

Old Testament Foundations

The gospel according to the prophets

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Hebrews 1:1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...

On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24

"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. vv 25-27

... everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled ... it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead vv 44, 46

- Synoptic gospels and the mission of Christ to Jerusalem
 - before Peter's confession His mission is mysterious
 - afterward His mission is explicit — He is going to Jerusalem to die on a cross

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16

But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.' vv 29-31

- The weight of OT Prophets is more than the resurrection

The Tanakh תנ"ך

The Law (Torah), the Prophets (Navi'im), and the Writings (Ketuvim)

The Pentateuch
Books of Moses

The Law
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

The Prophets
Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings

5 Scrolls

Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther

The Writings
Psalms
Proverbs
Job

The Twelve

Hosea	Obadiah	Nahum	Haggai
Joel	Jonah	Habakkuk	Zechariah
Amos	Micah	Zephaniah	Malachi

Daniel
Ezra - Nehemiah
Chronicles

- The canonical collection of Hebrews Scriptures (24 books), also known in Hebrew as Miqra
- Masoretic Text (MT) (Leningrad Codex - 1008 AD the oldest complete Hebrew manuscript)
- Septuagint (LXX) Second Temple Judaism — Greek Translation
 - Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire.
- Dead Sea Scrolls (DSS)

Riddle

Exodus 34:6,7

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

How can God forgive and leave sin unpunished?

- How could David be forgiven and have his sin go unpunished?

Keeping the plan a secret

1 Corinthians 2:7,8

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Type / Antitype

Shadows of the true reality

type (τύπος) (e.g., Adam in Romans 5:14)

lit. a mark formed by a blow or impression.

prototype or archetype of that which is yet to be developed and revealed.

antitype: the object that is foreshadowed by its counterpart type.

A type can be a person (Adam), a place (Egypt), a thing (brazen serpent), an event (rock in the wilderness), an office (prophet) or an institution (Passover).

Shadows of reality

"They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things" Hebrews 8:5

Direct vs Typical Prophecy

Direct / Explicit prophecy

Micah 5:2 Bethlehem = birthplace

Malachi 3:1, 4:5,6 : messenger of the covenant, forerunner

Zechariah 9:9 : King will come on a donkey

Typical Prophecy

People, places, events, ... are divinely orchestrated models, previews, or pictures of the future Messiah.

Tabernacle as a pattern : Exodus 25:8,9,40

Direct Messianic Predictions in the Pentateuch

Genesis 3:15 *The protoevangelium*: an obscure glimpse of a redemptive seed

[Genesis 9:27 Noah's progeny: Who will dwell in the tents of Shem?]

Genesis 12:1-7, etc.. The promised seed of Abraham

Genesis 49:8-13 The coming king is in the line of Judah

Numbers 24:14-19 The star out of Jacob

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18 The coming prophet

- Drama of Gen 3:15 expanded in Rev 12
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Covenantal relationship

God's desire for a relationship with mankind

I will be their God, and they shall be my people

Jeremiah 24:7, 31:33, 32:38

Ezekiel 11:20, 37:23, 27

And the Word became flesh and dwelt [tabernacled] among us...

John 1:14

I will be their God, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,

and God himself will be with them as their God they shall be my people

Revelation 21:3

- Exodus 6:7 : *"I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians"*
- Immanuel = "God with us"
- John 1:14 : God becomes flesh and would dwell (lit. tabernacle = shekinah / dwelling glory) among us
- John 15:15 : *"No longer do I call you servants, ... but I have called you*

friends”

Covenant Relationship

Relationship as a partnership (e.g. creation)

Rebellion

Satan and “sons of God” (Isaiah 14 / Ezekiel 28, Revelation 12, Genesis 6)

Man (Genesis 3, Genesis 6, Genesis 11)

Redemption of Man and Covenant Relationship

Covenant = “sacred agreement”

Consummation and Restoration (Revelation 21, 22, Isaiah 65, 66)

Covenants	Mediator	Scripture
Noah	Noah	Genesis 6 - 9
“The Promise”	Abraham	Genesis 12, 15, ...
The Old Covenant “The Law”	Moses	Exodus 19, 20, ...
The King	David	2 Samuel 7
The New Covenant	Jesus	Jeremiah 31

- Abraham = “friend of God” 2 Chron 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23
- Genesis 26: 5 “Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” What laws?
- Moses saw God “face to face” — how is this possible (Exodus 33:18-23)
 - The LORD (invisible) and the The Angel of the LORD (visible) in Exodus 3
- Exodus 24 : The Book of the Covenant
 - vv 16-18 parallel with Mount of Transfiguration
 - Exodus 23 : 20-21

Next Week
The Promise to Abraham
and The Sacrifice of The Son
