

1. Review: Jesus In The Feasts Of Israel

We looked at how Jesus was prophesied in the *moedim*, the feasts of the Lord.

- Jesus fulfilled the Springtime Feasts on their exact calendar dates.
- Will He fulfill the Second Coming events on the dates of the Fall Feasts?
- The feasts not only speak about Him – He actually **is** those feasts to us!

2. Additional Prophecies of Jesus' Sufferings

We've seen Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22, but many other passages point to the life of Jesus, the last days of His life, and the Cross.

A. Messiah comes to the City on a donkey. (Zech. 9:9)

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zech. 9:9)

Jesus fulfilled this word on Palm Sunday, coming into Jerusalem in this fashion. (See: Matt. 21:1-7)

B. Messiah betrayed for the price of a slave. (Zech. 11:12-13)

Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.

Fulfilled in Matthew 27: Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. (vv. 3-7)

C. Betrayed by a friend.

Psalm 41:9: Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 55 says: For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; then I could hide from him. But it was you, a man my equal, my companion and my acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in the throng. (vv. 12-14)

D. Forsaken by His disciples. (Zech. 13:7)

"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones."

E. Rejected by Israel in general: Psalm 118

Psalm 118 is messianic, intimately connected with Jesus' coming, His entry on Palm Sunday, and His rejection by the people.

21 I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!...

- Jesus was rejected by the people, but He is God's choice to be the Cornerstone of the entire structure.
- The ultimate fulfillment of this passage will come at the end of the age.

F. Jesus thirsting but given gall and vinegar. (Ps. 69:20-21)

20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

This was fulfilled in John 19.

G. Messiah would be pierced. (Zech. 12:10)

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."

God says they actually pierced Him at some point **prior to** His coming in glory!

3. His Resurrection And Glory.

The prophecies concerning Jesus don't stop at the Cross. The disciples learned that His Resurrection and enthronement in Heaven had also been predicted.

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'" 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:22-36)

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

Events Surrounding the Resurrection of Christ:

- The Descent of Christ into Hell
- The Resurrection of Christ
- The Ascension of Christ
- The Glorification of Christ
- The Outpouring of the Spirit
- The Enthronement and Intercessory Ministry of Christ
- The ongoing work of the Trinity in building the Church

A. The Descent into Hell, or Hades/Sheol.

Peter applied David's words in Psalm 16:

*9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.
10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

- The idea of “Hell” for us is different from the Hebrew idea of Hell.
- The Hebrew word for the underworld is *Sheol*. It was considered the dwelling place of all the dead, including the righteous.
 - One compartment was for the wicked dead (Luke 16).
 - Another compartment was the place of the righteous dead.
 - Some argue for a third compartment, holding imprisoned spirits.
- When we say Christ descended into Hell, there is no implication that He had to *suffer* in Hell: *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace...* (Ephesians 1:7)

What was Christ accomplishing in Hell?

Emptying of Abraham's Bosom. Psalm 68:18 says: *You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive...*

Proclamation to the spirits in prison. A very hard passage is 1 Peter 3:19-20, *...He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared...*

Spoiling of Satan. Jesus took from Satan the keys of Hell and death: *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.* (Rev. 1:18)

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (Col. 2:13-15)

B. The Resurrection.

Peter quoted Psalm 16 and discusses “corruption” to demonstrate that Messiah would not remain dead long enough for His body to see decay.

- His sermon also speaks of the Son being exalted to the right hand of God.
- Psalm 22:25 says, My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
- Isaiah 53:10 says He will prolong his days.
- Isaiah 53:12 says He will divide the spoil with the strong because He poured out His soul unto death...
- Daniel 9 says plainly that Messiah would be killed.
- Jesus spoke of the sign of Jonah as a type.

C. The Ascension and Glorification.

Psalm 68:18 says: *You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell there.*

In Ephesians 4:7-12, Paul describes these gifts as being the fivefold ministry:

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” 9 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

D. The Outpouring of the Spirit.

...He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:39)

The Old Testament contained promises of a general outpouring of the Spirit. The outpouring of the Spirit is God the Father giving testimony to the fact that He has raised Jesus and glorified Him. It is indisputable proof that Messiah had come.

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring... (Isa. 44:3)

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (Joel 2:28-29)

E. The enthronement and intercessory ministry of Christ.

The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” (Ps. 110:1) “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.” (Heb. 1:8, quote from Ps. 45:6)

Jesus now intercedes for us and builds His church! *“I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’” (Psalm 2:7-8)*

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