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Christ in the Old Testament 6 – Prophecy - Resurrection, Ascension & the Future

Purpose: To show the OT teaching on the Resurrection, Ascension & the Future

1 Introduction

Final episode of the life of Christ recorded in OT prophecy

How much detail have we seen so far?

Have seen ancestry, ministry, work of salvation, death and burial

Now look at His resurrection, ascension and future glory

What are the chances of Christ accidentally fulfilling all of them?

2 To Triumph

Psalms 118:22-24 The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; 23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Acts 4:9-12 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 **He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.** 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Isaiah 53:11-12 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.

Psalms 2: I have installed my King on Zion my holy hill

3 To rise

Psalms 16:10 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Acts 2:22-31 22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: "

saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27 **because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.** 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' 29 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

Psalm 22:22-25 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! 24 For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. 25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

Which congregation? Saints in glory! When? In the future! How is this possible? He is not dead!

How did God listen to His cry for help?

Isaiah 53:11 **After** the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

When would He see the light of life? **AFTER HIS DEATH!**

How shall we understand this?

4 To Ascend

Psalm 68:18 When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious— that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

Ephesians 4:4-10 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

5 To come again

Job 19:25-27 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

When will Christ stand on earth so that a resurrected Job will see Him in the flesh?

So we can deduce Christ will come again

6 To Judge

Isaiah 33:17 onwards, esp 22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us.

Many passages could turn to - see Psalm 2 later

Psalm 110 THE LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand (**ascends**) Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."2 The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, *saying*, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." (**reigns**) 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill *them* with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. (**judges**) 7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up *His* head.

He will judge the earth in righteousness & its people with truth

Psalm 96:11-13 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; 12 let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; 13 they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

7 To Reign in Righteousness - inheriting the nations

Psalm 2:1-12 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. 3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "**You are my Son; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.**" 10 Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

8 Wedding of the Lamb

Psalm 45:1-17 MY heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. 3 Gird Your sword on *Your* thigh, O Mighty One, *In* Your splendor and Your majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.5 Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; *Your arrows are* in the heart of the King's enemies. 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; **Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.**8 All Your

garments are *fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia*; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house; 11 Then the King will desire your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him. 12 The daughter of Tyre *will come* with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor. 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold. 14 She will be led to the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You. 15 They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace. 16 In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth. 17 I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

Is this talking about Christ? Yes! How do we know that?

What can we learn about the wedding from this passage?

Have the victory & establishment of His throne 1-8

Now the bride is introduced 9

The Church has glorious clothes to wear 13 His Righteousness
Everlasting bliss vs 17

9 Characteristics of His reign

Look in Psalm 72.

Solomon was a type of Christ after His victories

Does this Psalm speak of Christ? How do we know?

What do we learn about Christ's reign from this passage?

Righteousness & Justice vs 2

Prosperity vs 3,7

Safety for His people vs 4

Eternal reign vs 5

Refreshing, life-giving - vs 6

King of Kings & Lord of Lords - vs 8-11

Compassion & mercy - vs 12-14

Fulfilment of the promise to Abraham - vs 17

10 Conclusions

We know so much about the life of Christ from prophecy

His whole life is here in the OT

His ancestry

His birth - place & circumstances

His ministry - miracles & parables

His work of salvation

His death, His burial His resurrection His ascension, His reign, His union with the Church, His future glory

Next week we will look at the OT appearances of Christ as a man

Then symbols, types, and finally ceremonies.