

Prophecies of the OT Prophets

- *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 1Pet. 1:10-12*
- A very enlightening passage.
- The prophets in the OT were intensely interested in the prophecies they were revealing about the New Covenant.
- These prophecies spoke of the grace that would come.
- They searched and sought to understand what they were revealing.

Salvation in the OT Prophets

- *searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 1Pet. 1:10-12*
- They knew these events were in the future.
- They also knew they were speaking of the Christ:
- Both His sufferings and the glories that would follow those sufferings.

These Prophecies Serve Us

- *12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into. 1Pet. 1:10-12*
- The Holy Spirit reveal to them:
- These Scriptures are not for you.
- They are not for those living under the first covenant.
- In these prophecies they were ministering (serving) us.
- The prophecies, combined with the report (inspired preaching) that those who preached the gospel gave were now bringing great service to Christians.
- Every sermon recorded in the NT is a combination of these OT prophecies and NT applications.

Jesus Own Words

- *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and **slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** Lk.
24:25-27*

Paul Revealed the Same Thing

- *having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, **SAYING NO OTHER THINGS** than those which the prophets and Moses said would come — 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”*
Acts 26:22-23

The Beginning of the Gospel - Matthew

- *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" Mt. 3:1-3*
- All that John the Baptist did was fulfilling Isaiah and Malachi.

The Beginning of the Gospel - Mark

- *The **beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ**, the Son of God. 2 **As it is written in the Prophets:** "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." 3 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Mk. 1:1-5*
- John's Baptism was foretold in Malachi
- John's preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins fulfilled God's promise to send His messenger

The Beginning of the Gospel - Luke

- *the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,** 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"* Luke 3:2-6

The Beginning of the Gospel - John

- *Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? **What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."** Jn 1:19-23*

Peter's Second Sermon

Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But **those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.** ... 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, **'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'** 24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. Acts 3:17-18; 22-26

Many of These Prophecies Are Not Recorded in the NT

- They were not part of the Old Law for they were not for them.
- Though they are not discussed in the NT, they still reveal NT doctrine.
- Most of Isaiah 53 is not quoted in the NT

Isaiah 53

- *Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.*

Isaiah 53

- *5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*

Isaiah 53

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation? For He was
cut off from the land of the living; For the
transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9
And they made His grave with the wicked — But
with the rich at His death, Because He had done
no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10
Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put
Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering
for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong
His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall
prosper in His hand.

Isaiah 53

- *11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.*