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# Christ in the Old Testament 4 – Prophecy - Work of Salvation

Purpose: To review some of the Scripture data concerning the saving work of Christ..

## 1 Introduction

Continuing series on Christ in the OT

What are the 5 ways to look for Christ in the OT?

Prophecy, Theophanies, Symbols, Types, Ceremonies

Started with Prophecy – have looked at Ancestry of Christ and the characteristics of His life and Ministry

This time - major prophecies dealing with His work of salvation

The climax of His earthly Ministry – what does the OT say?

Look at characteristics, results, recipients and location of this work

Again, not comprehensive – you will be able to think of others

## 2 The characteristics of His salvation

### 2.1 Substitutionary

This works in two ways:

#### 2.1.1 He will bear the punishment for our sins

Isa 53:4-12 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way: But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due*? 9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. 10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. 11 As a result of the

anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

## 2.1.2 He will be our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:5-6 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord our righteousness.'

How is Jesus our Righteousness? He kept the Law for us.

## 2.2 Costly

Psalms 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

The One to come would be forsaken by His God

Isa 53:10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief;

He would be crushed by God though He was innocent

Psalms 22:7 All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head,

He would be sneered at by the people

Psalms 22:12-13 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.

He would do battle with the forces of darkness

## 2.3 Only in Him

Isa 59:16-20 **Now** the LORD saw, And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. 16 **And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.** 17 He put on righteousness like a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. 18 According to *their* deeds, so He will repay, Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; To the coastlands He will make recompense. 19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west And His glory from the rising of the sun, For He will come like a rushing stream Which the wind of the LORD drives. 20 **"A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,"** declares the LORD.

There was nothing man could do – Salvation is from God

## 3 The results of His salvation

### 3.1 Defeat for Satan

Gen 3:14-15 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the

field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;  
15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed: He shall bruise you on the head. And you shall bruise him on the heel."

### 3.2 Light in darkness, new life from barrenness

Sam 23:3-5 "The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me, 'He who rules over men righteously, Who rules in the fear of God, 4 Is as the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, When the tender grass springs out of the earth, Through sunshine after rain.' 5"Truly is not my house so with God? For He has made an everlasting covenant with me, Ordered in all things, and secured; For all my salvation and all *my* desire, Will He not indeed make *it* grow?"

### 3.3 The end of death

Isa 25:6-9 The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, *And* refined, aged wine. 7 And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Death is swallowed up in victory says Paul, quoting this  
The salvation wrought would be the end of death  
"I am alive forever and I have the keys of Death and Hades"

### 3.4 Atonement for iniquity, the end of sin

Daniel 9:24-27 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*. 25 So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Don't intend to argue dates – although a problem for Jews  
None doubts this is talking of Messiah's work

### 3.5 Release from captivity, oppression and prison

Isa 61 Isa 61:1-3 THE Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind

up the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners:** 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Who are these captives? Sinners. Who is their captor? Satan.

Salvation means freedom

It is NOW – says Christ – in your hearing!

This is the favorable year of the LORD!

### 3.6 Redemption and ransom

Isa 35:4-10 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. 4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of God will come, **But He will save you.**" 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. 6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. 7 The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes. 8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it *will* be for him who walks *that* way, And fools will not wander *on it*. 9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. **But the redeemed will walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

What does redemption mean? Ransom?

Payment of a cost – to buy back

When? When He comes to save – blind eyes opened etc.

### 3.7 Peace for the nations

Zech 9:9-10 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and **endowed with salvation**, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. **And He will speak peace to the nations:** And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Peace with God – no real peace without it.

## **4 The recipients of this salvation**

### **4.1 For Gentiles too!**

Gen 22:18 In your seed **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Isa 42:6 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, **And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations.** 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

Isa 49:1-6 Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. 2 He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. 3 He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory.” 4 But I said, “I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God.” 5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength), 6 He says, **“It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”**

Isa 60:1-3 “Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 “For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. 3 **“Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

## **5 The place where this salvation will be wrought**

### **5.1 To be accomplished in Jerusalem**

Ps 14:7 **Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!** When the LORD restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, **“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed.** He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation.** Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

## **6 Conclusion**

Have obtained a fairly comprehensive doctrine of salvation from the OT:

A costly substitutionary atonement which only God could do, the payment of a price to buy back (ransom, redemption), the defeat of Satan, the end of sin and death, freedom for prisoners, peace with

God, performed in Jerusalem - and the great mystery of the Gospel – that Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews of the salvation in Christ!

Next we can go on to look at some of the detailed prophecies of the events surrounding His death and burial

After that we will look at His resurrection, ascension and eternal reign

Then theophanies, symbols , types and ceremonies!