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Opening Prayer



Understanding Prophecy

Lesson 02-01

Messiah and Salvation

{The Road to Emmaus}

Part 1 – Pre-announced



The Road to Emmaus



The Road to Emmaus

After Jesus was resurrected we find two of His disciples walking on their way to Emmaus discussing the events that had happened.

Luke 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

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The Road to Emmaus

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass therein these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

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The Road to Emmaus

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

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The Road to Emmaus

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

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The Road to Emmaus

27 **And** beginning at Moses and all the prophets,
he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the
things concerning himself....

30 **And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.**

31 **And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.**

32 **And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?**



The Road to Emmaus

Notice that **Jesus used prophecy** on the road to Emmaus to testify of Himself.

We know from Scriptures such as Matthew 24 that **Jesus prophesied of end-time events.**

Biblical prophecy **points to the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Should we today ignore prophecy as a waste of time as suggested by Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Church* (pages 225 & 226)?

This lesson will give you an idea of what transpired in that conversation on that road to Emmaus.



Jesus Christ



Jesus Christ [133]

All Biblical prophecy is in some way connected with the **purposes of God in and through Jesus Christ.**

- The prophecies of the Messiah are a **major link** between the Old and New Testaments.
- The Old Testament **predicts** the coming of the Messiah as Savior.
- Jesus Christ in the New Testament **fulfills** the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah as Savior.



Jesus Christ

We see **God's purpose** expressed by Paul:

ROM 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 ...we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written... every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.



Jesus Christ

And, Jesus Christ will be the ultimate victor over sin and death:

1 CO 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.



Jesus Christ

Christ (Messiah) has the central place in prophecy.

In both the Old and New Testaments, Christ's person and work are focused on two points, His first and second comings. [133]



The First Coming

The First Coming [106]

Jesus Christ was the only person in history that had been **pre-announced**.

- None of the other founders of the world's great religions were ever pre-announced.

“Reason dictates that if any one of these men actually came from God, the least thing that God could do to support His claim would be to pre-announce His coming.... Reason further assures us that if God did not do this, then there would be nothing to prevent any impostor from appearing in history and saying, ‘I come from God.’”

Fulton J. Sheen

The First Coming [106]

Various secular sources reported people and cultures that were expecting someone of significance that would be born.

- The Greeks were looking for the great Logos who would be born in the East, *“a savior and redeemer to unloose man from the ‘primal eldest curse,’”* while those in the East expected a great Saint to be born in the West.
- The Roman, Tacitus, said, *“People were generally persuaded in the faith of the ancient prophecies, that the East was to prevail, and that from Judea was to come the Master and Ruler of the world.”*

The First Coming [106]

- Suetonius agreed in his account of the life of Vespasian, *“It was an old and constant belief throughout the East, that by indubitably certain prophecies, the Jews were to attain the highest power.”*
- Cicero, speaking of the ancient oracles, recounts a *“King whom we must recognize to be saved.”*
- Even ancient Virgil, regarding ancient tradition, spoke of *“a chaste woman, smiling on her infant boy, with whom the Iron Age would pass away.”*

The First Coming [106]

- In the East, Confucius spoke of “the Saint,” and from China comes this statement:

In the 24th year of Tchao-Wang of the dynasty of the Tcheou, on the 8th day of the 4th moon, a light appeared in the Southwest which illuminated the king's palace. The monarch, struck by its splendor, interrogated the sages. They showed him books in which this prodigy signified the appearance of the great Saint of the West whose religion was to be introduced into their country.

The First Coming [79; 106; 144]

When the expected One finally appeared He split history in two, “dividing it into two periods.”

- Buddha did not do that; and none of the other founders of great religions did that either.
- Christ’s purpose in coming was to die; no one else can say that.
- Death was a stumbling block to all other religion’s founders.
- Christ’s death and resurrection were His validating moments.
- Christ’s testimony was that He was God in the flesh.



Pre-announced



Pre-announced ^[77]

Approximately 2000 years ago **God** stepped out of eternity and **dwelt among us**.

- The Shepherds responded to **a heavenly announcement** by seeking the newborn King in a lowly manger.
- By **signs**, coupled with certain **Messianic passages** in the Old Testament, the Magi found their way to a small insignificant town in Judea to acknowledge the manifestation of God on earth.

Pre-announced ^[77]

God's incarnation was pre-announced, something that no other religion in the world can say of their founder.

- God's Holy Scriptures are full of the evidence that this event was pre-announced, and that the life of Jesus of Nazareth fulfils more than 300 prophecies regarding His claim to be the Jewish Messiah.**

Let's now take a journey through the Old Testament and sample a few of the prophecies that announce and identify the Messiah, and see their fulfillment in the New Testament.



The First Prophecy

The First Prophecy in the Bible [97]

The very first prophecy of the Bible, found in Genesis 3:15, is a prophecy of the Messiah uttered by God in the Garden of Eden.

- As God is pronouncing His curse on His creation, He is also indicating that He had **planned a way out** for mankind.
- This prophecy is the **first simple presentation of the Gospel**, and is therefore known as the **protoevangelium**.

The First Prophecy in the Bible [97]

GEN 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God is saying that just as sin brought God's curse on the world by a woman deceived, it would be the "seed" of a woman that would restore the world.

The First Prophecy in the Bible [97]

The verse encompasses both comings of Christ and points to the continual struggle between Satan's seed (the antichrist) and God's children, and the final defeat of Satan by the Messiah.

- Arthur W. Pink indicates that the reference to the woman's seed refers to the miraculous birth of Christ since woman does not have seed, but man does.



The First Prophecy in the Bible

So we see in the very first prophecy that God would send His Son to be miraculously born of a woman for the purpose of saving mankind.

This was fulfilled as described by Luke, and later reported by Paul:

LUK 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

GAL 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,



The First Prophecy in the Bible

The **promise of a Messiah, in Genesis 3:15,** was clearly the **belief of Jewish commentators** as evidenced in the Jewish Targum Onkelos and Targum Pseudo Jonathan. [77]

- The **Old Testament messianic prophecies** give **specific details** regarding the **lineage** of the expected Messiah.



God and Man [133]

The prophecy of Genesis 3:15 refers to the Messiah being the “Seed of the woman.”

It is an **essential doctrine** that Jesus Christ is **both God and Man**.

Without His humanity He could not have died on the cross or fulfilled his work as prophet, priest, and king.

God and Man

The Messiah's **duel nature** is brought out in the following verses:

JOH 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....

14 And the Word was made 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.

1 TIM 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.



The Lineage of the Messiah

The Lineage of the Messiah

In various verses of the Old Testament **the lineage of the expected Messiah is revealed**, so that when He appears, there should be **no question** that He is the one.

First - In Genesis chapter 12 we find God calling Abram (Abraham) indicating that He would make him a great nation and that He would bless all the families of the earth by **Abraham's seed**.

GEN 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.



The Lineage of the Messiah

God promised Abraham a son by Sarah, even though she was of advanced age.

Sarah gives Abraham a son (Isaac), but God asks Abraham to take him to a certain place and offer him as **a sacrifice**.



The Lineage of the Messiah

In Genesis chapter 22, Abraham, out of obedience, takes Isaac to the appointed place on a hill near what would latter be Jerusalem to offer him as a sacrifice.

As Abraham was about to slay his son, an angel of the Lord calls out from heaven to stop him, and **God himself provides a substitute offering**, a ram caught in a thicket.

The Lineage of the Messiah

Then we read these words:

GEN 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee....

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.



The Lineage of the Messiah

God was so pleased by what Abraham had done, that through the seed of Abraham **He sent His only Son to redeem fallen mankind.**

In the very opening verse of the New Testament we read:

MAT 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Paul, writing to the Galatians explained it this way:

GAL 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

The Lineage of the Messiah

The covenant would be established with **Abraham's son, Isaac**, as indicated in Genesis chapter 17.

GEN 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

The Lineage of the Messiah ^[77]

A number of **Old Testament prophecies**, supported by Jewish material, such as Targums and Talmud, give the **lineage of the Messiah from Abraham to David**.

- **New Testament genealogies** give the lineage of Jesus through these same descendants of Abraham.

Isaac was in the lineage of Jesus, as recorded by Luke.

LUK 3:34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham....

The Lineage of the Messiah [77]

One of Isaac's sons was Jacob.

The book of Numbers prophesies that **a Star shall come out of Jacob.**

Jewish sources give a **Messianic meaning** to this verse.

NUM 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come **a Star out of Jacob**, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

The Lineage of the Messiah

In the New Testament we find that **Jacob was in the lineage of Jesus**, as recorded in the following genealogy by Matthew:

MAT 1:2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas [Judah] and his brethren;

Notice in the preceding verse that Matthew records **only the name of Judas (Judah)** among the offspring (the twelve tribes) of Jacob as being **in the lineage of Jesus Christ.**



The Lineage of the Messiah

In the genealogy of Matthew we saw that Jesus was in the lineage of **Judah**.

The Messiah was to be from **the tribe of Judah**.

In Genesis, Jacob prophesied concerning his sons, and specifically concerning **Judah** as follows:

GEN 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

The Lineage of the Messiah

Jewish Targums, *Targum Jonathan* and *Targum Pseudo Jonathan*, clearly indicate that the expected Messiah was to be from **the tribe of Judah**. [77]

Besides Matthew, **Luke**, in his genealogy of Jesus, confirms the lineage of Jesus through **Judah**.

LUK 3:33 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Judah,




The Lineage of the Messiah

The writer of **Hebrews** remarks that Jesus was of the tribe of **Judah**:

HEB 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

The lineage would extend through David, as we shall soon see.



Heir to the Throne of David



Heir to the Throne of David

Finally, Isaiah narrows down the list of candidates when he records that the Messiah would come from **Jesse**, David's father.

In Isaiah 11:1-10 we have a clear prophecy that **encompasses the full sweep of Christ's first and second comings**, as well as a prophecy of the **saving grace** of God being extended **to the Gentiles as well as the Jews**.

The Jewish *Targum Isaiah* corroborates this to be a reference to the Messiah. ^[77]





Heir to the Throne of David

ISA 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD....

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.



Heir to the Throne of David

The Messiah was to be the **heir to the throne of David**, thus eliminating the rest of Jesse's eight sons from the Messianic lineage.

Heir to the Throne of David

Isaiah calls the Messiah **“The Mighty God”** in Chapter 9 of his prophetic book.

ISA 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever....



Heir to the Throne of David

Isaiah chapter 9 has as its theme, **a prophecy of a child coming to David's throne, and references to Messiah's first and second coming.**

Verse 6 may have a reference to the birth of the Christ child, but the context of the following verse 7 certainly points to the time of **His second coming.** [80]

Heir to the Throne of David

The words, “**unto us**”, together with the reference that he is “**the mighty God,**” (i.e. “unto us... is given... God”) is equivalent to “**Immanuel**” (**God with us**) of Isaiah 7:14. [57]

ISA 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel** [**God with us**].

Thus Jesus fits the description of David’s heir in the Old Testament prophecies.

Heir to the Throne of David

In Luke 1:32-33 we see that the angel that spoke to Mary **confirmed** the ancient prophecy of inheritance of the throne of David of Isaiah 9:7 when he said:

LUK 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.



Heir to the Throne of David

Matthew's genealogy of Jesus records this confirmation that Jesus was an heir of David:

MAT 1:6 And Jesse begat David the king;
and David the king begat Solomon of her
that had been the wife of Urias;

Heir to the Throne of David

Jeremiah also confirms that the Messiah will rule and will be from the lineage of David.

JER 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

A “**righteous Branch**” is a term indicating a branch of a family tree.

The **Messiah** would be from a **righteous branch of the tree of David**.

Heir to the Throne of David

Paul, speaking in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, says that **Jesus was from the line of David and is the Messiah** of Israel.

ACT 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

Heir to the Throne of David

The **Jewish Talmuds** have many references that the Messiah was to be from the house of David. [77]



Anointed and Eternal

Anointed and Eternal [112]

According to Lee Strobel, there is a substantial amount of evidence that within twenty years of the crucifixion the earliest church belief was that **Jesus is God.**

“Church historian Jaroslav Pelikan has pointed out that the oldest Christian sermon, the oldest account of a Christian martyr, the oldest pagan report of the church, and the oldest liturgical prayer (1 Cor. 16:22) all refer to Jesus as Lord and God.... ‘Clearly it was the message of what the church believed and taught that “God” was an appropriate name for Jesus Christ.’”

Anointed and Eternal [112]

If it is not true that Jesus is God, and if Jesus had never made such claims, the only way that this belief could have developed so soon after the resurrection of Jesus, and during the lifetime of eyewitnesses, was that His disciples, according to historian Ben Witherington:

“... completely forgot what the historical Jesus was like and that they had nothing to do with the traditions that start showing up twenty years after His death.... Frankly, as a historian, this would not make any sense at all.”

Anointed and Eternal

Thomas **recognized Jesus as God** when he said the following words in response to Jesus' resurrection evidence:

JOH 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Anointed and Eternal [80]

Psalm 45 speaks of **Messiah's government and glory.**

In verse 6 we see the key, the **coronation of Christ.**

PSA 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Anointed and Eternal [80]

It is significant that He is called **God** in verse 6.

The wording indicates that He is **eternal**.

In verse 7 we see that **God anoints God** (Messiah) with the oil of gladness.

The title, **Christ**, refers to **God's anointed**.

If Messiah is not God in the flesh, then how is it that He is referred to as God in these verses?

Anointed and Eternal [80]

The psalmist in Psalm 102 paints a picture of the Lord Jesus in Gethsemane, while the last few verses **clearly describe His works in Creation and the destiny of the heavens and earth.**

PSA 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Anointed and Eternal [80]

The writer of Hebrews, with the light of the Gospel, gives a clear picture of these Psalms.

HEB 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom....

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture [cloak] shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.



Born in Bethlehem

Born in Bethlehem

The Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem

While the Shepherds were immediately directed towards Bethlehem by angels of God, **the Magi were directed towards Judea by signs in the heavens and the reference to Jacob in Numbers 24:17:**

NUM 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Born in Bethlehem

The Magi followed a star and arrived about one year after Jesus' birth.

It should be noted that the Jew, **Daniel, was considered a Magi** by the Babylonians during the time of the Babylonian captivity (Daniel 1:3-21, 2:2, 10-13).

Daniel would have been aware of the prophecies of the promised Messiah, and **the future generations of Magi may have learned of those prophecies** as handed down from Daniel.

Born in Bethlehem

Some sign in the heavens caused these Magi to seek the Messiah at the time Jesus was being born.

These same **Magi inquired** of the political and spiritual leaders **at Jerusalem.**

The **Scriptures** were **consulted** and the Magi were **directed towards Bethlehem.**

Born in Bethlehem

The prophet **Micah** indicated that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem.

Micah's verse would be the one **consulted** when the Magi inquired of King Herod, looking for the newborn king.

MIC 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting [pre-existence]. [138 Ephratah] 70

Born in Bethlehem

The Prophecy of Micah 5:2 even points to Messiah as being "from of old, from everlasting," from eternity.

Within the prophecy of Micah 5:2, is mentioned the words "from of old" and "from everlasting."

The Jewish *Targum Isaiah* refers to the phraseology as God being "from of old" in Isaiah 44:6, as similar to the reference of the Messiah in Micah 5:2. [77]

The deity of Christ and His pre-existence is indicated.

Born in Bethlehem

Various parts of Micah's prophecy are fulfilled by Matthew 2:1, 4-8; John 7:42; Colossians 1:17; John 1:1, 2, 8:58, 17:5, 24; and, Revelation 1:17, 2:8, 22:13, but Luke and John report that He was born in Bethlehem.

LUK 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:). . . .

7 And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn son. . . .

Born in Bethlehem

JOH 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?



Presented With Gifts

Presented With Gifts of Gold and Incense

Messiah was to be **presented with gifts of gold and incense.**

Amazingly, we even find the gifts that He was to receive prophesied in advance.

The Magi presented Him with gifts of gold frankincense, and myrrh.

PSA 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Then we see in Isaiah 60:6:

Presented With Gifts of Gold and Incense

ISA 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring **gold and incense**; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

We see the **exact fulfillment** in the following verse.

MAT 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, **they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**



5 Minute Break