

told that "threescore and two weeks" of years after the edict for rebuilding Jerusalem, the Messiah should be cut off (Dan. ix. 26.); and history testifies this to have been the precise time that elapsed between the giving of that decree by Artaxerxes and the death of Christ. If it was promised that he should pour out his soul unto death; Jesus said, "It is finished, and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost." Isa. liii. 12. John xix. 30. Though to be put to a violent death, and "cut off out of the land of the living," it was added by the prophets, "but not for himself;" "for the transgression of my people was he smitten;" and accordingly he who was "holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners," "bare our sins in his body." Dan. ix. 26. Isa. liii. 8. Heb. vii. 26. 1 Pet. ii. 24. Yet the prophet declares, "He was numbered with transgressors;" and the Evangelist records, that "with him they crucified two thieves, the one on his right hand and the other on his left." Isa. liii. 12. Mark xv. 27. The prophecy is, "They pierced my hands and feet;" and an incredulous disciple was convinced of the reality of his Master's resurrection by witnessing in his hands the print of the nails by which he had been transfixed to the accursed tree. Psal. xxii. 16. John xx. 27. Again, it was predicted, "They shall look on me whom they have pierced;" and it is also recorded, that "one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith there came out blood and water." Zech. xii. 10. John xix. 34. If it was farther foretold, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture," inspiration also informs us, that in this very manner did the attendant soldiers divide the Saviour's raiment. Psal. xxii. 18. John xix. 23. The Passover had typified, and the Psalmist predicted of the Righteous One, that "the Lord keepeth all his bones, not one of them shall be broken;" and the beloved disciple saw and bears record, that while, at the request of the Jews, the legs of the malefactors were broken, the Saviour being already dead, they brake not his. Ps. xxxiv. 20; John xix. 33. It was predicted that he should be with the rich in the state of the dead (Isa. liiii. 9.); and it is also recorded by the various evangelists, that Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, having begged from Pilate the body of Jesus, he wrapped it in fine linen, and laid it in his own new sepulchre, wherein never man before was laid. It was again said, in prophecy, "Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption;" and early in the morning of the third day, his resurrection was declared to his disciples, by an angel whose countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. Ps. xvi. 10. Matt. xxviii. 3. And, lastly, it was prophetically declared, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive;" and so it is recorded, that "while his disciples beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight." Ps. lxxviii. 18. Acts i. 9. Eph. iv. 8.—*Begg on the Prophecies.*

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RECIPE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE.—Choose a wife who is religious, has a sweet temper, a refined mind, and a cultivated understanding, and who is not rich; then be to her a good husband. This receipt never fails; content and happiness are the results. Example of this kind of marriage—that of Boaz and Ruth.