**R944 Rumination for Feb. 26, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Behold the Man!** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Behold the Man!* Jn. 19:5; Zech. 6:12 NKJV

 The **T**hots:

1. ***Behold the Man* in Prediction.** **Zech. 6:12**

*Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,* ***Behold the Man*** *whose name is The BRANCH;*

*and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD:*

1. He would **B**e God coming as Man to the Earth Jn. 1:1, 14
2. He was God: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
3. He would become Man: *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*
4. He was God Who became Man: Phil. 2:6-8, HCSB
5. *Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. Instead He emptied Himself by…taking on the likeness of men.*

*And when He had come as a man in His external form…*

1. *We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels…* Heb. 2:9
2. He would be *the* ***B****RANCH – Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH;* Zech. 6:12b
3. The **P**romised Branch to Israel - *"I will bring forth My servant the BRANCH* Zech. 3:8
4. The **P**ersonal Vine to the Church – *Jn. 15:5*

*I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him,*

 *the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.*

1. He will ***B****uild the Temple of the Lord.* Zech. 6:12c
2. He will build the Temple of His Body – He would rise again from the dead. Jn 2:19-21 *—*

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*

*Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building,*

*and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body.*

1. He will build the Church, the Temple of His Body. Mt. 16:18
2. *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church;*
3. *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.* Eph. 2:20-22
4. *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.* I Pet. 2:5

1. He will build the Millennial Temple on Earth and be the Unique Priest-King. Zech. 6:13
2. *He shall build the temple of the LORD…He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne;*

*He shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

1. *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.* Mic. 4:1-2
2. ***Behold the Man* In Person. Jn. 19:5**

*Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.*

*And Pilate saith unto them,* ***Behold the Man!***

1. After **S**courging Jesus as Man, Pilate Presented Him to the crowd. Jn. 19:1-5

*Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on Him a purple robe, And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote Him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring Him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!*

1. It was as predicted in **S**cripture. Isa. 53:
2. *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.*
3. *He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of His people was He stricken.* Isa. 53:7-8
4. *When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him.* Jn. 19:6
5. **The Man in Propitiation:** **Phil. 2:8, HCSB**
6. *He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.*
7. *We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death...*

*that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.* Heb. 2:9

1. *God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Look ye saints the sight is glorious: See the Man of sorrows now;*

*From the fight returned victorious, Every knee to Him shall bow. —*T. Kelly

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R.944**

1. Man, predictably was the best of God’s created creations! The wise men of old apparently had contemplated that and had declared in wondrous terms the amazing man.

Consider a few of such statements from them:

From Job:

**7:17 – *What is man****, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?*

**15:14 – *What is man****, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?*

From the Psalmist:

**8:4 – *What is man****, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

**144:3 – *LORD, what is man****, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!*

**139:14 –** *I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

The Bible in its antiquity already declared the amazing structure of man even in its times.

Wonder for yourself the Wonderful Word of the Lord and what it says about us. It is amazing how the embryo in the mother’s womb already contains all the potential cells, organs, bones, etc. that will function and multiply ceaselessly for all the years that God has created man to function for the seventy years and more. Stand amaze, wonder and worship God, your Creator today. **REFLECT**.

1. Now look at what man has to say about himself from the scientific viewpoint:

Yes, the human body is truly an incredible creation. Don’t believe it? Consider what is written in <https://www.osgpc.com/amazing-facts-about-the-human-body/>

Take a look at these ten facts written about the human body. You’ll be surprised at what you learn.

1. Infants are born with approximately 300 bones, but as they grow some of these bones fuse together. By the time they reach adulthood, they only have 206 bones.
2. More than half of your bones are located in the hands, wrists, feet, and ankles.
3. Every second, your body produces 25 million new cells. That means in 15 seconds, you will have produced more cells than there are people in the United States.
4. The largest bone in the human body is the femur, also known as the thigh bone. The smallest bone is the stirrup bone, which is located inside your ear drum.
5. There is anywhere between 60,000-100,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body.

If they were taken out and laid end-to-end, they would be long enough to travel around the world more than three times.

1. Teeth are considered part of the skeletal system, but are not counted as bones.
2. Despite accounting for 2% of our body mass, the brain uses 20% of our oxygen and blood supply.
3. While humans are not the biggest, fastest, or strongest animals around, we are the best at something: long distance running. Our long legs, upright posture, and ability to shed heat via sweat are all factors that make us good runners. In fact, early humans used to hunt their prey by chasing it for long periods of time until the animals literally died from exhaustion, a technique known as persistence hunting.
4. About 60% of your body is made up of water.
5. Pound for pound, your bones are stronger than steel. A block of bone the size of a matchbox can support up to 18,000 pounds of weight.
* Yes, Stand Amaze, Adore, Wonder and Worship God. **REFLECT**

*Oh Lord My God, When I In Awesome Wonder,*

*Consider All The Worlds Thy Hands Have Made;*

*I See The Stars, I Hear The Rolling Thunder,*

*Thy Power Throughout The Universe Displayed.*

*Then Sings My Soul, My Saviour God, To Thee,*

*How Great Thou Art! How Great Thou Art!*

**Points To Ponder:**

*The God of the* ***A****tom is the God of our* ***A****natomy. Stand* ***A****maze and in* ***A****we.* ***A****dore Him.!*