

MESSIAH IN THE OT

JROC/Week 22 – To Restore, to Reveal God the Father, To Foreshadow

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WHY WAS THE MESSIAH PROMISED?

CREATION FALL REDEMPTION RESTORATION

What was lost at the fall – when man rebelled? EVERYTHING!

Man was separated from God (Isa. 59:2)

God will restore His original plan – this is the foundation of Biblical prophecy.

Everything that was lost must be restored (and even enhanced)

Man brought sin into the world. Man must be the resolution.

Rom. 5:12 - *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned....*

Rom. 5:17-18 - *For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men (who receive this free gift – John 1:12) resulting in justification of life.*

Jesus is the last Adam:

I Cor. 15:45-49 - *The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

In Genesis 3:15 God promised to remedy/reverse the entrance of sin into the world through a future descendant of the woman – “the Seed of the woman.” Throughout the remainder of the OT, from Gen. 3:15 on, this initial promise is developed and expanded. We are grasping an overall picture of the Promised One – the Anointed One (Isa. 61), the Messiah (Psa. 2; Dan. 9:25 – Messiah the Prince). With each new prophecy and foreshadowing, more detail is added and the picture becomes fuller and clearer.

- He will come through the seed of the woman (Gen 3:15) to resolve the sin problem.
- Through Adam's descendants (through their names), we read of God's plan: "Man was appointed mortal sorrow. The blessed God shall come down teaching and His death shall bring the despairing rest."
- The ark of Noah is a type of the Messiah – protecting from God's judgment against the world. The pitch (kaphar – a covering through a ransom paid) kept the ark watertight. The ark rested on the date that Jesus would be resurrected – resting from His work!

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- He will come through the line of Shem (Gen 9:25-27) – one of Noah's sons (mankind at this point in time) to dwell with Shem's descendants and to impact the world.
- He will come through the line of Abraham (Gen 12:3) – the Jewish people – to impact the world.

The Messiah was promised to be the life and light of men...

John 1:4 - *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* JESUS, God the Son, came to reveal God the Father. Jesus is both the power to see God and He is the glory that is seen.

John 1:14 - *And the Word became 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.*

The glory of God is the visible localized presence of God that led the children of Israel in the wilderness by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire. Ex. 14:19 - *And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.* Who is the Angel of God who went before Israel as the pillar of cloud? JESUS Who is GOD!

Peter, James, and John saw the glory of God – they saw Jesus in His glorified body – on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17).

The glory of God filled the tabernacle in the wilderness and the Temple in Jerusalem.

God's plan of redemption was to REVEAL Himself on this earth through God the Son... so that Jesus could say, *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also;* (John 14:6-9). Jesus said, *I and My Father are one* (John 10:30).

Jesus the Messiah, God the Son, came to this earth to reveal God the Father.

When do we first SEE the Angel of the LORD in Scripture? In Genesis 16. Hagar was found by the Angel of the LORD at Beer Lahai Roi. Gen. 16:7-13 - *Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And He said, 'Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?' She said, 'I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.'* ⁹ *The Angel of the LORD said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.'* ¹⁰ *Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, 'I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.'* ¹³ *Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"* The Angel of the LORD revealed Himself – revealed GOD - to Hagar! We continue to SEE the Angel of the LORD as we move through the OT.

We see Isaac as a type of the Messiah. Let's look at Joseph as a type of the Messiah. The life of Joseph, coat of many colors Joseph, points to several unique aspects of Jesus life.

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Gen. 37:18, 23-24 – Joseph was rejected by his own brothers who sold him to the Midianites through whom Joseph was taken to Egypt.

Gen. 39 – Potiphar, an Officer of Pharaoh, purchased Joseph and v. 5 - *from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.* Potiphar's wife, after telling Joseph, *lie with me*, and after Joseph fled from her, accused Joseph of attempting to lie with her. Joseph was put in prison. AND, God used Joseph in prison. v. 21 - *But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.* Joseph correctly interpreted the dreams of two prisoners – a butler and a baker. Joseph was then called upon to interpret Pharaoh's dream.

Gen. 41:37 – Joseph was exalted to a high position in Egypt, directly under Pharaoh after Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream regarding the 7 fat cows and the 7 ugly and gaunt cows – and the seven full heads of wheat and the seven thin heads of wheat. Joseph took Egypt through the years of abundance in preparation for the years of famine.

Gen. 42:7-8 – During the time that Joseph was respected and revered by these Egyptian Gentiles, he was unknown to his own brothers who considered Joseph as good

as dead. The first time his brothers saw him, they did not recognize him. *Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.*

Gen. 45:1 – It was only the second time that he revealed himself to them...

Before Jesus comes at His physical Second Coming, following God pouring His Spirit on the third of the Jewish people left on earth, the Jewish people will weep greatly.

In Joseph's life we see the pattern of a rejected, hidden (in prison; also hidden to his brethren) and then revealed Messiah.