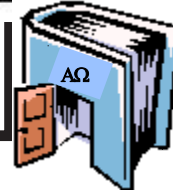


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The Mystery of the 153 Fishes



The 153 Great Fishes

Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, **an hundred and fifty and three**: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. John 21:10, 11

How unusual that they should have counted the fishes that day. After Jesus' crucifixion the disciples returned to the fishing business. They thought that with the death of Jesus the dream of the Messianic Kingdom ended. Recognizing Jesus that morning from their boats off the shore of the Sea of Tiberius stirred their emotions once more. Jesus stirred them further by asking Simon Peter three times "lovest thou Me" followed by the command to "feed My sheep." In the Greek we see something here that is not apparent in the English translation. Look at the Greek words used for "love" in the following passage:

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest [agapao]** thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that **I love [phileo]** thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again

the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest [agapao]** thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that **I love [phileo]** thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest [phileo]** thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, **Lovest [phileo]** thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that **I love [phileo]** thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. John 21:15-17

Twice Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him in an "agapao" way, that is "to highly regard with much favor, in a Godly type of love." Each time Peter responded that he loved Jesus in a "phileo" way, that is "to be fond of in a brotherly sense." The third time Jesus resorted to "phileo" at which point Peter became sad, responding in kind with "phileo."

The Greek words for "love" in this conversation certainly illustrate a deeper meaning than conveyed in the simple translation. In this same way there are hidden jewels of meaning throughout the Scriptures just waiting for us to find them. Part of the excitement of Bible study is to discover these gems. I believe that God's purpose is that those who love (agapao) Him are to continue to seek the truths of the unfolding revelation of Scripture. This is a never tiring

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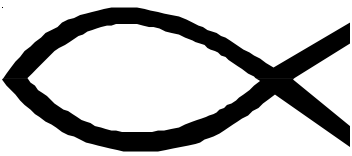
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adventure for those who are His.

Why were 153 fishes mentioned in John chapter 21? In Greek, the words "Jesus Christ, Son of God" are "Ιησους

Χριστος Θεου Υιος Σωτηρ," the initial letters of which spell out "ΙΧΘΥΣ" (ichthus), which is Greek for fish. This is why one of the early symbols for the Christian faith was the symbol of the fish.¹ One reason for counting the fish that day may have been to introduce the number 153.

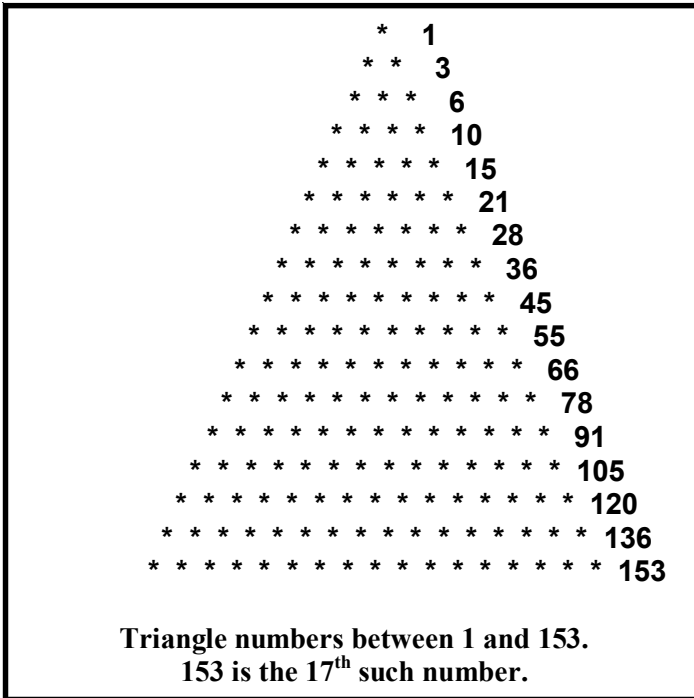
The number 153 has some rather astonishing properties associated with it. The number is triangular. Triangle numbers are not common numbers. Only 4 percent



of the numbers up to 1000 are triangle numbers. Triangle numbers are numbers that the single digits of which may be arranged in the form of a

pyramid. The number 153 is the seventeenth such triangle number, made up of all digits in its row and all preceding rows in the triangle.²

Stated another way 1 + 2 + 3 + +17 = 153.



The number 153, unlike other numbers resurrects itself when the digits are cubed and added to each other.³ This formula is called the "Trinity Function."

$$153 >>>> 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = (1 \times 1 \times 1) + (5 \times 5 \times 5) + (3 \times 3 \times 3) = 153.$$

The Net

The number 153 may be likened to the "net" that caught the fishes in John chapter 21. Any number that is a multiple of 3, when its digits are cubed (Trinity Function),

returns to 153 when the results are continuously applied. Notice, for example, what happens to the number 684:

$$684 >>>> 6^3 + 8^3 + 4^3 = 792$$

$$792 >>>> 7^3 + 9^3 + 2^3 = 1080$$

$$1080 >> 1^3 + 0^3 + 8^3 + 0^3 = 513$$

$$513 >>>> 5^3 + 1^3 + 3^3 = 153$$

We see that the number 153 is a constant, unchangeable like Jesus, and one-third of all numbers go to 153, like the net.⁴ The number 153 represents Jesus.

In the Gospels there are mentioned a total of 153 individuals who received a direct blessing from Jesus Christ (e.g. The leper of Matthew 8:2 (1); The centurion and servant of Matthew 8:5 (2); Peter's mother-in-law in Matthew 8:14 (1); and etc.).⁵

Gematria

In Greek and Hebrew the characters are assigned numerical values. The characters are then used in place of numbers. Applying this to some Greek New Testament words gives astonishing results in relation to the number 153. Notice the following:

THE	NET	
TO	ΥΙΚΤΥΟΝ	
300 70	+ 4 10 20 300 400 70 50	= 1224
FISHES		
ΙΧΘΥΕΣ		
10 600 9 400 5 200		= 1224
THE	LORD	GOD
Ο	Κυριος	Ο
70 + 20 400 100 10 70 200		+ 70 + 9 5 70 200 = 1224

The interesting thing about the number 1224 is that 1224 is 8 times 153!⁶ The following are multiples of 153: "Fishers of men" (14 X 153), "multitudes of fishes" (16 X 153), and "casting a net into the sea" (20 X 153).⁷

We noted above that 1224 is a multiple of 153, 8 times to be exact. The gematria of the word JESUS (Ιησους) is 888, a trinity of eights! Likewise the gematria of LORD (Κυριος) is 800, and CHRIST (Χριστος) is 1480, each a multiple of 8. LORD, JESUS, and CHRIST are all multiples of 8, and the New Testament uses them in exactly 8 different combinations: (1) LORD, (2) JESUS, (3) CHRIST, (5) LORD JESUS, (6) JESUS CHRIST, (7) CHRIST JESUS, and (8) LORD JESUS CHRIST. In the Bible the number 8 is the number of resurrection and renewal.⁸

There is a link between the numbers 888 and 153. When we apply the "Trinity Function" continuously to the number 888, like we did previously to the number 684, it becomes the triangle number 153 (888 >>>1536 >>>369 >>>972 >>>1080 >>>513 >>>153).⁹

Notice that the gematria of THE HOLY SPIRIT (Το Αγίον Πνεύμα) equals 1080, and of the word DOVE (περιστέρα) is 801. Both 1080 and 801 become 153

when the "Trinity Function" is applied.

And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mark 1:10, 11

Who saved the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace? When the gematria of the names DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH (Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) are calculated and added together we arrive at the number 888. Is it too far fetched to equate the pre-incarnate Christ with the fourth man in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace?

And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, **Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?** They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, **Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.** Daniel 3:20-25

It just gets more curious as we consider each part. The triangle numbers begin right in the opening verse of Genesis where we see "In the beginning God..." God is represented by the very first triangle number, for God is one. The next triangle number is 3, representative of the Trinity. By the third verse of Genesis we have been introduced to the Trinity concept, with God (Elohim) in verse one, the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of God" in verse two, and the Son as the "Word" in verse three.

The next triangle number in order is the number 6.

God created and formed all things in 6 days. God made man (Adam) on the sixth day. The Hebrew gematria of ADAM is 45, a triangle number, as we might expect since man was made in God's image.¹⁰

Whoever the Antichrist is his number is 666 as indicated in Revelation 13:17, 18. As we shall see next, each digit is one short of "completion or spiritual perfection." Since 6 is the number of man (or humanity), who was created on the sixth day, 666 represents a "secular (worldly) completeness." The world and the Antichrist will not measure up when it comes to "spiritual perfection." Most likely when the Antichrist appears on the scene we will be able to calculate his name using the principles of gematria.¹¹

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count **the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

Revelation 13:17, 18

If we calculate the gematria of the word "CROSS" we find that it comes to 777, a trinity of the number representing "completion or spiritual perfection". God completed his work of creating and forming in six days and rested on the seventh.¹² From the cross Jesus said, "It is finished."

Likewise, as we have seen, the word JESUS comes to 888. Eight comes from the Hebrew root meaning, "to super-abound." The number 8 is one more than completeness, or spiritual perfection.

Multiples of 37

The Lord Christ	(120 X 37)	Colossians 2:24
The Son of God	(66 X 37)	Galatians 2:20
Son of Man	(80 X 37)	Matthew 13:37
Of the seed of David	(70 X 37)	John 7:42
Christ is the Son of David	(75 X 37)	Luke 20:41
Fishers of men	(58 X 37)	Mark 1:17
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth	(73 X 37)	Genesis 1:1
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters	(37 X 37)	Genesis 1:2
He gave up His Spirit (released up the spirit)	(40 X 37)	Matthew 27:50
With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last	(107 X 37)	Mark 15:37
He gave up His Spirit (delivered up the spirit)	(53 X 37)	John 19:30

The numbers which represent "ANTICHRIST" (666), "CROSS" (777), and "JESUS" (888) each in itself are also multiples of 37 (18 X 37 = 666; 21 X 37 = 777; and 24 X 37 = 888).¹³ The gematria of the following phrases are all multiples of 37:¹⁴

The opening phrase of the Bible, "In the beginning God..." is exactly 27 X 37. The number 27 is 3 cubed, or 3 X 3 X 3, but more than that 27 X 37 = 999, thus reinforcing that God is a Trinity.¹⁵

Let's look at two more phrases that are each multiples of 37, "IMAGE OF GOD" (37 X 37) and "THE SECRET GOD" (27 X 37). The gematria of "JESUS" totals

888 (24 X 37) and of "CHRIST," 1480 (40 X 37). Add 888 and 1480 together and you have 2368 (64 X 37), the value of the name "JESUS CHRIST." Each of these resulting numbers is a multiple of 37.

Jesus Christ is the express image of the Father. He is also God hidden in the form of a man.¹⁶

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Hebrews 1:1-3

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men**: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8

But what significance is the number 37. The number 37 may be thought of as being (3 X 10) + 7, or 30 + 7. The number 3 represents the cube, or solid contents. Therefore 3 stands for "solid, real, substantial, complete, and entire." The number 10 signifies "perfection of divine order" because the entire numeral system is based on series of 10's. The number 30 being itself 3 X 10 is simply "a higher degree of perfection of divine order." Finally the number 7, as we have seen, represents "completion, or spiritual perfection."¹⁷ So we see that the makeup of the number 37 radiates the divine perfection and completion of the truth of Scripture. The number 37 signifies "the Word of God."¹⁸

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. John 1:1

The gematria of JESUS is 888 (24 X 37). We have just seen that 37 signifies "the Word of God." What about the number 24? The number 24 is associated with the priesthood. David distributed the priesthood among 24 of the descendants of Aaron in 1 Chronicles 24:1-18. This same number is carried into the throne room of God where 24 "elders" carry out a priestly function.¹⁹

And **round about the throne were four and twenty seats**: and upon the seats I saw **four and twenty elders sitting**, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. Revelation

4:4

Jesus Christ (the Word of God) is also "our High Priest" interceding before the Father for us.²⁰

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession** for them. **For such an high priest became us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Hebrews 7:25, 26 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us**. Romans 8:34

The number 37 also has a very remarkable property. Whenever it is multiplied by 3 or any multiple of 3 up to its third power it produces a trinity of numbers (e.g. 3 X 37 = 111; 6 X 37 = 222; and so on until 27 X 37 = 999).²¹

Finally, it is noteworthy that the gematria of "THE HOLY OF HOLIES" is also 2368 (64 X 37), the value of the name "JESUS CHRIST." The value of the word "GODHEAD" is 1480 (40 X 37), the value of the word "CHRIST."²²

With all of this could the 153 "great fishes" be just a coincidence? **ΑΩ**

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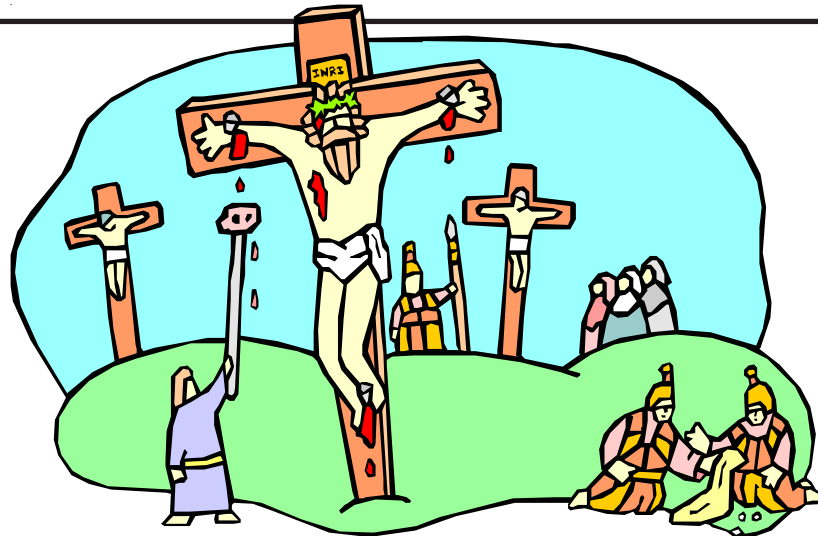
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Crucifixion

History

Darius I Hystaspes, the Persian Emperor (521-486 BC), lay siege to Babylon, and by treachery defeated the Babylonians. He selected three thousand of its leading citizens and had them crucified.¹

Thus in THE HISTORIES, of Herodotus we see that the practice of crucifixion was known many years prior to the crucifixion of our Lord. Crucifixion may have been practiced among to people of India, the Assyrians, the Scythians, the Taurians, the Thracians, the Celts, the Germans, and the Britons. The Romans probably took this practice from the Carthaginians who also employed this form of execution. Alexander repeatedly used crucifixion. He had about 2000 of the survivors of the siege of Tyre crucified.

Crucifixion was practiced in Judea by Antiochus IV, in 267 BC, on those who remained faithful to the Jewish tradition. Jewish practices included the crucifixion of 800 Pharisees by the Sadducean high priest, Alexander Janneus (in office 103-76 BC). Janneus then had the victims wives and children slaughtered before their eyes as they hung dying on their crosses. By Jewish law, corpses of executed idolaters and blasphemers were hanged on a tree.²

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of

death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. Deuteronomy 21:22, 23

The Dead Sea Scrolls also connect Deuteronomy 21:23 with crucifixion, which was also apparently, a form of punishment used by the Essenes.³

The Roman general Titus caused multitudes of Jewish defenders, attempting to escape the famine prevalent in the siege of Jerusalem, to be crucified before the walls hoping the Jews would yield at the sight.⁴ Josephus describes a scene in which the Romans caused "a cross" to be erected on which Eleazar a bold Jew was to be hanged.⁵

Form

There were various forms of crucifixion. The Roman form included a severe flogging beforehand, after which the victim was attached to a cross in the shape of a "T" with the cross piece either at the top or part way down as a cross piece. Less frequently a simple upright stake was used. The victim usually carried the cross,

or cross piece, to the place of execution. The victim was then usually stripped naked and either nailed or bound to the cross. Since no vital organs were damaged, death occurred by asphyxiation over an agonizingly long time, usually several days of excruciating pain.⁶

Jesus

After the mockery of a religious trial Jesus was condemned as a just man by Pontius Pilate, representing the secular authorities. As a prelude to crucifixion Jesus was scourged by a Roman flagellum, usually a multi-strand whip tipped with bone or lead designed to strip flesh from the victim's body. A crown of thorns was placed on His head and he was forced to carry the crossbeam to the place of execution, Golgatha.

Legend states that Golgatha was the burial place of Adam, thus the agony and death of the Last Adam paid the redemption price for the sin of the first Adam.⁷

There is no doubt that the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus was on a true cross, not a "torture stake" as the Jehovah's Witnesses insist. One simple test of this is found in the Gospel of John.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 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. John 20:24, 25

In these verses doubting Thomas wanted to put his finger into the "print of the nails." Notice that the word "nails" is plural. Had the "cross" been only a simple "stake" there would have been no need to go through the effort of placing two nails when one would suffice. If Jesus had been nailed to a simple "stake," then Thomas would have said "print of the nail."

The Greek word translated "cross" in our Bible is "stauros." Contrary to Jehovah's Witness's claims "stauros" was used to indicate a variety of wooden shapes such as "T," "†," or "X," as well as the simple "torture stake." Damaging to the Jehovah's Witnesses cause is that the "torture stake" was used infrequently.⁸

In John 21:18 and 19 Jesus indicated the manner in which Peter was to die, by crucifixion with his hands outstretched.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, **thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and**

another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God... John 21:18, 19

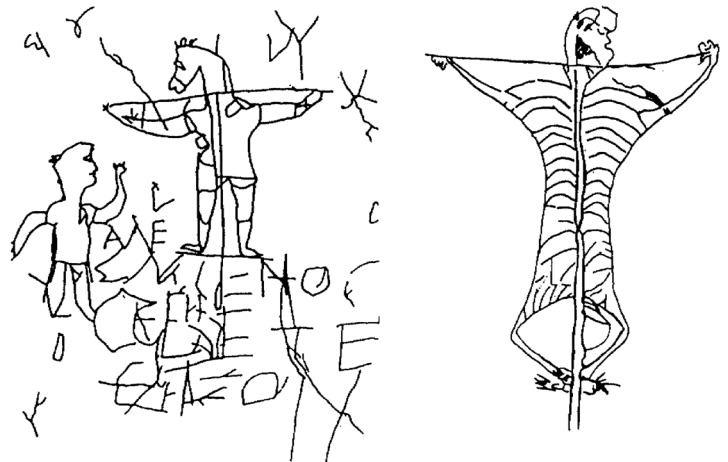
This clearly indicates that the familiar form of crucifixion was by a "cross," not a "torture stake."

Pilate had a sign nailed above Jesus "head." If the crucifixion was on a "torture stake," as the Jehovah's Witnesses claim, the sign would have been reported to be affixed above His "hands."⁹

And **set up over his head his accusation** written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Matthew 27:37

The Scriptures are clear that Jesus was required to carry his own cross. A "torture stake" or a "cross" sturdy enough to support a crucified man would need to be something more than simple 2 inch by 4 inch lumber. What would be needed would be a structure similar in strength to a modern "utility pole." It would be difficult, and near impossible for any man to carry such a heavy object on a trip up to Golgatha. However a man could reasonably carry, but still with great difficulty, the smaller "cross beam" used to affix his outstretched arms.¹⁰

Other evidence that the cross of Christ was a true cross comes from Roman era graffiti. In one drawing (ca 54-68 AD), found on Palatine Hill in Rome, is depicted a victim with the head of a donkey suspended on a "T" shaped cross with the inscription "Alexamenos worships his god," mocking a Christian named Alexamenos. Another graffiti drawing was found near Naples of a man crucified on a "T" shaped cross.¹¹



Death by Crucifixion

Regarding death, it has been demonstrated through use of volunteers that suspension on a cross

solely by the arms, without support for the feet, the victim experiences difficulty in breathing. The weight of the unsupported body causes constriction of the pectoral muscles in the chest,

causing much pain and eventual paralysis of the pectoral and intercostal muscles so that they cannot force air out of the lungs. Therefore the agony of crucifixion comes from the securing of the feet to the upright to provide support for the body. This allows the victim to push up on the nails until the excruciating pain of the nails on the feet causes him to again sag resulting in breathing difficulty. The process involves pushing up, sagging, and again pushing up in a near endless cycle until death results from exhaustion bringing about asphyxiation. Breaking of the victims leg bones would hasten death by preventing him from pushing up in order to breathe.¹²

Then came the soldiers, and **brake the legs of the first, and of the other** which was crucified with him. **But when they came to Jesus**, and saw that he was dead already, **they brake not his legs:** John 19:32, 33

The Price

Look now at the price paid:

For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. ¹ Corinthians 6:20

Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God,** thought it not robbery to be **equal with God:** But **made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:** And being **found in fashion as a man,** he **humbled himself,** and **became obedient unto death,** even **the death of the cross.**

Philippians 2:5-8

Jesus Christ, "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," was willing to put off His Godhead for a time to become as we are for our sake so that because of Him we can approach the throne of God and have life everlasting with Him. **ΑΩ**

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A PROPHETIC POEM

by "Mother Shipton"

The following poem was received from Dr. James Dobson and was written by Mother Shipton, a mystery figure of history who died 43 years before Columbus discovered America. Nothing is known how she received her prophetic insights. We do know that **the poem was written before 1450**. We do know that the events she predicted back in the first half of the fifteenth century have proved to be amazingly accurate. We share it with you as a matter of interest, recognizing that it is God who holds the future. He has revealed previews of that future in His word, the Bible. He leaves nothing to chance. He holds your future, too.

A Carriage without a horse shall go
Disaster fill the world with woe
In London, Primrose Hill shall be
Its center hold a Bishop's see
Around the world-men's thoughts shall fly
Quick as the twinkling of an eye.

And waters shall great wonders do
And strange and yet it shall be true
Then upside down the world shall be
And gold found at the foot of tree
Thru towerling hills proud men shall ride
No horse nor ass move by his side.

Beneath the waters men shall walk
Shall ride shall sleep and even talk

And in the air men shall be seen
 In white & black as well as green
 A great man then shall come and go
 For prophecy declares it so.

In water iron then shall float
 As easy as a wooden boat
 Gold shall be found in stream and stone
 In a land that is as yet unknown
 Water & fire shall wonders do
 And England shall admit the Jew.

The Jew that once was held in scorn
 Shall of a Christian then be born
 A house of glass shall come to pass
 In England but alas, alas.
 A war will follow with the work
 Where dwells the Pagan and the Turk.

The States will lock in fierce strife
 And seek to take each other's life
 The north shall thus divide the south
 The eagles build in lions mouth
 Then tax and blood and cruel war
 Shall come to every humble door.

Three times shall lovely sunny France
 Be led to play a bloody dance
 Before the people shall be free
 Three tyrant rulers shall she see

Three rulers in succession be
 Each spring from different dynasty.

Then when the fiercest fight is done
 England & France shall be as one
 The British Olive next shall twine
 In marriage with the German vine

Men walk beneath & over stream
 Fulfilled shall be our strangest dream.

All England's sons that plow the land
 Shall oft be seen with book in hand
 The poor shall now most wisdom know
 And water wind where corn did grow
 Great house shall stand in far flung vail
 All covered ore with snow and hail.

And now a word of uncouth rhyme
 Of what shall be in future time
 For in those wondrous far off days
 The women shall adopt a craze
 To dress like men & trousers wear
 Cut off their lovely locks of hair .

They'll ride astride with brazen brow
 As witches do on broomsticks now
 Then love shall die and marriage cease
 And nations wane as babes decrease
 The women fondle cats & dogs
 The men live much the same as hogs.

In Nineteen Hundred Twenty Six
 Build houses light of straw and sticks
 For then shall mighty wars be planned
 And fire and sword shall sweep the land
 BUT THOSE WHO LIVE THIS CENTURY
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 IN FEAR & TREMBLING THIS SHALL DO.

Flee to the mountains and the dens
 To bog and forests and wild fens
 For storms shall rage and oceans roar
 And Gabriel stand on sea and shore
 And as he blows his wondrous horn
 Old worlds shall die and new be born. **Ω**

Aloha From Hawaii!

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