATTHEW 27:34, 48).





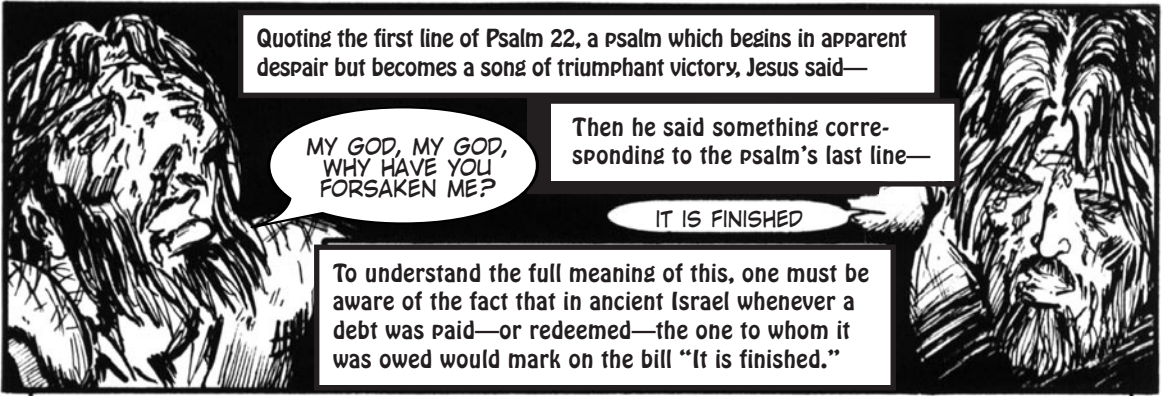
Just as the prophet Amos foretold around 760 BC (Amos 8:9), an unnatural darkness came upon the land at the 6th hour (after sunrise—noon) and stayed until the 9th hour (Matthew 27:45).

Or did all the evil in the world gather to watch his death—the death of the only truly good man who ever lived?—to watch the death of God in the flesh?

Was the darkness mankind's sins, drawn somehow across time and space to be laid upon God's perfect sacrifice? Sins drawn away from those who claimed this sacrifice as

Or was it simply that the light of the world was about to go out?

Perhaps God answered the question fully when he said (Amos 8:10)—“I will make that time like mourning for an only son.”



Quoting the first line of Psalm 22, a psalm which begins in apparent despair but becomes a song of triumphant victory, Jesus said—

MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?

Then he said something corresponding to the psalm's last line—

IT IS FINISHED

To understand the full meaning of this, one must be aware of the fact that in ancient Israel whenever a debt was paid—or redeemed—the one to whom it was owed would mark on the bill "It is finished."

Then Jesus died

—for the sins of others (ISAIAH 53:8).



When he died, there was a violent earthquake (MATTHEW 27:51)...

At the Temple (where the Passover lamb had just been sacrificed), the veil—that which separated the common man from the presence of God—split in two (MARK 15:38)...

And many saints who had died were filled with life and came out of their tombs (MATTHEW 27:52-53).

This was the first fulfillment of the prophecy delivered by the prophet Hosea about 722 BC (HOSEA 13:14)—"I will ransom them from the power of the grave."

And through all of this, one of the most important—most distinct—prophecies of all was fulfilled. Circa 550 BC, the prophet Daniel said (DANIEL 9:25-26) that 483 years (69 periods of seven years each) after a certain decree would be given, "the Anointed One," "the Ruler," would be "cut off" (from the land of the living—COMPARE ISAIAH 53:8). The decree came many years later (NEHEMIAH 2:5-9) in the 20th year of the Persian king Artaxerxes, which sources list as 445 BC. Therefore, the Messiah or Christ ("the Anointed One") was to die 483 years after 445 BC. However, when one translates the 360-day year the Bible uses (COMPARE REVELATION 11:2-3) into the standard 365-day year, it seems that—

DANIEL 9:25-26 says that the Christ was to die in the year 31 AD.

No one before or after Jesus of Nazareth could fulfill this supremely precise prophecy.

Because of their religious customs, the Jews did not want to leave the bodies on the crosses during the Sabbath. As sundown approached, they asked that the prisoners' legs be broken and the bodies taken down.



So, the soldiers broke the legs of the two crucified with Christ, but, finding that Jesus was already dead, they did not break his legs.

To make sure that he was truly dead, a soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear.

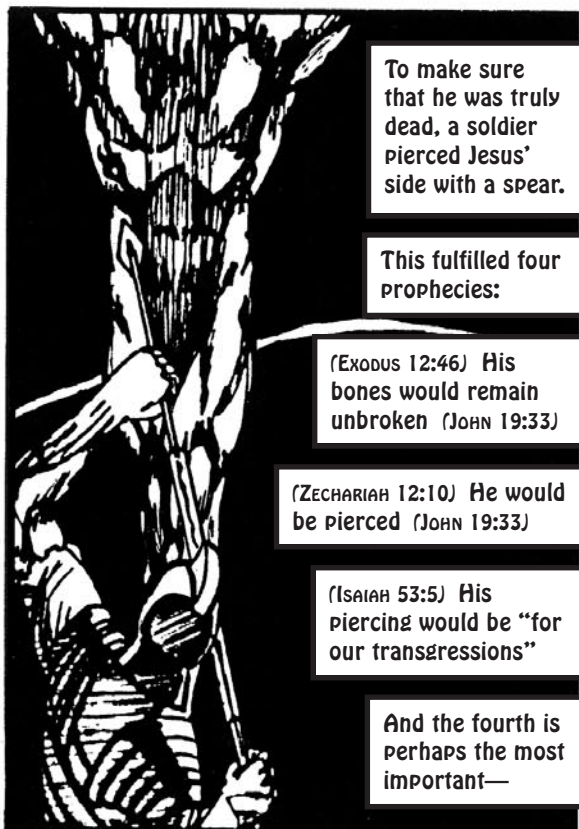
This fulfilled four prophecies:

(EXODUS 12:46) His bones would remain unbroken (JOHN 19:33)

(ZECHARIAH 12:10) He would be pierced (JOHN 19:33)

(ISAIAH 53:5) His piercing would be "for our transgressions"

And the fourth is perhaps the most important—



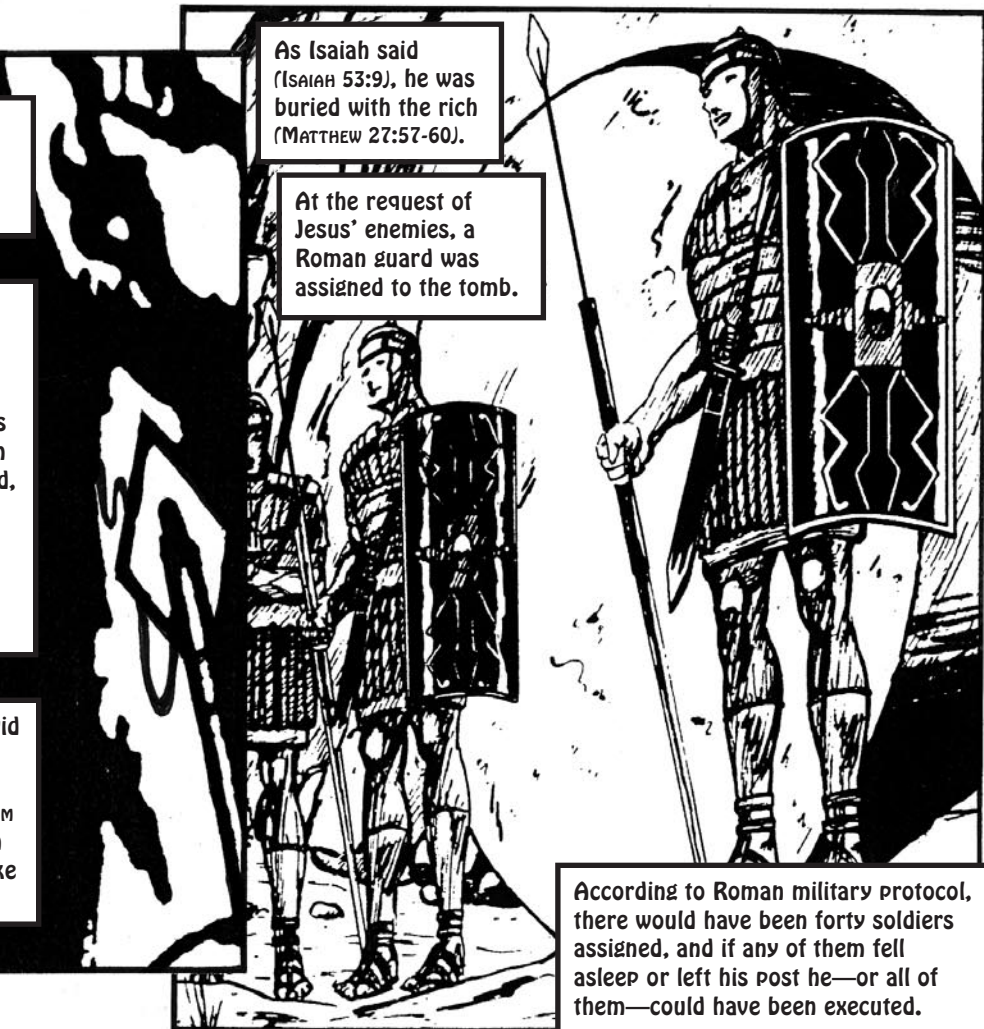
Blood and water poured out when he was pierced.

This proved his death for only in the dead does watery serum separate from the blood (and, notably, it is serum from which healing serums are made).

1000 BC, David spoke these words of the Messiah (PSALM 22:14)—"I am poured out like water."

As Isaiah said (ISAIAH 53:9), he was buried with the rich (MATTHEW 27:57-60).

At the request of Jesus' enemies, a Roman guard was assigned to the tomb.



According to Roman military protocol, there would have been forty soldiers assigned, and if any of them fell asleep or left his post he—or all of them—could have been executed.

David prophesied (PSALM 16:10) that the Holy One would not see decay.

To the Jews, a dead body was considered decayed on the fourth day.

On the third day, Peter entered his Lord's tomb to find only empty grave clothes. No Roman guard stood to oppose him. The many-ton door had been moved far away.

Again, Isaiah said he would be raised (ISAIAH 52:13).



He appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days—



—reassuring them—

TOUCH ME AND SEE--

--A GHOST DOES NOT HAVE FLESH AND BONES AS YOU SEE I HAVE.

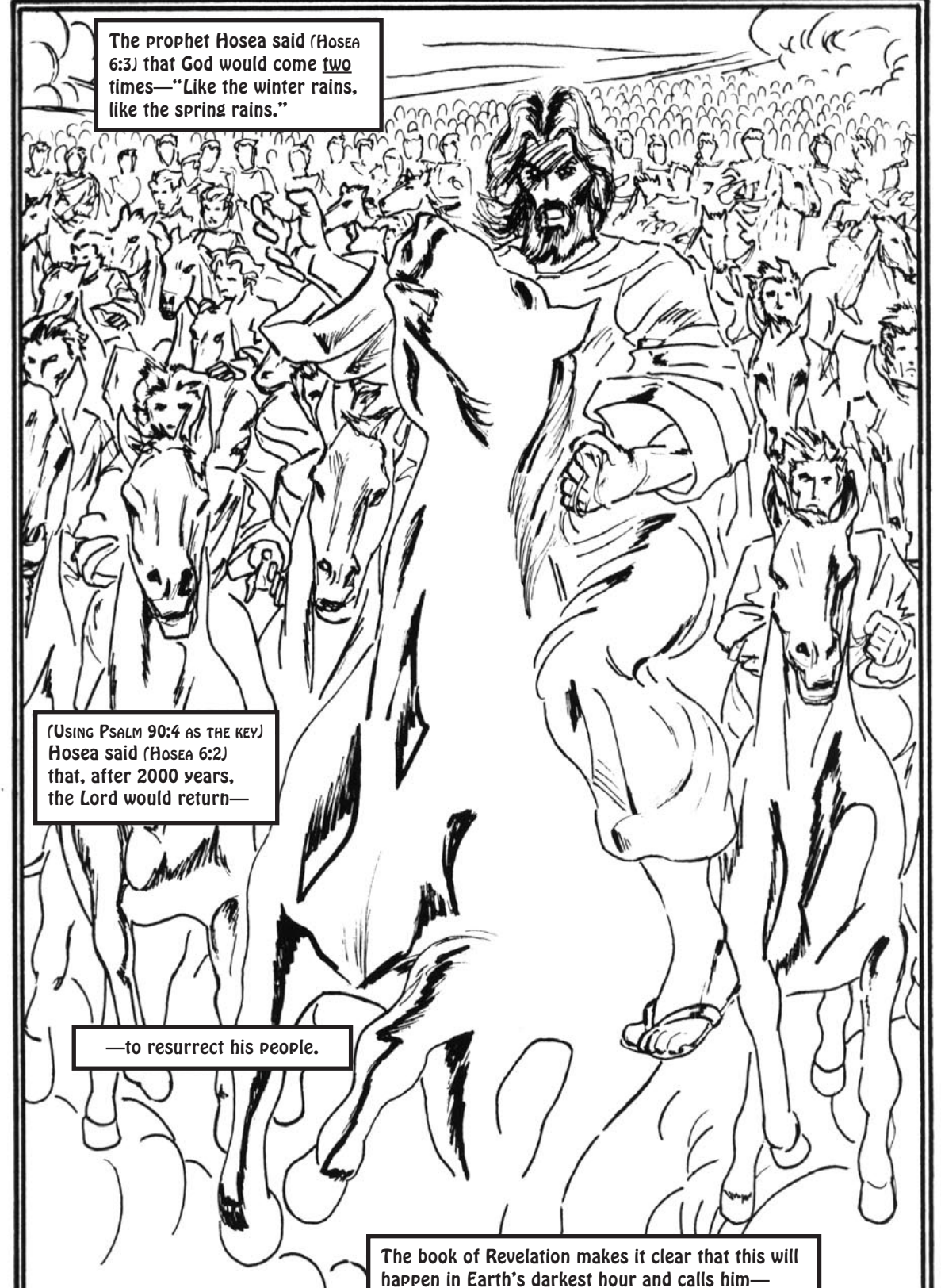
—and even reinstating those who had fallen away (JOHN 20-21).



Then he went up—



(ACCORDING TO PSALM 110:1 AND VERIFIED BY MARK 16:19) He went to sit at the Father's right hand—the place of honor above all honor.



The prophet Hosea said (HOSEA 6:3) that God would come two times—“Like the winter rains, like the spring rains.”

(USING PSALM 90:4 AS THE KEY)
Hosea said (HOSEA 6:2)
that, after 2000 years,
the Lord would return—

—to resurrect his people.

The book of Revelation makes it clear that this will happen in Earth’s darkest hour and calls him—

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

(REVELATION 19:11)

And, as was said so long ago (GENESIS 3:15), he will then crush Satan, mankind's ancient foe.

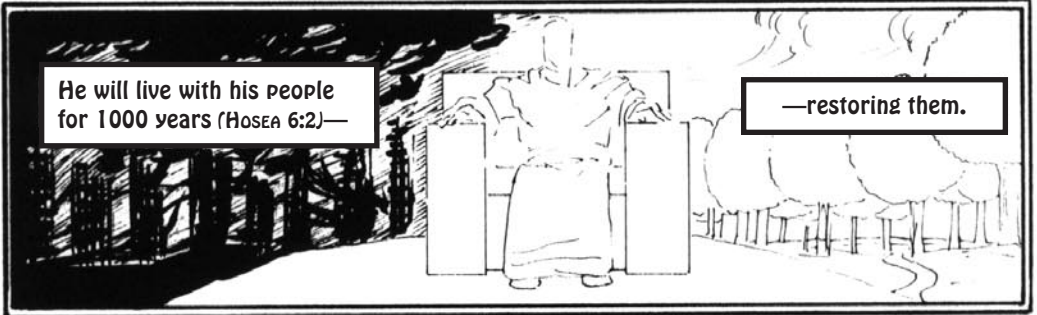


The only ruler worthy enough will then take Earth's throne (PSALM 72:8-11).



He will live with his people for 1000 years (HOSEA 6:2)—

—restoring them.



Then (ISAIAH 25:8), he will banish death—

—forever.



He will be "King and Priest
on one throne" (ZECHARIAH
6:13) "Forever" (PSALM 110:4).

His Kingdom shall never
pass away (DANIEL 7:14).

He is the Righteous Branch
(JEREMIAH 23:5, 33:15, ZECHARIAH 3:8)
The Root of Jesse
(ISAIAH 11:10)

He is the Bright and Morning Star
(REVELATION 22:16)
The Holy One of Israel
(ISAIAH 41:14, ACTS 3:14)

He is the Alpha and the Omega
(REVELATION 21:6, 22:13)
The First and the Last
(REVELATION 22:13)

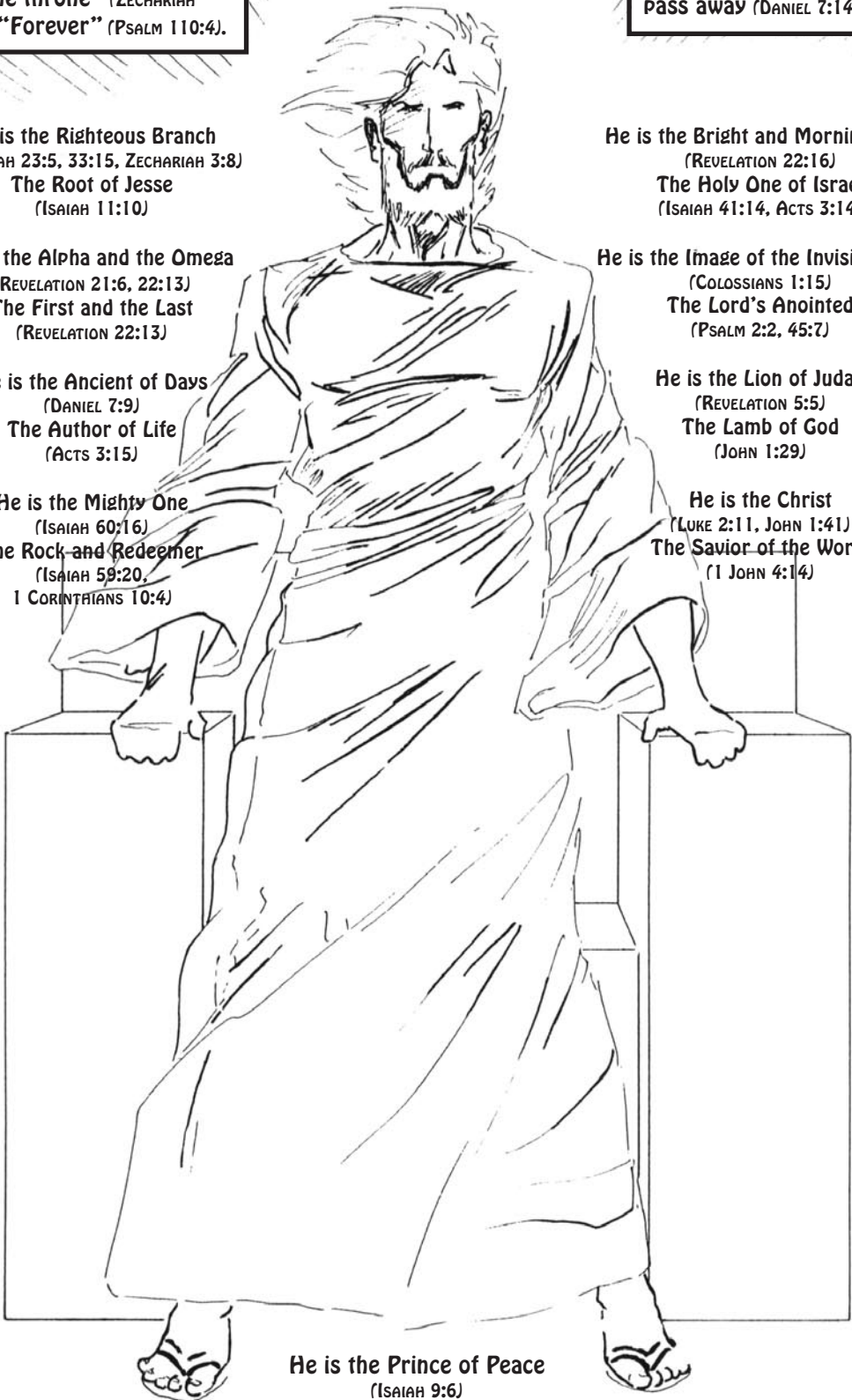
He is the Image of the Invisible God
(COLOSSIANS 1:15)
The Lord's Anointed
(PSALM 2:2, 45:7)

He is the Ancient of Days
(DANIEL 7:9)
The Author of Life
(ACTS 3:15)

He is the Lion of Judah
(REVELATION 5:5)
The Lamb of God
(JOHN 1:29)

He is the Mighty One
(ISAIAH 60:16)
The Rock and Redeemer
(ISAIAH 59:20,
1 CORINTHIANS 10:4)

He is the Christ
(LUKE 2:11, JOHN 1:41)
The Savior of the World
(1 JOHN 4:14)



He is the Prince of Peace
(ISAIAH 9:6)

THE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH!
(ZECHARIAH 14:9)

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’” (JOHN 14:6-7)

Man sins, and sin sticks to a man’s soul—even after death. Heaven is a perfect place wherein no sin is allowed. But God wants his children to be in Heaven with him, so he effected the only way to remove their sin from them—he took it on himself! ... But only from those who were willing.

Somehow, one person of the triune God took on human flesh, lived a sinless life and became the perfect sacrifice so that any who would could be made clean—as long as they accepted his sacrifice as being for them. (Like any gift, the gift of Salvation must be received. God does not force his gift upon anyone.)

Would God suffer as he did if there were any other way?

If you want to know Salvation—redemption and the eternal life that comes with it—pray something like this...

“Father God, who created the heavens and the earth, I am a sinner in need of salvation. I am sorry for my sins—please forgive me and help me to know that I am forgiven. I believe that your Son Y’shua, Jesus of Nazareth, came and died to pay the penalty for my sins. I believe that he rose in the flesh, never to die again, and that he is coming back to resurrect all believers. Jesus, please be the Lord of my life and make it pleasing to you. Save me, Lord, and keep me. Reveal yourself in my life, lead me in all your ways and open your Word, the Bible, to me. All this, I ask and thank and praise you for, in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

To walk in his ways, try to read the Bible every day (it helps if you start with the New Testament), try to pray every day (get to know your Creator by talking with him) and try to find a church that believes in the inerrancy of the Bible (if it adds any other book or works, keep looking!). Do as Jesus said (and showed) and be immersed in water as a public sign of your repentance (it is a symbol of your death to the world and your resurrection in Christ). Then, when the time is right, ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit (which brings spiritual power and understanding).

May God bless you in your walk.

Praise God!



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