

**Psalm 22: A Supernatural Revelation bringing us into a Redemptive  
"FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING"**

We have Divinely & Supernaturally preserved copies of Psalm 22 in the "Dead Sea Scrolls" that are 2200 yrs old! It contains over 30 detailed prophecies of Messiah 1000 years before He came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:30-31; I Pet. 1:10-12). We document them throughout this verse by verse study. This is irrefutable evidence for skeptics! The Gospels reveal the historical facts of the crucifixion. We observe history from eye witnesses. But Psalm 22 allows us to experience the heart of Christ during His inexpressible sufferings on the Cross through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 16:13-15; Heb. 9:14). One of the great spiritual truths of our salvation, that we must appropriate for victory over sin, is the fact that the believer was in Christ, & died with Him, on the Cross (**Rom. 6:5-6; Gal.2:20**). If we want to experience the power of Christ's resurrection we must enter into the "fellowship of his sufferings" (Phil. 3:10). If we suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified together (Rom. 8:17-18; 2Tim. 2:12).

The believer finds great comfort and hope from the LORD's example in Psalm 22. Even though it may appear that the LORD has forgotten or forsaken us in times of extreme suffering & persecution we know by faith, as sure as we know anything, that eventually God will deliver us from the fear & pain of death in answer to prayer (Heb 2:14-5)

**"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"** (Matt. 27:46)  
**Psa 22:1** To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, a Psalm of David.

'Aijeleth Shahar' means: "hind of the morning." The metaphor of the "hind" expresses the gentle innocence & loving kindness of Jesus (Prov 5:19; SOS 2:7). Christ as a deer creates sharp contrast to the metaphors of dogs, lions, & bulls used of his evil vicious persecutors (Ps. 22:12-13).

**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?**

We know this Prophetied the exact words of our LORD Jesus Christ (Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 24:44). **The Scriptural answer to Why? Is found in two scriptures:** "For he (*God the Father*) hath made him (*Jesus*) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2Cor. 5:21). "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity..." (Hab. 1:13). Jesus bares the wrath of God due our sin (Rom. 1:18; 2:5; Eph. 5:6).

**"My roaring"**- is expressive of profound mental anguish poured forth in audible vehement strains like the roar of a lion (Ps. 38:8-9). It can refer to

Christ's internal anguish which no words could possibly express (Ps. 32:3). This is fulfilled in Luke 22:44 and Hebrews 5:7.

### **THE PARADOX OF SEEMINGLY UNANSWERED PRAYER**

**Ps. 22:2-3** O **my God, I cry in the daytime**, but thou hearest not; & in **the night season**, & am not silent. (3) But thou art holy...

Jesus is crucified at 9 AM. From Noon to 3 PM there was a night season of supernatural darkness (Matt. 27:45-46; Lk. 23:44). During this supernatural darkness all the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places came to torment Jesus (Eph. 6:11-12; John 1:5). Like Jesus we must continue to pray even when our prayers *seem* unanswered. How do we get through such agonizingly 'dark' times? We must know whom we have believed (2 Tim. 1:12). We must know our God is Holy. You can trust God in the dark when you are not in the dark about God (2Cor 4:6)

**When our Theological understanding of God can't explain our experience.**

We must Remember the Testimonies of the Lord (Heb. 11; Ps. 19:7)

**Ps. 22:4-6** Our fathers trusted in thee: **they trusted**, & **thou didst deliver them**. **They cried unto thee**, & **were delivered**: **they trusted in thee**, & **were not confounded**. (6) **But I am a worm**, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

**A fisherman will never throw a hook in the water without a worm.**

Fish will never bite an empty hook. He hides the hook within a worm so the fish that bites the worm is caught by the hook. Thus Christ hid his Godhead within the worm of his human nature. The great water-serpent, Leviathan, the devil (Isa. 27:1), swallowing the worm of Christ's humanity, was caught upon the hook of His divinity. Thinking to destroy Christ, he destroyed himself (Heb. 2:14-15; John 12:31-33; Col. 2:15).

**This Hebrew word translated "worm"** ["tola'ath"] is often translated "scarlet [Ex. 25:4] or "crimson" [Isa. 1:18]. The lifecycle of this worm is an amazing prophesy from nature of Christ's Redemptive work on the Cross. Research it and you will be exceedingly blessed!

**FATHER FORGIVE THEM (Luke 23:34)** Forgive your enemies.

**Ps. 22:7-8** **All they that see me laugh me to scorn**: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, **He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.** (Literally fulfilled in Matthew 27:39-43 & Luke. 23:36)

Jesus understands the pain of being mocked & laughed at.

**"WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON"** (John 19:26-27). Remember family

**Psa 22:9-10** **"But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.**

**I was cast upon thee from the womb**: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly."

**Even in the womb a baby has a relationship with God** and are sensitive to spiritual realities (Ps. 71:6; Heb. 10:5; Lk. 1:40-41). **Jesus knew God watched over Him even from the womb (Ps. 22:10)**.

As Jesus' body was being "marred more than any man, & his form more than the sons of men" (Isa. 52:14) **He remembers the great truth of His birth**. His body was conceived by a miracle of God through the power of the Holy Spirit (Lk.1:35). **The God who glorified His body in birth would just as surely glorify it in death!** (Heb. 10:5-10).

Thus to neutralize all the enemies' taunts He prays to God.

**Psa 22:11-13** **Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help**. Many **bulls** have compassed me: **strong bulls of Bashan** have beset me round. **They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion**.

These animals are remarkable for the proud, fierce manner in which they assaulted man & beast. These metaphors refer first to Christ's cruel & vicious human persecutors but also to His invisible spiritual foes (Eph. 6:11-13). Satan is "like a roaring lion (I Pet. 5:8). This was the hour of the power of darkness (Lk. 22:53). Jesus was '**bullied** & triumphs through Prayer to God & Forgiving His offenders!

#### **SUPERNATURAL PROPHETIC DETAILS OF DEATH ON A CROSS**

**Psa 22:14** **I am poured out like water, & all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels**.

*Crucifixion as a method for executing criminals was not used until about 500 BC.* **John 19:34 records the fulfillment of this prophecy**. Jesus literally died of a broken heart. Many Doctors have verified that only a ruptured heart produces the blood & water that John described (I John 5:6-9 KJV only). John gave an infallible eyewitness proof that Jesus was dead. The strain on Christ's mind & body is unimaginable!

**"I THIRST"** (John 19:28) Bring your spiritual & emotional thirst to God

**Psa 22:15** **My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; & thou hast brought me into the dust of death**

**Imagine hanging in the hot sun drying all the wounds & burning his skin**. He becomes like a piece of broken clay that had been charred in the potter's kiln. Imagine the dried wounds splitting open as his joints dislocate further & further as he hangs on the cross.

**Psa 22:16-17** For **dogs have compassed me**; the assembly of **the wicked** have inclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet**. **I may tell all my bones**: they look *and* stare upon me.

The assembly of the wicked is compared to a pack of vicious wild “dogs” hunting its helpless prey to devour it bite by bite.

**They nailed Christ to the cross piercing His hands & feet** (Matt. 27:35; Lk. 24:39-40; John 20:25; Zech. 13:6-7). The tearing asunder of the tender fibers of the hands and feet, the lacerating of so many nerves, and bursting so many blood-vessels, produced intense agony. The Dead Sea Scroll of Ps. 22:16 confirms Messiah is “pierced.”

**“I may tell all my bones.”** Jesus lost so much blood & water all His bones literally showed through his bloody mangled flesh! As Jesus hung upon the Cross his shoulders would become dislocated.

**Psa 22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.**

**Christ hangs naked upon the cross watching the soldiers gamble for his clothes** (Matt. 27:35). He bares the curse of Adam’s sin for the entire human race so we could be clothed in the righteousness & glory of Christ (2Cor. 5:2-3). *The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in all 4 Gospels* (Matt. 27:35; Mk. 15:24; Lk. 23:34; John 19:23-24). Our Sovereign God is in control of even insignificant events in our life.

**“FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT” (Lk 23:46)**

**Psa 22:19-21** But be not thou far from me, **O LORD: O my strength,** haste thee to help me. **Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.**

The sword was the symbol for governmental powers to execute capital punishment (Rom. 13:4). Rome crucified Jesus illegally!

**“Dog” can refer to the perverted sodomites that gathered around naked men dying on the crosses.** Sodomites were called dogs (Deut. 23:17-18; Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15). **“Dog” was sometimes used to refer to the Gentiles** (Matt. 15:21-28). Wild packs of dogs hunt ‘hinds.’

**The unicorn is not a mythical beast** as liberal scholars suggest. **We do know that there existed real “unicorns” at the time of Christ.** Unicorn (*one horn*) & simply refers to an animal that has only one horn. This metaphor also represents some sort of real evil spiritual being.

### **THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION**

**Psa 22:22-3** I will declare **thy name** unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation **will I praise thee.** For **he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction** of the afflicted; **neither hath he hid his face from him;** but when he cried unto him, **he heard.**

**His prayers WERE heard!!!** Christ “abolished death, & brought life & immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim. 1:10).