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ON THE EMMAUS ROAD

SESSION 6 -THE PROPHETS - OBADIAH THRU ISAIAH



¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him... ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. **LUKE 24**

OLD TESTAMENT

- The Bible is a STORYLINE that reveals God's unfathomable love for His creation.
- For everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that with the encouragement of the *Tanakh* we might patiently hold on to our hope. Romans 15:4
- ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

The prophets frequently preach about the coming Messiah, both about his suffering (in His first coming) and His triumphant kingship in His second coming.

Remember prophecy is more pattern than prediction.

The Prophets primary task is to correct moral and religious abuses and to proclaim the great moral and religious truths flowing from God's character.

OBADIAH- THE EDMITES

- There are no direct, obvious messianic references in this book, but there are important prefiguring and connections. As a further outworking of the prophesied enmity between Edom and God's people, Herod the Great, who rules Judea when Jesus is born and attempts to kill Him in His infancy, descends from the Edomites (Matt. 2:13).
- Edom represents all those who will fall under God's judgment when Jesus returns. "I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40)

JOEL - THE DAY OF THE LORD

- "The Day of the Lord."
- Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, He assures His disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit upon them. Joel had prophesied that Jesus would return and pour out His Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28), gather and judge the nations (3:2, 12), and be a refuge to His people (3:16).
- Joel also anticipates a gathering of all nations in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, where the Anointed One would judge them ... for dividing the Land?

JONAH - NINEVHITES & ISIS

- Jonah's lack of compassion for his enemies is shown to highlight the stark contrast between his attitude and God's love toward all His Creatures. (Remember who the Ninevites are today). Though humans are often slow to absolve their enemies, God is forgiving. God's revelation in the closing three verses of Jonah "is perhaps the tenderest anticipation of John 3:16 ..."
- They must be covered with sackcloth, both people and animals; and they are to cry out to God with all their might — let each of them turn from his evil way and from the violence they practice. Who knows? Maybe God will change his mind, relent and turn from his fierce anger; and then we won't perish." Then God saw by their deeds that they had turned from their evil way, he relented and did not bring on them the punishment he had threatened.
- Jonah has to learn that God's election of Israel does not mean the rejection of other peoples. Israel had not been chosen simply for Israel's own sake, but to fulfill a Divine purpose, the end of which was the blessing of all peoples. Indeed the Jonah provides the first blueprint for foreign missions - some 800 years before the birth of Jesus.

- Jesus also contrasts the Ninevites' repentance in response to the preaching of a mere mortal, with the Pharisees and teachers of the Law who are rejecting One "greater than Jonah" (Matt 12:41). Consider the gravity of this lesson. The Pharisees are of God's chosen people yet they turn blind eyes and deaf ears to God in the flesh, while the Gentiles had embraced the message of the human messenger.

AMOS

- Woe to those who are ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountains of Samaria, (Amos 6:1). The people dismiss Amos' warnings, wrongly assuming their prosperity signifies God's blessings — a mistake some Christians make to this day.
- Amos' message is not entirely negative. He prophesies that the Messiah will come and that the true Israel will be restored and revived. "In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom ... I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel ... I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted" (Amos 9:11-15)

- The book of Acts records that James quotes these verses in affirming that Amos rightly foretold that God would raise up and deliver His people in accordance with His covenant promise
- ¹⁵ And the words of the Prophets are in complete harmony with this for it is written,¹⁶ "After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it,¹⁷ so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the Gentiles who have been called by my name (Acts 15:15-17)

- Clearly, the promise to “plant them in the land” reiterates the land promise first made to Abraham as part of the Abrahamic Covenant.
- Raising up the ‘Tabernacle of David’ (Amos 9:11) obviously refers to more than just the kingdom of David and the Temple his son Solomon built. It speaks of the fulfillment of the Davidic dynasty, which finds its focus in the Son of David — Jesus.
- Many believe that Amos 8:9 - “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight” - is a messianic prophecy about the crucifixion.

HOSEA

Hosea teaches that God is a jealous God Who demands full devotion for His own sake — and our sake — that He commands that they — and we — love Him and worship Him, the only true God, because we were created in His image for an intimate relationship with Him, which is impossible if we are “whoring” with false gods.

Indeed, we can view Hosea’s redemption of Gomer from slavery — after she had betrayed him — as a shadow of Jesus’ redemptive work on our behalf.

There are a few messianic prophecies in Hosea, such as Israel being restored: “the Children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their King, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to His goodness in the latter days” (Hosea 3:5 fulfilled in Romans 11:25-27).

Israel will call out to Jesus - I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, then they will seek My face: In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me. (Hosea 5:15)

ISAIAH

- Many consider Isaiah to be the greatest of the writing prophets. His book contains more messianic prophecies than any other of the prophetic books. NT writers highly esteem Isaiah, which is cited repeatedly by Jesus Himself and is the second most quoted OT book in the NT (Psalms is first).
- Interesting fact about the outline of this book. Chapters 1-39 emphasizes judgement and chapters 40-66 emphasizes the purifying force that leads to forgiveness of sin. (OT is comprised of 39 books and the NT 27)
- Emphasizing present suffering but also future glory, Isaiah applies these themes both to the coming Messiah, Who will suffering in His first coming and reign gloriously in His second.

ISAIAH- MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Repentance for the nations - ISA 2:2-4 / fulfilled LUKE 24:27

Full of wisdom and power - ISA 11:1-10 / fulfilled MATT 3:16

Hearts are hardened - ISA 6:9-10 / fulfilled MATT 13:14-15

Reigning in mercy - ISA 16:4-5 / fulfilled LUKE 1:31-33

Born of a virgin - ISA 7:14 / fulfilled MATT 1:22-23

Death swallowed in victory - ISA 25:6-12 / fulfilled 1 COR 15:54

A rock of offense - ISA 8:14,15 / fulfilled ROM 9:33

A stone in Zion - ISA 28:16 / fulfilled ROMANS 9:33

Light our of darkness - ISA 9:1,2 / fulfilled LUKE 2:32

The deaf hear, the blind see - ISA 29:18 / fulfilled MATT 5:3; 11:5

God with us - ISA 9:6,7 / fulfilled MATT 1:21,23

King of Kings and Lord of Lords - ISA 32:1-4 / fulfilled REV 19:16; 20:6

ISAIAH- MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Son of the Highest - ISA 33:22 /
fulfilled LUKE 1:32

Healing for the needy - ISA 35:4-10 /
fulfilled MATT 9:30

Make ready the way of the Lord - ISA
40:3-5 / fulfilled MATT 3:3

The Shepherd dies for His sheep - ISA
40:10-11 / fulfilled JOHN 10:11

The meek Servant - ISA 42:1-16 /
fulfilled MATT 12:17-21

A light to the Gentiles - ISA 49:6-12 /
fulfilled ACTS 13:47; 2 COR 6:2

Scourged and spat upon - ISA 50:6 /
fulfilled MATT 26:67

Rejected by His people - ISA
52:13-53:12 / fulfilled MATT 8:17; 27:1-2

Suffered vicariously - ISA 53:4-5 / fulfilled
MARK 15:3-4

Silent when accused - ISA 53:7 / fulfilled
JOHN 1:29; 11:49-52

Crucified with transgressors - ISA 53:12 /
fulfilled JOHN 12:37-38

Buried with the rich - ISA 53:9 / fulfilled
ACTS 10:43; 13:38-39

ISAIAH- MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Calling of those not a people - ISA 55:4,5 / fulfilled JOHN 18:37;

A vesture dipped in blood - ISA 63:1-3 / fulfilled REV 19:13

Deliver out of Zion - ISA 59:16-20 / fulfilled ROM 11:26-29

Afflicted with the afflicted - ISA 63:8-9 / fulfilled MATT 25:34-40

Nations walk in the Light - ISA 60:1-3 / fulfilled LUKE 2:32

The elect shall inherit - ISA 65:9 / fulfilled ROM 11:5,7; HEB 7:14

Anointed to preach liberty - ISA 60:1-2 / fulfilled LUKE 4:17-19

New heavens and a new earth - ISA 65:17-25 / fulfilled 2 PETER 3:13

Called by a new name- ISA 62:11 / fulfilled LUKE 2:32; REV 3:12

The King cometh - ISA 62:11 / fulfilled MATT 21:5

- Remember the overwhelming majority of this study is taken from David Limbaugh's book: 'The Emmaus Code'.

