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Scorned and Ridiculed	For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me	Ps.69:9	Jn.2:17 Rom. 15:3
Rejected	The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner	Ps.118:22-23	Mt. 21:42
Praised	Save now…Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD	Ps. 118:24-26	Mt.21:9
Betrayed	mine own familiar friend…which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me	Psalm 41:9	Jn. 13:18

II. Christ's DEATH

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Forsaken	My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?	Ps. 22:1	Mt.27:46
Taunted	He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him…	Psa. 22:8	Mt.27:43
Crucified	they pierced my hands and my feet	Psa. 22:16	Jn.20:25
Stared Upon	they look and stare upon me	Ps.22:17	Mt.27:36
Parted His Garments	They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture	Ps.22:18	Mt.27:35
Offered Bitter & Sour Drink	They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink	Ps.69:21	Mt.27:34
Entrusted to the Father	Into thine hand I commit my spirit	Ps. 31:5	Luke 23:46

III. Christ's RESURRECTION

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Raised	neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption	Ps.16:8-10	Acts 2:30-31

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See: Psalm 22

In this lament Psalm, David makes some interesting statements which he fully identified with. He knew what it meant to suffer. He knew all about betrayal and persecution by his enemies. Although most of this chapter finds it's literal fulfillment in David, there are certain cryptic, mysterious interjections that have no literal fulfillment in David. They are statements that transcend David; That look beyond David. They are given in a historical context regarding David's experience. However, the Holy Spirit Who inspired the prophet David's writings (Acts 2:30), looks to a future, ultimate fulfillment of certain of these utterances. David serves as a type and a foreshadowing of the ultimate fulfillment of his prophetic statements.

Note the following prophetic statements:

Ps. 22:1
Psa. 22:8
Psa. 22:16
Ps.22:17
Ps.22:18

David did not experience these statements; However Christ (the "son of David") did.

The Psalms predict Christ (in types and foreshadows)…

I. Christ's Life

Worshipped

Psa. 97:7 - Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods (Elohim – Strong Ones; Here referring to Mighty Angels).

Fulfillment:

Heb. 1:6 - And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

"Let all the angels of God worship him" - A reference to the LXX Psalm 97:7, where God calls on all of the strong ones (*Elohim* - Heb.) to worship Him.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the Bible says, "*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."* (Luke 2:13-14).

For an angel to worship the Christ child would be the height of blasphemy if that child was not God (deity) who came to earth in the flesh.

Sacred Scripture forbids the worship of anyone or anything apart from God (Deut. 6:13, 10:20).

Jesus receives worship (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.
[Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

Angels also worshipped Christ by serving Him when He was on earth (Mt. 4:11; Lk. 22:43).

Incarnated

Psa. 40:7 - Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me…

Fulfilled:
Heb. 10:7 - Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,)...

"Lo" - Look, behold, take notice!

"I come" - the pre-existent Christ came into the world

"It is written of Me" - so much of the Old Testament is specifically written about Jesus Christ.

Dedicated

Note Context of Psalm 40.
Ps. 40:8 - I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Fulfillment:
Heb. 10:7 - Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Doing the Father's will for Jesus meant not bringing a sacrifice for sin, but being the sacrifice for sin!

This Messianic prophecy in Psalm 40:6-8 would find fulfillment in Christ.

When Christ came into the world, He did not have to offer sacrifices, but His own body which He would give to be crucified as the ultimate sacrifice for mankind.

Note: The blood of animals could at best provide a temporary covering of sin (Lev. 17:11); it could never permanently lift and remove sin off of the sinner.

The Old Testament saint was therefore saved, as it were, "on credit" based on a real future payment for sin.

The Levitical priesthood had 24 orders of priests, a schedule which continually supplied new shifts for the men to offer up continual sacrifices.

"It is estimated that at Passover as many as 300,000 lambs would be slain within a week" (MacArthur, p. 246). Yet all 300,000 could not take sin away.

"A body hast Thou prepared Me" - A quote from the LXX (Septuagint).

Psalm 40:6 in the KJV reads, *"Mine ears hast Thou opened."*

"'*Open ears'* signified a readiness to hear and obey the will of God. . . *'Open ears'* indicate a body ready for service." (Wiersbe, p. 111).

Hebrews 10:6

"No pleasure" - God was <u>not</u> satisfied (in terms of His wrath being completely appeased and His perfect, holy standard being satisfied) with any of the animal offerings presented on Israel's altars.

--It would take an <u>infinite</u> sacrifice to satisfy infinite holiness.

--It would take a <u>perfect</u> sacrifice to satisfy perfect holiness.

--It would take a <u>righteous</u> sacrifice to satisfy righteous holiness.

God takes no pleasure in any of man's attempts (no matter how great and sacrificial and sincere they may be) to appease Him and earn His forgiveness.

"All of our righteousnesses (to appease God) *are as filthy rags"* (Is. 64:6).

SEE: Isaiah 53:10-11 -- The only sacrifice which pleased and satisfied God was that of His Son.

How sad it is to see devout, yet Biblically-ignorant, religious people re-offer sacrifice after sacrifice on man's altars seeking forgiveness by their efforts.

EX: the Catholic woman who daily prays the Rosary (says 20 "Hail Mary's" and "Our Father's"), attends daily Mass, performs all the rituals

EX: The Muslim who falls on his face three times daily seeking to appease Allah

EX: The Seventh Day Adventist who faithfully observes the Sabbath and the Old Testament Law (particularly the 10 Commandments) to attain salvation

EX: The New York Church of Christ devotee who gets baptized for what he thinks achieves forgiveness and faithfully disciples people, making sure he and they never miss a single service -- all so he can gain salvation.

EX: The Jehovah's Witness who weekly stands on street corners and hands out Watchtower literature earning "brownie points" with the organization and (he thinks) with God.

Scorned and Ridiculed

Ps.69:9 - For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Jn.2:17 - And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

In John 2, Jesus overturns the money changers tables.
This is the first time that Jesus cleansed the temple as He starts His public ministry (Jn. 2:13-16). 3 ½ years later as He finishes His public ministry He cleanses the temple for a second time (Mathew 21:12).

The temple which was to be a place of blessing had become a cursed place.

"Before the thousands of worshippers, the bewildered merchants, and the priests who happened to be present, Jesus made a shambles of the bazaar and declared the shame of those who profited from it. The whole arena was in confusion and disarray, with animals running loose, doves flying around, and money of all kinds rolling across the courtyard (leaving the merchants powerless and speechless)" (MacArthur, Matthew p. 269).

"poured out. . . overthrew" **-** such actions paint our Lord as a revolutionary; as extremely serious and upset about the wickedness that went on in His house, the Temple.

Jesus was meek, but He was not weak! He was not a passive Messiah who overlooked the wickedness of His chosen nation.

Many would erroneously interpret Christ's actions as <u>unloving</u>. However, no one can love God without hating sin! *"Ye that love the LORD, hate evil"* (Ps. 97:10)

"Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise **-** (Is. 56:7; Jer. 7:11) the Temple was not for merchandising and ripping people off.

In Matthew 21:13, Jesus stated the phrase ***"You have made it a den of thieves"*** **-** Many would come to the money-changers to exchange their currency for Hebrew shekels so that they could give to God's house, only to be cheated by false balances and swindlers.

"What had begun as a service and convenience for visitors from other lands soon turned into a lucrative business" (Wiersbe, Matthew p. 77).

The disciples remembered what David said in Psalm 69:9. That Psalm has messianic implications.

Just as David was consumed with God's place of worship (a place to be built by his son Solomon), so Jesus is preoccupied and totally concerned with one thing: that is zeal for God's House (which today is <u>His people</u> – your life!

The second half of Psalm 69:9 was cited as fulfilled in Christ by the Apostle Paul: Rom. 15:3 - For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

"Christ pleased not himself" - Mt. 20:28 - "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Paul is quoting Psalm 69:9, which has immediate reference to King David, but is applied to Christ who took the insults hurled at him, like David did.

"Reproaches" = insults

Christ unselfishly allowed the insults aimed at the Father to fall upon Him.

To insult Christ was to insult the Father, just as to honor Christ was the same as honoring the Father (Jn. 5:23).

Christ was insulted for reaching lowly sinners with His gospel (Mt. 9:11, 11:19).

Christ was insulted for hanging on the cross to pay for the world's sin (Mk. 15:29-32; cp. Mt. 27:39-44).

I Pet. 2:23 - "Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." (SEE Matthew 5:11-12).

If there was ever anyone who had no right to be mistreated, maligned, wrongly accused, etc., it is the spotless, irreproachable Son of God (I Pet. 2:22).

Yet for our sakes He endured such, that we might be saved (I Pet. 2:24).

Rejected

Ps.118:22-23 - The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
(cp. Mt. 21:42; Mk. 12:10-11; Lk. 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:7)

Fulfilled:
Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
Matthew 21:42

Jesus is the Cornerstone!

The Lord Jesus is described in many ways in the Bible (EX: as light, water, Shepherd, vine, door, etc.), but perhaps the most frequently-used description of Christ is that of a *"Rock."*

The lord is frequently called a ROCK in the Bible **Compare:** Psalm 18:2, 31; 46

Cp. Psalm 28:1, 31:3, 42:9, 661:2, 62:6-7, 71:3, 78:35, 95:1, etc.
I Cor. 10:4 - *"And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ."*

Christ is the foundation Rock upon which the Church is built (Matt. 16:18).

I Cor. 3:11 - *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"*

He is called the "*rock of offense*" (Rom. 9:33;).

And Jesus is the Rock "cut out without hands" that will one day destroy the Kingdoms of this world and establish His eternal, righteous kingdom (Daniel 2:44-45).

Zechariah also spoke of the Messiah as a Rock of Judgment when He said: "For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes (Rev. 5:6): behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day." (Zech.3:9)

The imagery of the "Rock" spoke of:

--Security for one hidden in the *"cleft of the Rock"*
--Stability for the one standing or built on the Rock
--Judgment for the one upon whom that Rock would fall

Peter (*petros*), whose name means "a stone" loved to speak of *"the Stone," "the Rock."*

As he preached in Acts 4:11 - *"This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."*

1 Peter 2:7 - "Disallowed" = rejected after examination.

The lost world in the day in which Jesus lived saw His life, scrutinized His words and works, and found Him to be totally incompatible to their anticipation and agenda, so they rejected Him. (He didn't fit in with their views of what the Messiah would be like and didn't live up to their goals and aspirations) (Mt. 21:42-44)

Christ was repudiated and rejected because He did not measure up to what Israel wanted (Jn. 1:11). He came as "light," but Israel preferred darkness (John 3:19).

The builders evaluated Him and did not want Him to reign over them.

It doesn't matter how "men" view something; what matters is what God says about it.

What does the Father say of Christ? "Although men rejected my Son, He is the chosen (choice, selected) and precious (honored, prized, special, highly costly) living Stone!"

Christ's Rejection by the nation of Israel was no accident. "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes"

Praised

Ps. 118:24-26 - This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

Mt.21:9 - And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

"We usually do not associate the lowly donkey with kingship, but this was the royal animal of Jewish monarchs (I Ki. 2:32ff)" (Wiersbe, p. 76).

NOTE: Jesus made His first triumphal entry from the Mount of Olives on a donkey; He will make His next triumphal entry on a white horse! (Rev. 19).

Matthew 21:8
Note the honorable approach the people made for Christ. They literally made Him a road using their clothes and palm branches as the pavement.

V. 9
"Hosanna" - Save now!

Now is the time for you to deliver us!

Christ did do something to deliver them that very week! He died on a cross! But this was not the type of deliverance they wanted. "The crowd wanted salvation from the oppression of Rome" (Ryrie note).

V. 10
Christ's presence was so moving, so stirring that it got the attention of the whole city!

V. 11
The multitude never really did comprehend who Jesus was. They thought Him to be a mere "prophet." On this occasion they hailed him "the Son of David," but when He did not fulfill their expectations, this fickle mob later cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" (Lk. 23:21).

Their Messiah had come! But they never realized it. (SEE: Mt. 23:37-39).

Betrayed

Psalm 41:9 - Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Jn. 13:18 - I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

One major purpose for the betrayal was to fulfill an Old Testament prediction.

The Scripture referred to here is Psalm 41:9, where David spoke of a betrayal by a false friend, a betrayal which pictured Judas' betrayal of Christ.

Psalm 41:9
Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Note: John's quote omits the phrase "in whom I trusted," because Jesus in His omniscient mind knew all along whom He could trust and whom He couldn't. David, however, being a mere man did not.

"When David wrote the psalm, he was probably referring to his counselor Ahithophel, who turned traitor and joined Absalom's rebellion (see 2 Sam. 15-17). It is significant that both Judas and Ahithophel committed suicide by hanging themselves (2 Sam. 17:23; Mt. 27:3-10; Acts 1:18)." (Wiersbe, p. 347).

John 13:26 - "Satan entered into him" – Judas became demon-possessed.

The devil had already put the thought of betrayal into Judas' heart (see v. 2), now the devil enters his body to empower him for this evil deed.

Satan can't enter the life of one who has God's Spirit, but he can possess those who are unsaved any time he wants (if allowed by God).

When Jesus told Judas to "do it quickly," the disciples thought that Judas was on a financial mission for Jesus. Perhaps he was on his way to buy food or give a charitable contribution; but they never suspected that Judas was the betrayer.

v. 27
"That thou doest, do quickly" –

Why did Jesus tell Judas to do it quickly? Because the Passover was approaching and Jesus would now be glorified as the Passover Lamb (13:1).

Since the "hour had come" for Christ to be crucified, the Lord exhorts Judas to not delay but to get his evil act over quickly.

It was no mistake or failure on the part of Jesus that He would be betrayed. It was all part of God'' eternal plan of redemption.

“This treachery of Judas was according to the eternal counsels of God, but nonetheless Judas is responsible for his guilt” (Robertson, p. 242).

Luke 22:22
And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Matthew 26:24
The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

II. Christ's Death

See: Psalm 22

Forsaken

Ps. 22:1 - My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mt.27:46 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

The last 3 hours of Christ's death on Calvary are the most important and significant moments of human history.

During these short 180 minutes (or 10,800 seconds), the most vital work for humanity was accomplished.

After the scorning of the crowd and after the saving of the penitent thief (Lk. 23:43), a mysterious, eerie darkness started to fall upon the earth.

A "shepherd stands staring at the now blackened sky. Only seconds before he had stared at the sun. Now there is no sun. The sky is black. No thunder. No lightening. No clouds. The sheep are restless. The feeling is eerie. What is this hellish darkness? What has happened?" (Max Lucado)

What is amazing is that noon time is the time that the sun is at its highest point, at its zenith.

The means God used to darkness the earth is uncertain. We know that *"the sun was darkened."* (Lk. 23:45)

A prolonged eclipse is one answer, or a miraculous Heaven-sent darkening of the sun is another.

"Over all the land" **-** the word *"land"* can also mean "earth" (SEE: quote from Jim Bishop, *"The Day Christ Died"*, p. 327).

This darkness "was as though all of creation was sympathizing with the Creator. There were three days of darkness in Egypt before the Passover (Ex. 10:21-23) and there were three hours of darkness before the Lamb of God died for the sins of the world" (Wiersbe, p. 103).

The darkening of the sun marks the time of God's Judgment. God's Son was judged for our sin! (NOTE: The "Day of the Lord" will be initiated by darkness! - Joel 2:31; Rev. 6:12, 17; cp. Amos 5:20; Zeph. 1;14-15).

God's judgment of those in hell involves darkness (II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Mt. 8:12).

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" - This is a quote from Psalm 22:1; read Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 13-18).

From 12:00 - 3:00, Christ fully drank of that bitter cup He so much dreaded. (SEE: Mt. 26:36-42).

The phrase *"exceedingly sorrowful"* (Mt. 26:38) indicates an unfathomable depth of anguish and sorrow.

What was that *"cup"?* It was the spiritual suffering (the *"travail of his soul"* - Is. 53:11) as He took upon Himself the full brunt of the sin of the world (Is. 53:4-6).

The contents of this cup involved the poisonous, toxic, dark, putrefying, cursed sin of the world that Jesus took upon Himself (II Cor. 5:21).

This horrible cup of agonizing pain and suffering was a cup given by God the Father. Jesus was *"smitten of God, and afflicted"* (Is. 53:4).

"The <u>LORD</u> hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (is. 53:6)

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; he hath put him to grief. . . [the Father made] his soul an offering for sin" (Is. 53:10)

The most horrible contents of the cup of which Jesus drank was the momentary yet infinite <u>separation</u> between He and the Father.

As Jesus *"bore our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2:24)*, the Father as it were turned His back on His Son and forsook Him. For the first time in eternity, a split, a schism, a separation between the Father and the Son occurred.

At no time in history or eternity past had the Son ever been abandoned. from the Father.

Christ experienced not only a physical death, but during those 3 hours on the cross He "tasted" a <u>spiritual</u> death (which involved the separation of his soul from the Father.

God the Father and the Son had known perfect intimacy in eternity past.

The Father and Son had a <u>unity</u> that was so personal and intimate (Jn. 17:21, 23) because together they were <u>one</u> in essence and nature (Jn. 10:30).

Yet on the cross an abandonment occurred.

Jesus *"endured the cross despising the same"* (Heb. 12:2)

He was made a *"curse for us"* in order to remove us from *"the curse of the Law."* (Gal. 3:13).

Taunted

Psa. 22:8 - He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Mt.27:43 - He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Those religious Jews never stopped opposing Christ right up until His final breath on the cross.

*Don't tell me all religions lead to Heaven!

Mt.27:42
"He saved others" - And He did! EX: Jairus' daughter (Mt. 9:18); Lazarus (Jn. 11; v. 24-26 - "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?").

"Himself He cannot save" - It's not that He could not. It's that He would not.

If He chose to save Himself, He could not have saved the world.

His death means life to you and me.

"And we will believe Him" - Christ did more than enough miracles to authenticate Himself. He would never succumb to this request.

Would they really believe? These same people knew how Christ raised Lazarus from the dead (Jn. 11:47-48 - "Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on Him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation."). Yet rather than believing the evidence, "they took counsel together for to put him to death" (Jn. 11:53).

The rich man in hell thoughts that a miracle would save his five brothers (Lk. 16:30, 31).

If people will not believe God's Word and submit to the working of the Holy Spirit, neither will they be persuaded by a miracle (EX: Judas).

Jesus was their "Brand of Messiah." They were all looking for a different type - a political deliverer, not a Savior from sin.

They Insulted His Relationship With the FATHER (v. 43-44)

V. 43
"Let Him deliver Him now" - They not only put the Son of God to a test, but God the Father also.

They in effect say, "Where is that mountain-moving faith now, Jesus?!"

Of course, Jesus didn't need "faith," because faith is believing the unseen. Jesus of course saw everything; had been in the Father's presence in eternity past, and was in essence "one with the Father."

The hymn writer said; "...He could have called 10,000 angels to destroy the world and set Him free...but He died alone for you and me."

Crucified

Psa. 22:16 - For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
(David must be looking beyond himself with these words, because he, himself was never pierced in his hands and feet!)

Thomas witnessed the piercing of Christ: Jn.20:25 - The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

The piercing of Christ would also be prophesied by the prophet, Zechariah:
Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced...

Fulfillment:
Mt.27:35
"They crucified Him" - The most humiliating way to die. A method used for the scum of society.

The Jewish law viewed such a one hanging on a cross as a curse (Gal. 3:13 - "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."; cp. Deut. 21:23).

VINNY, SEE: PHOTOCOPY OF MACARHTUR, P. 255

Stared Upon

Ps.22:17 - I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

Fulfillment:
Mt.27:36 - And sitting down they watched him there;

They "watched" Him primarily to guard Him (they were well aware of His miracles and powers).

"They watched Him" - looking to see what He would do, whether He would come down from the cross or whether Elijah would come to save Him (v. 49), etc.

Parted His Garments

Ps.22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. (cp. Lk. 23:34; Jn. 19:24)

Fulfillment:
Mt.27:35 - And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

They mocked Him with an old scarlet robe (Mt.27:28)

"They stripped Him" - How humiliated it was to have all clothes of modesty ripped off.

"A scarlet robe" - A mockery of the Kingly red robes a monarch would wear

"Jesus' face was swollen from the slaps and beatings He received from the Temple police and was covered with spittle from His Jewish tormentors. He was bleeding profusely from the scourging, with terrible lacerations from His shoulders down, exposing muscles, ligaments, blood vessels, and perhaps even internal organs. Because He had not spoken for the past hour or so, the soldiers may have considered Him mentally deranged and worthy only of ridicule. They played Him as the fool, making sport of the comments they had overheard about His claim to kingship." (MacArthur, p. 248)

Christ's only physical possessions were taken and gambled off so as to fulfill Psalm 22:18.

He had next to nothing as He lived on this earth (Mt. 8:20 - "And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."), and He had nothing at His death. . . And yet His impeccable life and His substitutionary death gave Him the right to purchase the greatest treasure of all! --His Church, the Bride of Christ (Rev. 21:9).

Offered Bitter & Sour Drink

Ps.69:21 - They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Fulfillment:
Mt.27:34 - They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

"Vinegar" - lit. wine

"Mingled with gall" - gall was a narcotic that was mixed into the wine so as to help deaden the pain.

"He would not drink" - Our Lord, however, refused the drugs this world offered Him.

He would not allow any mind-altering substance to enter His body! Neither should you!

Jesus intended to accept the full brunt of the world's punishment and wrath without impairing His faculties.

Evidently the offering of this "gall" mixture was not an act of mercy on the part of the soldiers, but an act to ease the pain so that the victim would not by struggling violently jar a hand or foot loose from the cross, which would require more work on the part of the soldiers to re-nail the loose limb.

Entrusted to the Father

Ps. 31:5 - Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Fulfillment:
Luke 23:46 - And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Christ's mission on earth was now accomplished. He would do what all of us should do; Entrust our soul into the hands of our faithful creator! Stephen said the same words as he breathed his last (Acts 7)

III. Christ's Resurrection

Ps.16:8-10 - I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Fulfilled:
Acts 2:30-31; cp. Acts 13:35-37; Jn. 16:13

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord (YAHWEH (Jehovah) in Psalm 16:8) always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.
30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;
31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.
32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Peter's point is this: David must have been prophesying of someone else other than himself. Why? David died and saw corruption. His Sepulchre is still in Jerusalem unto this day. He must have been speaking of someone else. Also, David would not call himself God's "Holy One" Only one is Holy in this sense!

IV. Christ's Rule

Lk. 24:44-45 – "…These are the words…in the psalms, concerning me."
The Psalms predict Christ (in types and foreshadows) in respect to His Life, Death, Resurrection, and Reign.

I. Christ's LIFE

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Worshipped	worship him, all ye gods	Ps. 97:7	Heb. 1:6
Incarnated	Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me…	Psa. 40:7	Heb. 10:7
Dedicated	I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart	Ps. 40:8	Heb. 10:7
Scorned and Ridiculed	For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me	Ps.69:9	Jn.2:17 Rom. 15:3
Rejected	The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner	Ps.118:22-23	Mt. 21:42
Praised	Save now…Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD	Ps. 118:24-26	Mt.21:9
Betrayed	mine own familiar friend…which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me	Psalm 41:9	Jn. 13:18

II. Christ's DEATH

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Forsaken	My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?	Ps. 22:1	Mt.27:46
Taunted	He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him…	Psa. 22:8	Mt.27:43
Crucified	they pierced my hands and my feet	Psa. 22:16	Jn.20:25
Stared Upon	they look and stare upon me	Ps.22:17	Mt.27:36
Parted His Garments	They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture	Ps.22:18	Mt.27:35
Offered Bitter & Sour Drink	They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink	Ps.69:21	Mt.27:34
Entrusted to the Father	Into thine hand I commit my spirit	Ps. 31:5	Luke 23:46

III. Christ's RESURRECTION

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Raised	neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption	Ps.16:8-10	Acts 2:30-31

IV. Christ's RULE

What a great contrast can be seen between Christ and the wicked rulers and leaders of the world.

Ps. 75:2-3 - When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.
The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.
Ps. 80:17 - Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

The Psalms predicted…

1. The Messiah will be a Righteous & Majestic Ruler

Prediction: Psalm 45:1-7
Fulfillment: Hebrews 1:8-9

"Psalm 45 is a marriage or wedding song. Its language and attributions made of the king and his bride far transcend any legitimate words that could be used of the best earthly kings." (Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. The Messiah in the O.T., p.127.)

Some view this marriage as one of David's or his son Solomon's marriages. However, the contextual details of this chapter disprove that notion. As C.H. Spurgeon noted: "Some here see Solomon and Pharaoh's daughter only – they are short-sighed; others see both Solomon and Christ—they are cross-eyed; well-focused spiritual eyes see here Jesus only…(This is a description of) the Heavenly Bridegroom and his elect bride"

Psalm 45

v. 2 – "Grace is poured into thy lips"
Luke 4:22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

v.4 – "Truth, meekness, and righteousness" are Messianic attributes

- Jn.1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth**.

- Zech.9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; **lowly**, and **riding upon an ass (donkey)**, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

- Is.9:7 - Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with **judgment and with justice** from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

v.4 – "Thy right hand shall teach thee terrible (awesome) things" – This evidently speaks to the skill of the messiah; Particularly skillful in the use of the bow (v.5). Definitely not speaking of the Solomon who was not a warrior.

Verses 8 and following describe the Messiah and His relationship to His bride. (cp. Is. 25:6-8)

Isaiah 54:5 - For **thy Maker is thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

The bridegroom here is clearly the Messiah as He is addressed as:

1) **God** (v.6)
"Thy Throne, O God" – The Vocative of Address. Here God the Father calls His Son, God (cp. Heb.1:8) Note: "O God…God, thy God" – The Messiah here is described as Divine (v6) and yet is distinct from the Divine Father in the Triune Godhead.

2) **Ruling Forever** (v.6b)

3) **Perfectly Righteous** (v.6c-7a)

4) **Anointed** (not by man, but by God) (v.7)

5) **Exclusively Loved** (v.10) *(Cp. Lu 14:26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.)*

6) **Lord of the bride to be worshipped** (v.11)

7) **Remembered and Praised for ever and ever** (v.17)

The Bride of Christ

Marriage was design by God to ultimately be a picture of Christ's relationship to His bride (His people)
Eph.5:31-32: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

In ancient Jewish culture there would be:

- The Father's Arrangement (Election)
- The Bride agreement (a willingness to accept the groom)
- The Groom's preparation
- The Groom's return for his bride
- The Wedding
- The Marriage Supper
- The Rest of their lives together

Basic teachings of the metaphor - the "Bride of Christ":

Jesus is the groom: John 3:28,29 (John called himself "the friend of the bridegroom")

1) Election:

The Father chose a Bride for His Son

Jn. 6:37 - All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out

v. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.,

v. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.)

2) Engagement:

The down payment of the Holy Spirit has been given to all believers with a promise of Christ's return to receive His purchased possession

Eph. 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory

3) Preparations:

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

4) Rapture:

The Son is coming back to receive only His Bride unto Himself
Jesus said in John 14:3 - *I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* (cp.Mt. 25:1-13).

5) Wedding:

Eternity with Christ (Rev. 19:7-9, 21:9).
Many stories (ex. Cinderella) have been told of a Prince rescuing a fair young maiden and marrying such a common peasant girl whereby she shares in all of his riches and glory and the two living happily ever after.

Christ is more than a prince; "He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev.19:16)

Picture yourself as a "bride" and Christ as your "groom"

What does Christ (the groom) do for His people (the bride)?

1. He lovingly **gave His life for her** (you) so that her (your) sins might be paid for and cleansed away

2. He **draws upon her heart** and woos her to himself.

3. Upon her trust in Him, He **spiritually joins Himself to His bride** forming an eternal unity.

4. He **shares his righteousness** with His bride so she now has her identity in Him.

5. He **erases the sins of her past** (and never brings them up against her).

6. She becomes a **joint heir with Him** and shares all of His blessings

7. He **prepares a place in Heaven** for her and will one day **return for her**.

8. He imparts to her a **Wedding garment** (which will reflect the purity in her life)

9. He will give her a **Wedding Supper**

10. He gives her **a home forever with Him** in Heaven

*** Today, you can belong to Jesus Christ and become part of His bride (by simple, sincere faith)!**

Psalm 45:
6 ¶ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Fulfillment:
Heb.1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

> In verse 8, God the Father refers to His Son as "*God.*" (a quote of Ps. 45:6-7). Several times Jesus referred to the Father as "God" But now the Father calls his Son *"God."*
>
> Throughout the New Testament, Jesus Christ is specifically identified as *"God."*

2. The Messiah will be a <u>Global & Eternal</u> Ruler

Prediction: Psalm 72
Fulfillment: Revelation 11:15

Though Psalm 72 refers to David's son, Solomon, it has its ultimate fulfillment in the ideal king, Jesus Christ, David's greatest son!

Luke 1:31-33
And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Proofs that Psalm 72 did not refer to Solomon but ultimately to the Messiah:

1) Solomon did not always judge the people with righteousness (v.2); At points in his latter reign, Solomon ruled foolishly and unrighteously by marrying a plethora of pagan wives who turned his heart and led him to sin.
Neh. 13:26 –
Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

Jesus, the Messiah however, was perfectly righteous and will reign in perfect righteousness.

2) Solomon was not eternally feared (he died). However, the Messiah will be feared (reverenced) as long "as the sun and moon endure throughout all generations" (v.5)

3) Solomon did not come down from Heaven (the sky) like rain (v.6); But Jesus came down from heaven! (Jn.3:13; 6:38, 51).

4) Solomon brought peace but it did not last "so long as the moon endureth" (v.7)
The name Solomon (shlomoh) from the noun shalom, means "peace." Solomon ruled during a time of peace; However, the Messiah will be the "prince of peace"

Isaiah 9:6-7 -
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

5) Solomon did have an extensive reign over the land of Israel, but he did not "have dominion also from sea to sea" or "unto the ends of the earth" (v.8).
However, the Messiah will have global reign (Dan.2:35)

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

6) Solomon's enemies did not "lick the dust"
However, the Messiah's enemies will "lick the dust" just like the serpent was condemned to do (Gen.3:15).

7) Solomon did receive gifts from Tarshish (2 Ch.9:21) and from Sheba (1 Ki. 10:10) but "not all kings (did) fall down before him" nor did "all nations serve him" (v.11).

However, on day, every knee will bow to Christ (Phil.2:10)
Daniel 7:13-14
I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

8) Solomon did defend people (v.12-14) - (Ex. The mother of the stolen baby)
However, was there ever one like Jesus who defended the defenseless and rescued those who are stepped on and mistreated?

7) Solomon was famous, but was he this famous (as verse 17 describes)?
Only Christ is so revered continually and globally.

v.17 – “Men shall be blessed in Him” – A clear reference “to the Messianic promises in Gen. 12:3, 22:18, and 26:4. This King is the One through whom all nations of the earth will be blessed” (Wechsler; moody Bible Commentary, p. 819)

Note: David concludes his prayer by saying “all nations shall call him blessed” (v.17) and then he identifies Yahweh as the blessed one (v.18-20). Jesus is Yahweh!

In another Messianic Psalm, David said: – All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. (Psalm 22:27)

3. The Messiah will be a <u>Mighty & Victorious</u> Ruler

Prediction: Psalm 110
Fulfillment: Matthew 22:42-46 and Revelation 19:11-21
(cp. Mk. 12:36; Lk. 20:42-43; Acts 2:34-35; 1 Cor. 15:25; Heb. 1:13; 10:12-13).

Ps. 110:1-7
1 ¶ « A Psalm of David. » The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
5 ¶ The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Fulfillment: Matthew 22:42-46 and Revelation 19:11-21
Mt. 22:42-46 –
While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.
43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

See Matthew 22: 42-f:
Jesus asks a question to provoke thought regarding Christ's true nature (v. 41-46). Was the Messiah merely the offspring of David? Was he a mere mortal?

Now the Interrogated interrogates; now the Questioned asks questions.

V. 42
***"Christ"* -** the Messiah; the Anointed One (who in their minds was not Jesus).

"*In Spirit"* - What David wrote in the Psalms, he wrote under the control of the Holy Spirit.

V. 44
"Lord" = Hebrew *Adonai* (a title for deity)

Every Jewish expert in the Law interpreted Psalm 110 as Messianic and v. 1 as specifically referring to the Messiah, since no one else had the right to sit at Yahweh's right hand.

V. 45
David's calling the *"Christ" "Lord"* proves three things:

1)Christ was <u>pre-existent</u> to David
2)Christ was <u>pre-dominant</u> over David (*my Lord")*
3)Christ was <u>pre-eminent</u> over everything (He is Deity)

SEE: Mark 12:32-37 for the connection between the lawyer acknowledging monotheism (one "God") with Christ's implicit teaching that He as the *"Lord"* of David is Deity.

Because they did not have the courage to admit that Jesus was the Christ, they did not have the courage to ask Him any more questions.

V. 46

Every question they asked just added more weight to Him being the Messiah by how He answered it. With every question, they were "digging their own graves." His responses muzzled them!

Who is Jesus? Those who questioned Him so as to trap Him didn't know who He was. They failed to realize that He was the Lord, whom they were to "*love with all their heart*" (I Cor. 16:22 - *"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema. Maranatha."*)

He was the One who is the *"resurrection and the life"* (Jn. 11:25). He is the God to whom we are to render our entire lives (like Paul, who considered himself a slave of Jesus Christ - Rom. 1:1). Christ is the ultimate object of our giving.

See: Psalm 110

a. **Messiah is Adonai** (v.1)

b. **Messiah is King** (v.2-3)

c. **Messiah is Priest** (v.4)

Psa. 110:4; Heb. 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:17,21

Having shown Christ to be superior to the Old Testament prophets, Moses, angels, and priests, the writer now shows Christ's supremacy over the Old Testament Levitical order of the priesthood.

Since Jesus Christ was not from the line of Levi but from Judah (7:14), He would not qualify to be a Jewish priest, unless He could be linked to another order of priesthood.

To the Jews, who were big on tracing the genealogical pedigree to see who could qualify to be a priest, Christ could never qualify were it not for "the Melchisedec factor." (Incidentally, no legitimate Jewish priesthood could exist today, since all the genealogical records were destroyed in 70 A.D.).

"Priest" - a priest was a mediator between God and men, one who would intercede with a sacrifice to appease God's offended holiness.

Jesus Christ was <u>not</u> of the tribe of Levi, but Judah; therefore, He could not be a Levitical priest. He is in a superior order of priests -- namely, *"the order of Melchisedec"* (5:10, 6:20; 7:17, 21b)

He is both King and Priest

No Old Testament Jewish priest also held the office of king. Only in Melchisedec and Christ does one man hold two offices at the same time.

Jesus rules as King and mediates between God and men as Priest.

Melchisedec's name means: "King of Righteousness."
"Melchi" from *Melek* = King
"Sedec" from *Sedeq* = Righteousness

(It is interesting to note that the city of Jerusalem will one day be called "The Lord our Righteousness" -- Jer. 33:16 -- because of the Lord Jesus' rulership over the New Jerusalem.)

"Without father...mother...descent...neither beginning of days nor end of life" - ie. no <u>recorded</u> genealogical records of father, mother, descent, nor birth or death dates.

Melchisedec was sort of a man who "dropped out of nowhere." "Now you see him, now you don't" as far as the written record is concerned. Just three brief historical verses describing him (Gen. 14:18-20).

Christ (in essence) came from <u>Heaven</u> (He is the *"true bread (manna) which came down from Heaven"* - Jn. 6:51). He is *"the Lord from Heaven"* (I Cor. 15:47).

d. Messiah is <u>Conqueror</u> (v.5-7)

v.6 – "Fill the places with the dead bodies" – Cp. Is. 63:1-6
The Messiah's victory in the Day of the Lord's wrath at Armageddon is what v. 6 is referring to.

v.7 – "He shall drink of the brook in the way" – Speaks of the Messiah refreshed and victorious after battle.
"He will lift up His head" – Messiah will lift up his head as if he is surveying His great victory on the battlefield.

For the fulfillment of Psalm 110 see: **Revelation 19:11-21**

Conclusion:
Since Jesus, the Messiah is such a wonderful ruler, why not let Him rule our lives now?
Do we think that He won't do a good job of ruling? Or do we question the benevolence of His rule in our lives?

Did he not say "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:30).

Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

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Top Thirteen Most Evil Leaders in History

Perhaps this is the list the worst, most evil, heartless, inhumane leaders in history!!!

13 Nero

Nero was Rome's 5th emperor from AD 54 to AD 68. He brought the Roman Empire to ruin. He burned entire cities. He murdered thousands of people including his aunt, stepsister, ex-wife, mother, wife and adoptive brother. He systematically murdered every member in his family. Some were killed in searing hot baths. He poisoned, beheaded, stabbed, burned, boiled, crucified and impaled people. He often raped women and cut off the veins and private parts of both men and women. He is said to have fiddled while Rome was burning. The great fire killed many of Rome's citizens and left hundreds of thousands destitute. Though Nero probably started the fire, he blamed it on the Christians. Christians were starved to death, burned, torn by dogs, fed to lions, crucified, used as torches and nailed to crosses. He was so bad that many of the Christians thought he was the Antichrist. He even tortured and killed the apostle Paul and the disciple Peter. Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified upside down. Nero committed suicide when he realized he was losing the rebellion and his life was in danger.

12 Caligula

He was Rome's 3rd emperor from AD 37 to AD 41. He was wild, extravagant, with a penchant for sexual adventures. In the first 3 months in his reign of terror, over 160,000 animals were sacrificed in his honor. He later got a brain fever that made him mentally ill. He then believed he was a god. Under Caligula, the law became an instrument of torture. He believed prisoners should feel a painful death. He began to brutally murder for fun. He would kill his opponents slowly and painfully over hours or days. He decapitated and strangled children. People were beaten with heavy chains. He forced families to attend their children's execution. Many people had their tongues cut off. He fed prisoners to a lions, panthers and bears and often killed gladiators. One gladiator alone was beaten up for 2 days full days. He sometimes ordered people to be killed by elephants. His cruelty caused people to commit suicide. He demanded sex with a lot of women including his 3 sisters. He would force husbands to give up their wives. He exiled his sisters and had his brother in law put to death. He caused many to die of starvation. Sawing people was one of his favorite things to do, which filleted the spine and spinal cord from crotch down to the chest. He liked to chew up the testicles of victims. He killed some of his most important friends and his father-in-law. One time Caligula said "I wish Rome had but one neck, so that I could cut off all their heads with one blow!" In AD 41, Caligula was killed by Casius Chaerea, a man whom Caligula had mocked at court for his effeminacy.

11 Attila the Hun

Attila ruled the Huns from 434 to 453. He was the leader of the Hunnic Empire which stretched from the Ural River to Germany and from the Baltic Sea to the Danube River. He was a bloodthirsty, cruel and ruthless barbarian that was a lover of battle. He wanted

to destroy the Roman Empire and everyone in his way. If you were a citizen in Rome and begged for mercy, he would kill you. He was as great a menace to the Teutonic tribes people as he was to the Romans. He was so destructive that people believed he was a punishment from Heaven. His nickname was Attila the Scourge of God. Attila and the other Huns thought that other people's lives were meaningless. He would torture and destroy his enemies, his own people and entire population of cities. He rampaged Roman cities and may have killed up to hundreds of thousands. People were sometimes torn limb by limb. One time Attila found Saint Ursula, the perpetual Virgin, and wanted to marry her. She refused which made Attila angry and had her killed along with 11,000 of her companions. It is said that he might have drunk a women's blood. He eat 2 of his sons and killed his brother. Attila coughed up blood and died in 453.

10 Genghis Khan

He was Khan of the Mongolian Empire from 1206 to 1227. In that time he conquered most of China and all the land through the Caspian Sea. He was ruthless, vengeful, cruel, and bloodthirsty. He and his army destroyed countless numbers of cities, solders, civilians and children. People were killed by having molten metal and silver poured into their eyes and ears. In one massacre alone, 700,000 people were killed. At another place, the poor were decapitated and the rich were tortured to find out where their treasure was. Women were sometimes raped in front of their families. Hundreds of thousands had their lives ruined. It is said that if his army of men had no water they would cut a horse's vein and drink its blood. He would use people as human shields. Tens of thousands became slaves. He would order you to be killed immediately if you were an enemy, if you betrayed him or if you were disloyal to him. Genghis and his army killed 20 to 60 million people (or 10% to 30% of the known world's population). He killed three-fourths of the population of the Iranian Plateau which was 10 to 15 million. He also killed his brother at age 13 just because his brother had stolen a fish from him. Genghis Khan once said "The greatest happiness is to scatter your enemy to drive him before you, to see his cities reduced to ashes, to see those who love him shrouded in tears, and to gather into your bosom his wives and daughters." Genghis Khan died of natural causes in 1227.

9 Leopold II of Belgium

He was king of Belgium from 1865 to 1909. He ruled the Congo Free State, which was a private project, from 1885 to 1908. The Congo Free State was 76 times larger than Belgium. He is considered one of the greatest liars of all time because he fooled the whole world that he was helping the Congo and the world believed him. Instead he turned the Congo into a country ruled by force labor. He was free to rule the Congo Free State as a personal domain. Leopold ruled about 20 million Congolese. Under his administration, the Congo Free State was subject to a terror regime. The Congo Free State also became one of the most infamous international scandals of the turn of the century. His men tortured, maimed, and slaughtered millions of Congolese. Congolese were killed if they did not bring enough rubber. Hundreds of thousands of people had their hands, legs, feet, arms, heads, ears, and noses cut off. Many villages were burned and the Natives forced to flee into the jungle. Leopold's men raped, flogged and eat the natives. They slaughtered hundreds of thousands of children. More than 500,000 died from various diseases. A few million died of starvation. Leopold killed around 10 million Congolese (or 50% of the Congo's population). Before Leopold acquired The Congo Free State, most African countries were free countries, but within

30 years after Leopold acquired the Congo Free State, all but 2 African countries were taken by European countries. He did all of this just to get more money. Leopold died in 1909.

8 Tomas de Torquemada

Torquemada was the Grand Inquisitor of Spain from 1483 to 1498. He started the Spanish Inquisition, which was established on November 1, 1478 and disbanded in July 15, 1834. The Spanish Inquisition was an ecclesiastical tribunal run by the Spanish monarchy and established to root out heretics and other individuals who threatened the status of Roman Catholic Church in Spain. Torquemada's spies turned friends against friends and they made sons and daughters testify against their parents. Torquemada without lack of evidence would order Jews to be tortured or killed because of his discrimination towards them. Countless of people were tortured, whipped, subjected to horrific physical punishments, and forced to surrender all of their property. Children sometimes died from starvation. People were often naked when they were tortured. Torquemada favored many forms of torture like foot-roasting and suffocation. People were sometimes burned alive, hanged, and grilled. Some ways of torture often went through sexual organs. One way to torture people was the garrucha, which pulled a prisoner's arms and legs from their sockets. Another way of torturing Jews was the toca, a water torture, which was when water was forced down the victim's throat.

Another method was the porto which used tight cords to stop blood from flowing. Another method was the turtle which was when victims were crushed with heavy weights. Another method was when a victim would be pushed into a garroting chair, which had a sharp point in the neck region. Another method was the rack which stretched a person's body a foot or more. Then an inquisitor would rip off the victim's nipples, tongue, ears, nose, and genitals. Some people were skinned from their head to their waist. 2,000 to 10,000 Jews suffered death by being burned on stakes and more than 9,000 were punished by other methods. Many Jews died from starvation. By one account, he killed over 30,000 people. Torquemada's hatred of heretics influenced King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to expel every Jew or Muslim that had not embraced Christianity which was 200,000 to 300,000. Most of them had ancestors that have lived in Spain for centuries. It is said that Torquemada himself had Jewish blood in him. Torquemada died of old age in 1478.

7 Mao Zedong

Mao Zedong was dictator of China from 1943 to 1976. Mao's plan was to make China a superpower country. Mao also said he would turn China into a powerful country that could match the United States and the Soviet Union. In the process however, he created the greatest famine and genocide in history. Under Mao's rule China endured a series of economic disasters and political terrorism. Millions of Chinese died by execution, starvation and committing suicide. Tens of millions were sent to labor camps. 5 Million were executed. Mao turned neighbors against neighbors and sons and daughters against their teachers and parents. Mao used fear to root out every last hint of dissent. A criticism uttered in private could lead to public humiliation, torture or death. The famine killed about 30 to 45 million people. Millions died from disease. Another 700,000 committed suicide out of fear of Mao. Mao lead 2 Great Leap Forwards which was a plan to use China's vast population to rapidly transform the country from an rural economy into a modern communist society. Both combined killed 40 to 50 million people. Millions of children were also killed. If children stole food, they

would have their fingers chopped off. Mao once lead a revolution that everyone in China was supposed to accept, but if you opposed the revolution, you would either be imprisoned for many years, tortured or executed. People were expected to work till they dropped. People were beaten up and tortured if they could not do their work and if they were late going to work. People were also beaten up if they said something that made Mao or his men angry. Mao's brutal men had methods of torture like whipping, burning people with incense or with flame of a kerosene lamp and nailing a person's palms to a table and then to insert bamboo splints under fingernails. Mao killed 70 million people. Mao died in 1976 after suffering from a nervous system disease.

6 Ivan the Terrible

Ivan was Tsar of Russia from 1533 to 1584. Ivan was cruel, brutal and merciless even as a kid. When he was young, he had had habits of taking creatures like dogs, cats, bears, and other creatures to the top of tall buildings and then throwing them to the ground. Ivan killed people when he was a teenager. Ivan found them fun and amusing. When Ivan became Tsar of Russia, he became paranoid and started to see enemies everywhere. Ivan forced thousands to move from their lands and made them homeless. Ivan became obsessed with killing and torturing anyone he saw as enemies but most were innocent people. Ivan destroyed hundreds of villages, towns and cities. In the Novgorod Massacre, 60,000 were tortured to death. Ivan had his own personal torture chamber. Ivan tortured and destroyed entire families. Hundreds of parents were forced to see their children tortured and killed. Ivan ordered hundreds of people to be eaten by bears and wolves. He personally killed and tortured people with his long and hard staff. If Ivan ordered someone to be killed, he would often want to watch the execution. Some his executions were as long as 15 hours. He enjoyed seeing people's blood and suffering from being tortured. Ivan ordered people to be beheaded, strangled, hanged, blinded, burned, stabbed, boiled, disemboweled, buried alive, impaled and fried. Ivan would often remove people's ribs with red hot pinchers. Peasant girls were often tortured, whipped, raped and used for target practice. Religious leaders were tortured and killed if they begged Ivan to stop his killings. He blinded his architect and boiled his treasurer. Ivan killed one of his wives a day after their marriage. He even killed his favorite son in a rage. Ivan died while he was playing chess with one of his friends in 1466. Most likely he was poisoned.

5 Idi Amin

Amin was dictator of Uganda from 1971 to 1979. Amin charmed and promised the world that he would bring peace and democracy to the people of his country. Instead he turned Uganda into a poverty-stricken land patrolled by death squads. Amin was possibly the most brutal and merciless dictator of all time. His rule was characterized by human rights abuses, ethnic persecution, political repression, massacres and the expulsion of 80,000 Asians from Uganda. Amin pitted his people and executed hundreds of thousands of his people. Amin was probably the most sadistic dictator in the 20th century. He would show executions of people on television. Amin tortured and killed his country's soldiers, government officials, teachers, artists, doctors, journalists, engineers, politicians, police officers, photographers, lawyers, business people, ordinary citizens, ministers and children. Amin's men tortured and killed people with sledge hammers while Amin kept the pictures for fun and amusement. Amin often had his victims buried alive. Amin would often give the heads of his enemies to crocodiles. Hundreds of thousands of dead bodies washed up to the shores of Lake Victoria. Amin killed 4,000 people by throwing them into crocodile infested rivers. About 50,000 people

died from disease, most were children. He would cut the flesh of people and force them to eat it until they died. Amin ate human flesh and he said proudly that he was a cannibal. He also drank human blood. Amin mutilated one of his wives and had her limbs sewn upside down. Amin killed and tortured 300,000 to 500,000 Ugandans. Amin was forced in exile in Saudi Arabia for the rest of his life. Amin died almost 25 years later in 2003. In that time Amin lived a very peaceful life.

4 Pol Pot

Pol Pot was Prime Minister of Cambodia from 1976 to 1979. His plan was to destroy the civilization of Cambodia and turn it into a new age. He turned Cambodia into a killing field. Pol Pot is the only man in history that ordered an official genocide against his whole country and he killed the greatest percentage in the amount of time he was in power. He declared that the Buddhist religion, money, and personal possessions would all be banned. His communist government forced mass evacuations of cities. Millions of Cambodians were displaced, tortured and killed. People were separated from friends and families. People died from effects of slave labor, malnutrition, poor medical care, starvation and execution. Hundreds of thousands were clubbed to death and buried alive. Thousands were killed from disease and torture. Many were hanged. Millions of people including the elderly, pregnant women, and children would stand in water up to their necks in cold and rainy seasons, working on canals, with legs and feet swelling up and bleeding. If you stopped working because of illness, you would not be feed or you would be killed. If a worker made a mistake, he or she would be flogged to death or shot. You would be expected to work until you dropped dead. Many people had no rights to eat. If people were found eating dead humans, they would be buried alive. Pol Pot wanted teenagers to become solders with a love of killing. If Cambodian people married people of Vietnam, the husband and wife would be killed. People that spoke and looked like Vietnamese were also killed. Pol Pot often ordered people to kill and fight Vietnamese. He took pictures of the people he executed and recorded them in detail. Prisoners were forced to drink humane urine. He ordered babies to be torn limb by limb. People were beaten to death by blunt instruments like hammers, spades and axe handles. People were also killed by sharpened bamboo sticks. Some of his men killed people by bleeding them to death. He liked to keep the skulls of dead people. To Pol Pot, his people's lives were not just cheap, but of no value at all. He killed 1 to 3 million Cambodians, 25 to 33 percent of the country. Pol Pot died in April in 1998 of natural causes.

3 Adolf Hitler

Hitler was Chancellor of Germany from 1933 to his death in 1945, becoming Germany's Fuhrer. Before he gained power, he wanted to be an artist, but he failed. Then he decided that he wanted to be a member of the German army, he became solder in World War I. When the German army surrendered, Hitler escaped and returned to Germany. He believed that Germany lost because they had surrendered, and it made him bitter. He then turned his attention to the Jews. He believed that the Jews were the cause Germany's problems and he also believed that the Jews did not count as human beings. His plans were to eliminate every Jew in Europe and to gain world control. He once said "by the skillful and sustained use of propaganda, one can make a people see

even heaven as @#!*% or an extremely wretched life as paradise." Hitler would kill any Jew, enemy, or anyone that he thought was a problem. He used wounded people that were in hospitals for test experiments for ways of killing, like carbon dioxide gas. These experiments killed over 300,000 people. Every Jew in Germany was sent to concentration camps. Jews in other countries were also sent to concentration camps. All were expected to work until they died or they were killed. Millions of Jews had to watch friends and members of their families die. Jews died from gas chambers, crematories, firing squads, lethal injections, force labor, starvation, poison, exposure, disease, execution, death marches and medical experiments. More than 90 percent of Poland's Jews were killed. Millions of children died because of him. Hitler betrayed friends and allies in the war. Hitler had a breading program. If the child fell short of Nazi-defined perfection, the child would be killed. Hitler himself was responsible for the deaths of more than 11 million people (5,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, 15,000 homosexuals, 100,000 Freemasons, 100,000 of the mentally ill, 500,000 Gypsies, 750,000 Slavs, 3 million non-Jewish Poles, 3 million Russians and 6 million Jews) but his actions caused the deaths of over 50 million people. On 1945, Hitler committed suicide by gunshot and cyanide poisoning.

2 Joseph Stalin

Stalin was dictator of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1953. When he was young he was a bank robber, an agitator, and an assassin. After a long road to get into power, he became a paranoid, ruthless, unforgiving, brutal and vengeful dictator. He created a 30 year reign of violence, terror, destruction and murdering. Anyone who spied on him, displeased him, or voted against him was doomed to die. His first plan was to create the Soviet Union into an industrial superpower country. To do that would cause the deaths of countless numbers of people. People were sent to slave labors and were forced to work to death. Huge industrial schemes became a living @#!*% for hundreds of thousands of people, if not millions. He signed the death warrants for tens of thousands of people. Stalin only liked people who fourfold his orders, but if you were a popular figure, an intelligent, and independent person, Stalin would order you to be tortured, imprisoned for many years or life, or shot you. He would kill family members of people who loved him and family members of people who horned him as a god. Stalin once kissed a small girl in public, she had become famous and thought Stalin cared for her and her family, but he later killed her parents. People were sometimes killed with an ice pick. About 10 million people died in a famine. Stalin once said "One death is a tragedy, a million deaths is simply a statistic." He killed the wives of some of his friends. He exiled his daughter's boyfriend, Aleksie Kapler. Stalin's wife was driven into despair by his treatment of her, which caused her to kill herself. His son died in a Nazi concentration camp after Stalin refused to trade for his life. He would even kill people who were defending their country against the Nazis. People were in prison were force to fight in World War II, but if they returned they would be sent back to prison. Hundreds of thousands of people from other countries were tortured, raped, or killed. People were often killed by mustard gas bombs. More than 1.5 million German women were raped from the Soviet Union. Recent evidence shows that Stalin had his own Final Solution in which hundreds of thousands of Jews were exiled or killed. Stalin wanted the Soviet Union to become a country strong enough to rival the U.S., but if they were stronger than the U.S., he would want the 2 countries to fight a war. Stalin killed 20 to 60 million people. He died in 1953 from a stroke.

1 Vlad Dracula

Vlad was prince of Wallachia a total of 3 times, in the years 1448, 1456 to 1462, and 1476. He is best known for inspiring the Dracula ledgend, the cruel methods he used to torture and kill people and how much he enjoyed killing people. His last name, Dracula, means little devil. The most common method he used to kill people was impalement. Vlad had a horse attached to each of the victim's legs and a sharpened stake was gradually forced into the body. The end of the stake was usually oiled and care was taken that the stake was not be to sharp. Normally the stake was inserted into the body through the buttocks and was often forced through the body until it emerged from the mouth. However, there were many times where victims were impaled through other bodily orifices or through the abdomen or chest. He was so found of doing this that he is now known as Vlad the Impaler. The height of the stake ranked the victim. Vlad also loved to impale animals. It was possibly of the most gruesome and painful way of dying in history. Victims would endure this for hours or days. Everyone in the city Amlas, including every children, went through this, which was up to 20,000 people. Vlad did not want the stake to be too sharp because the victim would die to soon and it would not be as much fun to watch. He would impale children and babies through their mother's chests. Impalement was his favorite way of killing people but it was not his only method. Vlad ordered people to be poisoned, blinded, strangled, hanged, decapitated, stabbed, disemboweled, skinned, exposed to extreme elements and animals, hacked, dismembered, burned, boiled, scalped, roasted, nailed in the head, buried alive, etc. He would like to cut off people's noses, ears, hands, feet, limbs, and sexual organs. He often cut of peoples private parts (especially in the case of women) and would keep them. People were sometimes worked to death. He also smashed the heads of people into hard walls. He liked to eat and drink around bodies of dead and naked people that had stakes through them. He destroyed many of his villages on his way into battles. He roasted children and forced their parents to eat them. Vlad hated people who were sick, weak, poor, beggars or vagrants. He invited all of the poor and sick of Wallacha to a fake party. He asked them if they wished to be be anything other than poor people. When they all said yes, they were all burned immediately. He murdered his wife had had her sexual organs cut off. There were rumors that Vlad loved to drink blood. Vlad killed over 100,000 people. If that is true he killed 20 percent of Wallacha's population. Nearly all of those people went through horrible ways of killing that would take a long time. Vlad was decapitated in 1476.