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Jesus Destroyed Death

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¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

¹⁶ For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham.

¹⁷ Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and

faithful high priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Seeing that those whom he (Jesus) represents are flesh and blood, it was necessary for him also to become flesh and blood that he might be capable of dying in their place, by this act destroying Satan and annulling his power of death over humanity. Jesus came representing humankind to pay the ransom for mans' soul, by which he took their place through spilling his own blood and dyeing in their place as a sacrificial lamb. Isaiah 53:7 | View whole chapter | See verse in context

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This refers to the deliverance of all righteous souls from the captivity of Satan and from their prison in the lower parts of the earth known as "Hades" the underworld of departed spirits of the righteous and wicked dead before Christ descended there. Hades has several compartments; one where the wicked dead souls would go to be tormented in flames called "Hell" another where the righteous dead souls would go call "Abrahams Bosom" and a great gulf divides the two (Luke 6:19-31). Jesus descending into Hades took the righteous souls that were captive and held by Satan, freed them and when he ascended to Heaven, he carried those righteous souls with him, giving gifts unto men. Ephesians 4:8-10, Psalms 68:18,

Now the departed souls of the righteous no longer go into the heart of the earth, held captive against their will. The righteous souls immediately go to heaven at physical death awaiting the resurrection of their body. (2 Corinthians 5"8, Philippians 1:21-24, Hebrews 12:23, Revelations 6:9-11). The wicked and unrighteous continue to go into the compartment of torment and hell fire, and they will do so until the end of the Millennium. Then all the wicked souls, Hades (sheol – hell) will be delivered up and reunited with their bodies in the resurrection for judgment and cast into eternal hell and damnation (Revelations 20:11-15).

The Apostil Paul taught in Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.) He sums up his argument about Christ being better than angles, declaring he did not take on the nature of angels, but became the nature seed of Abraham. It was necessary that He be made in all things like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest, in the image of God; to remit their sins by His own atonement, and to represent them in times of temptation (<u>Hebrews 2:17</u>).

This Paul shows the Jews that Christ had to be made a human being. Jesus Christ came from Abraham according to the flesh. Redemption could not have been possible otherwise; and the messiah had to suffer to redeem man. He because of His suffering in able to help and deliver those tempted.

Jesus became like man, suffered and died like a man that He might be a merciful High Priest in the affairs of God. He makes reconciliation (*settlement, or pay the price for our sins*) to bring us together with God. He was led up in the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. He was tempted with the thing of this world, that is the "lust of the flesh", "lust of the eyes" and the "pride of life" <u>Matthew 4:1</u>, <u>Mark 1:13</u>, <u>Luke 4:2</u>. Now Jesus ia able to assist and comfort them who are lured and enticed. "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." <u>Hebrews 2:18</u> | <u>View whole chapter</u> | <u>See verse in context</u>