

MESSIAH IN THE OT

Week 1 – WHY?

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What does the OT teach?

God has a plan and a purpose. Isa. 14:24 states - *The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, 'Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand.'*

The OT is the first part of the Christian Bible that tells us about Who God is, His creation, SIN, man's separation from God because of sin...check out Isa. 59:2. The OT teaches that man is in bondage to sin, Satan, and death, God's plan for mankind is to be redeemed from bondage to sin, Satan, and death.

The OT teaches that God brought forth the nations (70 – Gen. 10) from Noah's three sons. The OT teaches that God has always dealt with the nations. The OT teaches that God created the nation of Israel (Isa. 43:1). The OT teaches that God's covenant with Abraham (the Abrahamic Covenant) is UNCONDITIONAL. The fulfillment of God's promises is NOT conditional upon Israel's obedience but on God's promise that HE would deliver because He PROMISED. If the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant was dependent on Israel...WE WOULDN'T BE HERE! Man falls short of the glory of God! AND, the blessing aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant speaks to SALVATION! Is SALVATION based on man's obedience? NO! SALVATION is based on God and God ALONE! The Abrahamic Covenant is UNILATERAL. It's one-sided – on God's side. The fulfillment of God promising the land, multiple descendants in the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God promising the Messiah, and the blessing for the world [SALVATION]– is dependent upon God ALONE. In Heb. 6:13 we are told that God, when He made the covenant with Abram, swore by HIMSELF (Heb. 6:13). The FULFILLMENT of what God PROMISED Abraham is NOT contingent on Israel's obedience; the FULFILLMENT of what God had PROMISED Abraham falls solely ON GOD!!!

We read of Israel's history in the OT and how it impacts the world:

- They were given the OT...which we are reading today!
- Through the covenants God made with Israel, the world could clearly see Who God is. I Sam. 17:45-46 - *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ ***This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand,*** and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the*

*birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.***

- Gen. 18:18 – Abraham and his descendants were called to be an instrument of blessing for the world:

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 - God used Jewish Joseph (coat of many colors) to save the known world (mostly Gentiles) from world-wide famine.
 - Gentiles were delivered from bondage in Egypt (Ex. 12:38 - *A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock*) along with the Jewish people.
- Through the Jewish people the MESSIAH came!!!
- Rom. 11:15 – when the nation of Israel is restored...when those left after the Tribulation come to faith in Jesus – it will be as life from the dead for the world...as the Millennial Kingdom will be established – and Jewish people who are believers in the Jewish Messiah, Jesus (John 3:3) along with Gentiles who are believers in Jesus will live in the Millennial Kingdom! (There will be children born during the Millennium and they will either believe in Jesus or not)

In the OT we read of Israel's disobedience and its consequences, Israel's exile, Israel's return to the land, and the continued disobedience of Israel in the book of Malachi. We need to remember that God is NOT finished with Israel and He will deliver on His promises to Israel! (Deut. 30:1-6; Isa. 14:1ff and many other verse/passages)

AND we need to consider that the Abrahamic Covenant hasn't been fulfilled as yet as the Jews don't have all the land that God promised AND Jesus hasn't yet returned to set up the Millennial Kingdom, AND, the nation of Israel hasn't yet been restored with "all Israel" (those left at the end of the Tribulation – Zech. 12:10) coming to faith in Jesus! There is a CONTINUING STORY from Genesis through the end of Revelation.

Some teach that the Abrahamic Covenant has been fulfilled in Jesus – at Jesus' first coming! BUT, not all the prophecies about Jesus have been fulfilled – the prophecies about Jesus' Second Coming have yet to be fulfilled! AND, the Millennial Kingdom has yet to be established...also the New Jerusalem!

What/Who is the Messiah?

What does the title "Messiah" mean?

Messiah/Moshiach means anointed in Hebrew. "Christ" means anointed in Greek. In the OT, anointed means to be anointed with oil – to be set apart for a specific function...for a divine service. To be empowered for what God has called you to do.

Consider these questions/comments

"Our Mashiach has already come? Show us. Where is it written in the Torah?"

"The Mashiach has come? Where can I find Him? On the Web site?"

“There were many messiahs.”

“Many messiahs” – Messiah means “anointed. Prophets, priests, and kings were all anointed with oil. Oil in the OT spoke to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Scripture speaks of “the” anointed (Isa. 61:1ff). Jesus is Prophet (He is the Word of God; a prophet speaks a word); He is a Priest (He offered the ultimate sacrifice and that sacrifice was Himself. Currently He is our Great High Priest seated at the right hand of God the Father
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in heaven); and He is King – He is the King of Israel (the Magi sought to find the King of the Jews and found Jesus in a home in Bethlehem and they worshipped Him as King)

Questions

Why did you sign up for this class?

Any V8 moments? Any new information? What did you learn?

How will this lesson impact your walk with the Lord?

Suggested Homework

Reread the handout with the Bible references.

Jot down your observations of the passages and questions you may have.

Share what you learned with someone.

Read the handout for Week 2 prior to next Tuesday.