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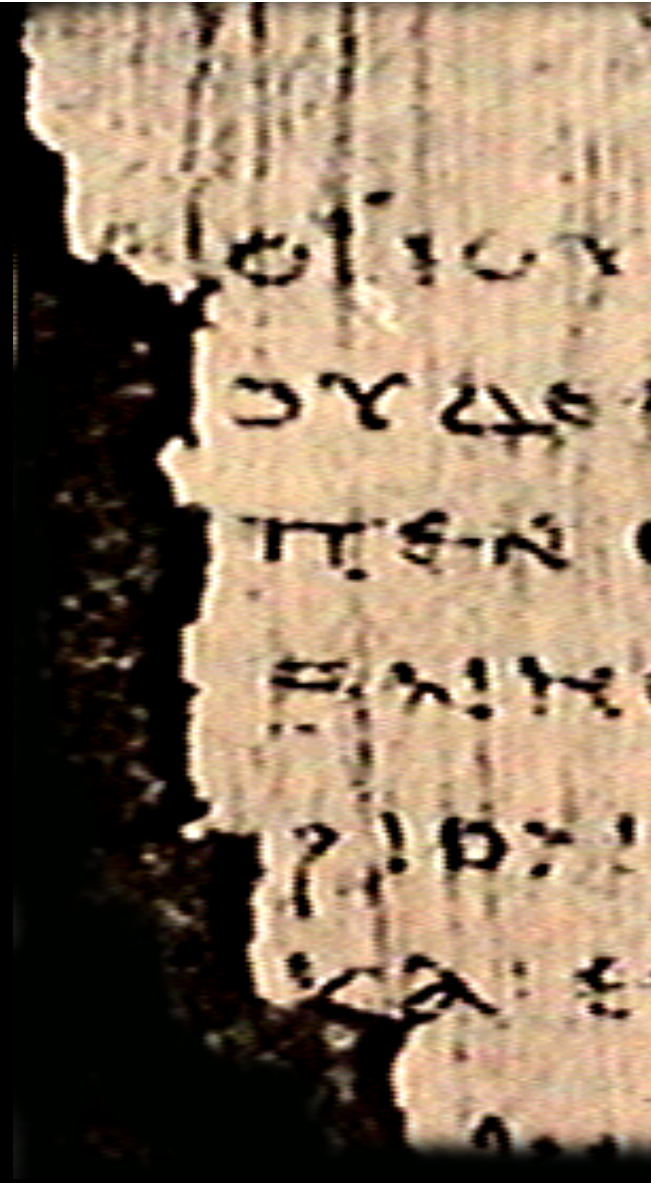
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What is prophecy?

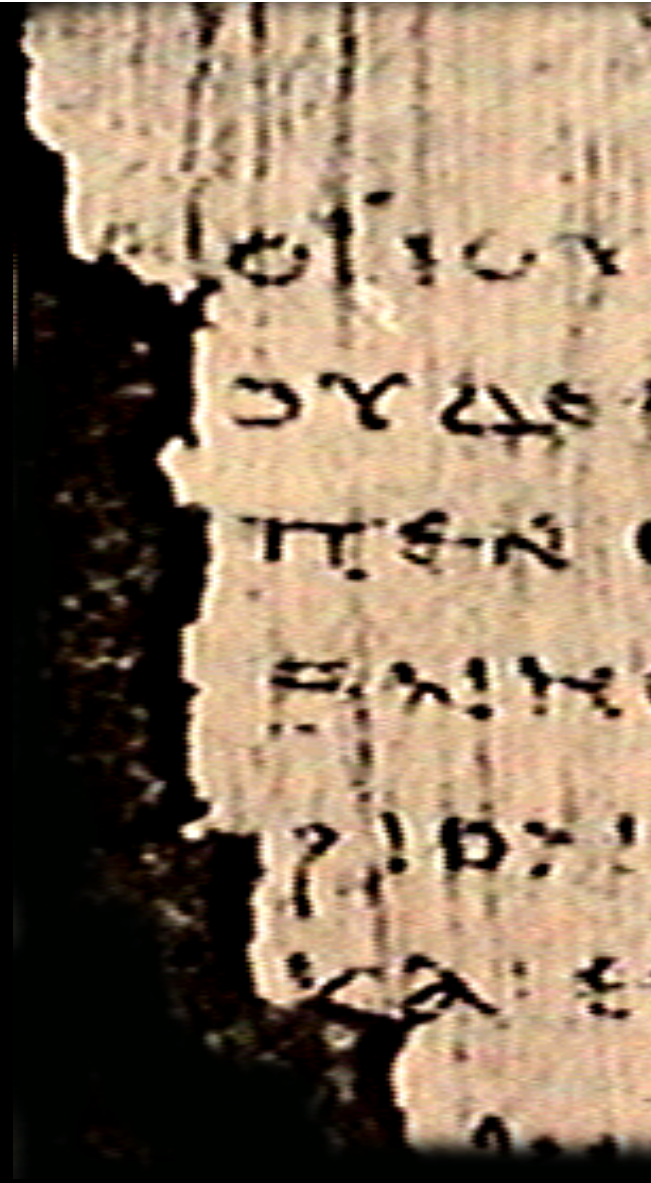
In the Jewish scriptures, our O.T.

**There are 15 books named after specific Prophets.
There are 3–Major Prophets
(Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel)
and 12 Minor Prophets .**



Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20,21



**THE KINGDOMS OF
ISRAEL AND JUDAH**
1 KINGS 12



ISAIAH 7:1-17

When Ahaz, son of Jotham and grandson of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, set out to attack Jerusalem. However, they were unable to carry out their plan.² The news had come to the royal court of Judah: “Syria is allied with Israel against us!” So the hearts of the king and his people trembled with fear, like trees shaking in a storm.

ISAIAH 7:1-17

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Take your son Shear-jashub and go out to meet King Ahaz. You will find him at the end of the aqueduct that feeds water into the upper pool, near the road leading to the field where cloth is washed. ⁴ Tell him to stop worrying. Tell him he doesn’t need to fear the fierce anger of those two burned-out embers, King Rezin of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah.

ISAIAH 7:1-17

Yes, the kings of Syria and Israel are plotting against him, saying, ⁶ 'We will attack Judah and capture it for ourselves. Then we will install the son of Tabeel as Judah's king.' ⁷ But this is what the Sovereign Lord says, "This invasion will never happen; it will never take place;

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8 for Syria is no stronger than its capital, Damascus, and Damascus is no stronger than its king, Rezin. As for Israel, within sixty-five years it will be crushed and completely destroyed. **9** Israel is no stronger than its capital, Samaria, and Samaria is no stronger than its king, Pekah son of Remaliah. Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm.”

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10 Later, the Lord sent this message to King Ahaz: **11** “Ask the Lord your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want—as high as heaven or as deep as the place of the dead.” **11** But the king refused. “No,” he said, “I will not test the Lord like that.”

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13 Then Isaiah said, “Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? **14** All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).

ISAIAH 7:1-17

15 By the time this child is old enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong, he will be eating yogurt and honey. **16** For before the child is that old, the lands of the two kings you fear so much will both be deserted. **17** “Then the Lord will bring things on you, your nation, and your family unlike anything since Israel broke away from Judah. He will bring the king of Assyria upon you!”

Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. He did not do what was pleasing in the sight of the Lord his God, as his ancestor David had done. 3 Instead, he followed the example of the kings of Israel, even sacrificing his own son in the fire.

2 Kings 16:2,3

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**DIVIDED KINGDOMS AFTER SOLOMON
AND OTHER KINGDOMS**

- City
- ★ Capital city
- Political boundaries

0 15 30 Miles
0 15 30 Kilometers



King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-pileser of Assyria with this message: “I am your servant and your vassal. Come up and rescue me from the attacking armies of Aram and Israel.” 8 Then Ahaz took the silver and gold from the Temple of the Lord and the palace treasury and sent it as a payment to the Assyrian king.

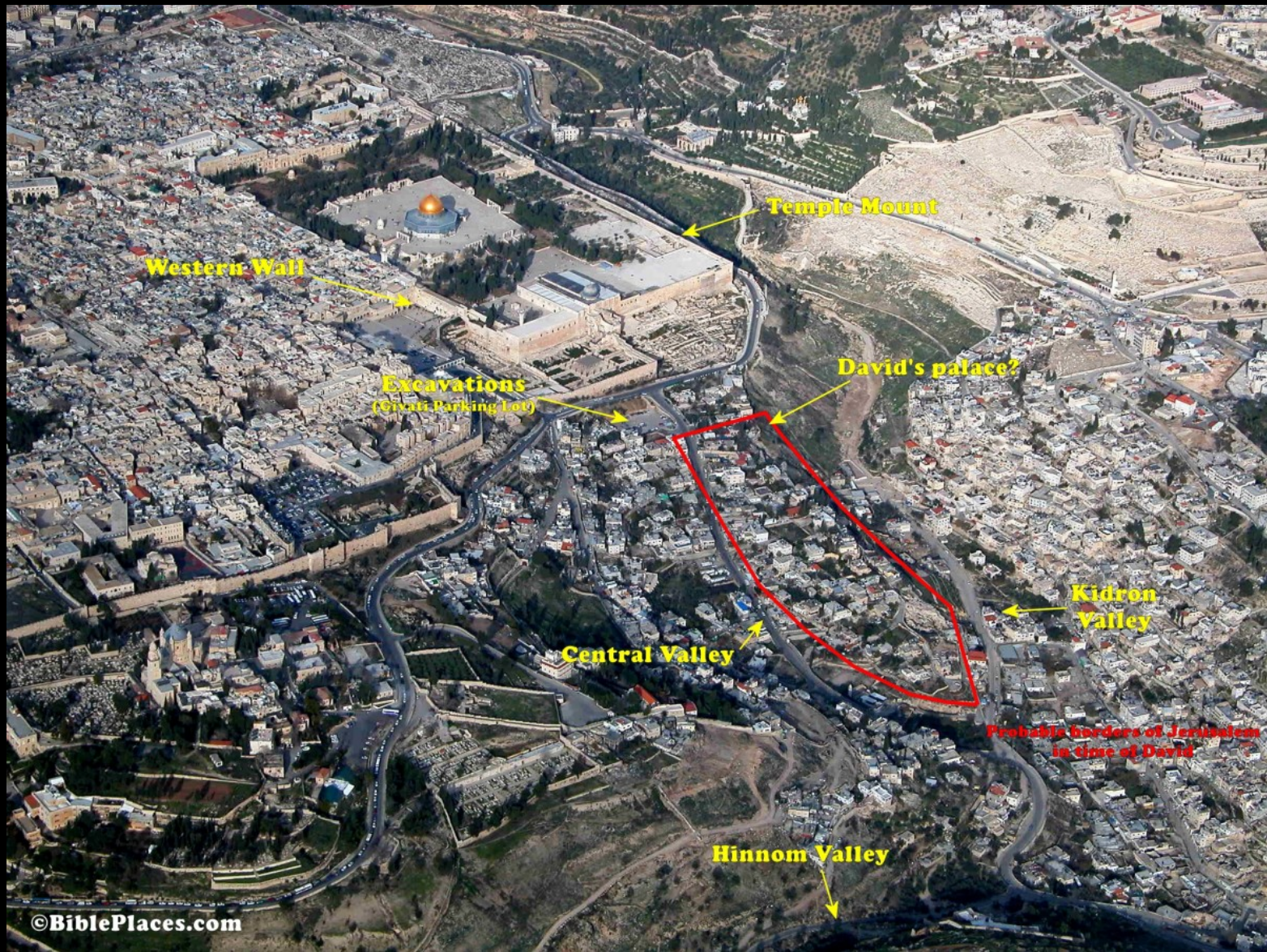
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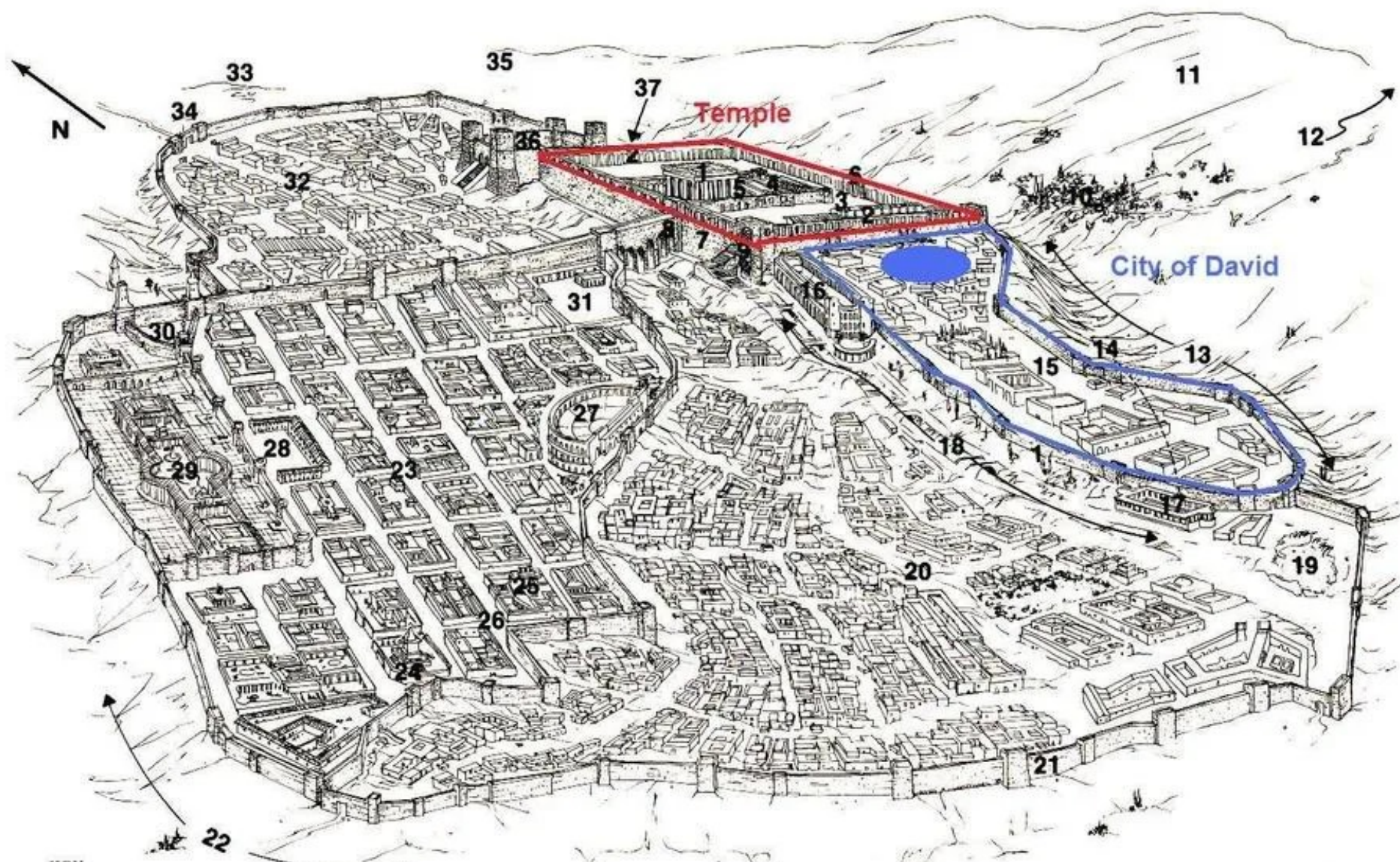
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The Palace of Ahaz

The Upper Pool was located outside the city walls and the aqueduct ran into the city and ended near this road that led to the laundry field.



The word "Pool" is a Hebrew Homograph.

One of two or more words that have the same spelling but differ in meaning.

"Pool" also can mean "blessing."

**Upper pool, also meant
"The blessing of the Most High."**



ISAIAH 7:4

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An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20,21



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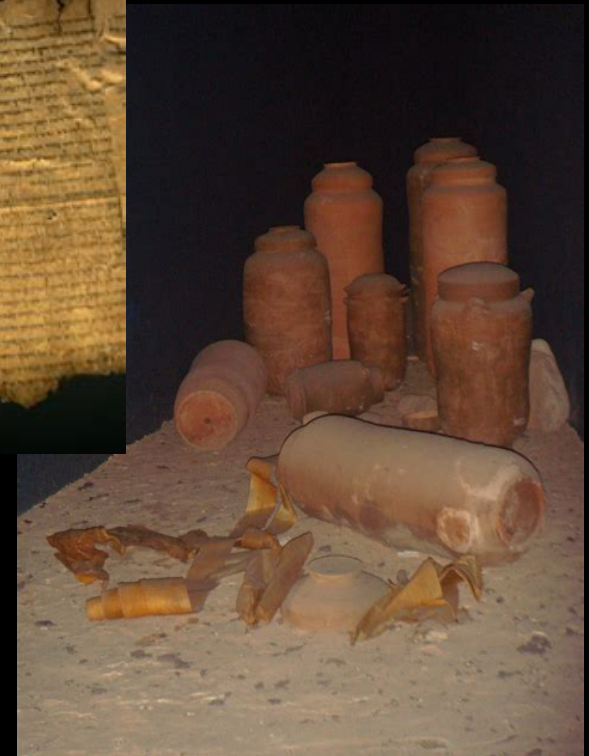
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:1-3, & 14

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all
things were created, *both* in the heavens and on
earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or authorities—all things
have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15,16

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6-8

1 John 3:5

“But you know that He appeared so that he might take away our sins.”

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Romans 3:21,22



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