

I. Three Days & Three Nights

- A. Jonah 1:17 *Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. **And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.***
- B. Matthew 12:38 *Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.***

II. Christmas Prophecy & Tragedy

- A. The wisemen came from the East to Jerusalem to inquire of Herod where the new King of the Jews had been born.
1. Herod was informed by the chief priests that the Scriptures did foretell such a King.
 2. Micah 5:2 *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*
- B. The wisemen found the Messiah (Matthew 2:11) and presented Him gifts before returning to their home country without seeing Herod.
1. Herod responded to this threat to his throne by attempting to murder the Messiah.
 2. In ordering the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem, Herod was fulfilling another prophecy — Matthew 2:17 *Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was*

there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

- This is from Jeremiah 31:15

III. Zechariah

- A. Zechariah 9:9 foretells the triumphal entry.
- Matthew 21:8 *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. 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.*
- B. Zechariah 11:12 foretells His betrayal (specifically.)
- Matthew 27:5 *And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.*
- C. Zechariah 12:10 foretold Jesus being pierced at the time of His death.
- John 19:34 *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.*