

~AKELDAMA (113)

(A-kel'da-ma) [Field of Blood]

.. Why Does Matthew Attribute The Prophecy

- The name applied by the Jews to the plot of land, the purchase of which resulted from the wages for unrighteousness paid to Judas Iscariot for his betrayal of Christ Jesus.
- This very man, therefore, purchased a field with the wages for unrighteousness, and pitching head foremost he noisily burst in his midst and all his intestines were poured out. ([Acts of Apostles 1:18](#))
- It also became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that that field was called in their language **Akeldama**, that is, **Field of Blood**. ([Acts of Apostles 1:19](#))
- It has been identified as the **Haqq ed-Dumm**, meaning, **Price of Blood**, on the South side of the Valley of Hinnom, on the Hill of Evil Counsel, which is a level plot of land a short distance up the slope. Upon this spot are ruins of a charnel house. A little to the Southeast is the **Minzar Haqal Dema** the **Akeldama Monastery** erected over the remains of cave tombs.
- The statement at;
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- That Judas purchased a field indicates that he furnished the means for purchasing the field, or was the occasion of doing so. The record at,
- Then Judas, who betrayed him, seeing he had been condemned, felt remorse and turned the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and older men. ([Matthew 27:3](#))
- Saying; I sinned when I betrayed righteous blood. They said, What is that to us? You must see to that! ([Matthew 27:4](#))

- So he threw the silver pieces into the temple and withdrew, and went off and hanged himself. (**Matthew 27:5**)
- But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said; It is not lawful to drop them into the sacred treasury, because they are the price of blood. (**Matthew 27:6**)
- After consulting together, they bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers. (**Matthew 27:7**)
- Therefore that field has been called **Field of Blood** to this very day. (**Matthew 27:8**)
- Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying; And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price upon the man that was priced, the one on whom some of the sons of Israel set a price. (**Matthew 27:9**)
- And they gave them for the potter's field, according to what Yehowah had commanded me. (**Matthew 27:10**)
- Shows that the priests used the 30 pieces of silver, if shekels, \$66, thrown into the temple by Judas to make the actual purchase and that this **Field of Blood** was previously a potter's field and was obtained by the priests to bury strangers. The suggested location has been used as a burial site from early centuries.

See Also POTTER'S FIELD

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- At that, Yehowah said to me; Throw it to the treasury, the majestic value with which I have been valued from their standpoint. Accordingly I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it into the treasury at the house of Yehowah. (**Zechariah 11:13**)
- The fulfillment of prophecy recorded by Matthew is based on what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet. Jeremiah was at times placed first in the book of the prophets, and this section of

prophecies therefore included not only Jeremiah's writings, but also those of Zechariah.

- **He now said to them; These are my words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and Psalms about me must be fulfilled. (Luke 24:44)**

The quotation made by Matthew appears to be drawn principally from;

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- **But paraphrased by Matthew and applied to the circumstances fulfilling it, this under inspiration by God's spirit. As a potter's field the land would be considered as worn out and of little value, worth only the price of a slave.**