

THE JESUS CODE

According to a popular book, *The Signature of God*, by Grant R. Jeffrey the name of Jesus is encoded in the Old Testament – most importantly, where messianic prophecies appear.

The Hebrew word for Jesus is Yeshua.

Jeffrey is using the research of Yacov Rambsel. Yacov finds Yeshua in the first verse of the Bible.

It is encoded in Isaiah 53:10 which says that someone will suffer for sins and shall prosper after.

Zechariah 11:12 which says that somebody's price is thirty pieces of silver and which is erroneously mistaken for a prophecy of Judas betraying Jesus for the same amount in the New Testament has the name in it.

Messiah, which is Maschiach, in Hebrew occurs in Zechariah 12:10. And Yeshua shows up in Daniel 9 in which we find the prophecy of the seventy weeks. According to Christians, this chapter gives us the year when Jesus would be crucified - before it happened!

The book gives the original text of many Hebrew prophecies thought to be messianic. The idea is we can be able to see the name of Jesus coded in the text for ourselves.

There is something wrong when the name of Jesus shows up in prophecies that may not be prophecies at all or at least which could have several meanings. In the light of this, if there is a code then it is trying to tell us something. It is trying to tell us that Jesus is not the subject of the prophecies or the texts. The surface meaning is the most important one so it comes first. Jesus just means God saves and its occurrence could be a statement and not a name. Jesus was a popular name.

Only the context can determine what is being said about Jesus.

The code could have been put in deliberately by the prophets for it is easy to arrange that every 26th letter or so for a bit will spell out a name especially when there are no vowels in Hebrew. Perhaps, the Jesus legend existed and was in danger of breaking out even before New Testament times when some decided to invent a new Jesus.

Perhaps the real Jesus is still to come and the other one was just a devil-inspired myth or a conman.

Why didn't Jesus who came to prove his mission tell the Jews about the codes? He never mentioned codes or anything. If he had known about them he would have used them to prove his divine sonship instead of descending on double-meaning alleged prophecies.

The Bible says that the word of God is plain (2 Corinthians 1:13). 1 Corinthians 4:6 says we must not go beyond what is written in the surface narrative. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that the Bible is sufficient for the believer. There was no Bible code to function as absolute proof of the Bible being true known in those days and we are being told that it would be pointless. God does not do pointless miracles according to the Bible. So, if there is a code then it really refutes the Bible's claim to be the word of God.

Jesus told the apostles they would be led into all truth (John 16:13). They never mentioned a Bible code.

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit must guide us into understanding it. But only computers can find most of the Bible codes. It may be objected that Daniel 12:4, 10 says that the Book of Daniel will only be understood by the wise in the last days. This is thought to mean understanding of the Bible code. But Daniel's prophecies are not that plain so it means you will not understand them until they are fulfilled. Moses said there were secret things which have not been revealed yet but which will be revealed so that the whole Law will be kept (Deuteronomy 29:29). This is not a prophecy of the Bible code but of future revelations. It is not impossible to imagine that the world will reverence God's Law again and over the code.

