

Prophecies of Christ's Resurrection
Messianic Prophecies of the Bible Part 5

Tuesday Night Bible Study, October 2, 2007

I. THE TWO OLD TESTAMENT PORTRAITS OF THE MESSIAH IMPLIED THERE MUST BE A RESURRECTION

--Old Testament prophecy presented two portraits of the Messiah that appeared to be a contradiction, that of the "Suffering Servant" and that of the "Conquering King."

--the only way He could fulfill both portraits is if He lived two lives, which implied that there must be a resurrection.

--at Christ's first coming He died as the Suffering Servant.

--because of His resurrection and ascension back to heaven He will return again as the Conquering King.

--the Suffering Servant:

--Isaiah 53: "... 2 And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And **the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,** And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ... For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And **they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death,** ... 12... He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."

--the Conquering King:

--Daniel 7:9-14: "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days [*God the Father, as clarified by verse 13*] was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. 11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him [*the Messiah as the Conquering King*] near before Him [*God the Father*]. 14 Then **to Him [the Messiah] was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.**"

--Psalms 2:7-9: "I will declare the decree: The LORD [*God the Father*] has said to Me [*God the Son*], **You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.** [*quoted in Hebrews 1:5 in reference to Christ*] 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You **The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.** 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

--Isaiah 11:1-10 [*describes the reign of Christ during the 1000 year Millennial Kingdom that follows His Second Coming at the end of the Great Tribulation*] "There shall come forth **a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.** 2 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. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But **with righteousness He shall judge the poor,** And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; **He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.** 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And

faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day there shall be **a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.**"

--**Isaiah 9:6-7:** "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,** To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

II. OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES ABOUT RESURRECTION IN GENERAL IMPLIED THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD BE RESURRECTED.

--if the dead are raised then it is only natural to conclude that the Christ would be risen and some of the prophecy pertaining to Him would be fulfilled after His resurrection.

--Isaiah 26:19: "Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead."

--Daniel 12:2: "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt."

--Job 19:25-27: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

III. SPECIFIC PROPHECY ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

--1 Corinthians 15:3-8: "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and **that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,** 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."

--in this passage the apostle Paul may simply be referring to Old Testament passages about resurrection in general, but he also may be making specific reference to Hosea 6:2: "After two days He will revive us; **On the third day He will raise us up,** That we may live in His sight."

--Scripture is not totally clear on this subject, but Jesus' explanation of the rich man and Lazarus seems to indicate that Old Testament saints went to "Abraham's Bosom" after they died rather than the presence of God in heaven.

--Abraham's Bosom would have been a region in "Sheol" for those who are saved. ("Sheol" is Hebrew for Greek "Hades" which means "the unseen world")

--Lazarus would have been in the region for the saved while the rich man would have been in the region of the lost.

--Hosea 6:2 may be indicating that "on the third day" God would "raise us [*Old Testament saints*] up" out of Sheol and take them to heaven where they "[*would*] live in His sight."

--the unsaved remain in Sheol until the final judgement at the end of time. (Rev. 20:13)

--in Ephesians 4:8-10 the apostle Paul appears to make reference to Old Testament saints being led from Abraham's Bosom to heaven: "Therefore He says: **When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive** [*could mean He led those in Abraham's bosom to heaven*], And gave gifts to men [*after Jesus returned to heaven He gave gifts through the Holy Spirit on Pentecost*].'
9 Now this, 'He ascended' — what does it mean but that **He also first descended into the lower**

parts of the earth [could be Sheol, which includes Abraham's Bosom]? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things."

--1 Peter 3:18-20 is sometimes used as evidence that Christ went to Sheol while His body was dead: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 **by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison** [possibly means that He proclaimed His victory to the unsaved in Sheol while delivering the saved from Sheol to heaven] , 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah..."

--Psalm 16:9-10 (see following verse) also lends evidence to this line of reasoning... if "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol" pertains to Christ then it would seem logical that at one point His soul was in Sheol.

--Psalms 16:9-10: "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 **For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.**"

--the apostle Peter explains the prophetic meaning of Psalm 16:9-10 in his sermon on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:14-26 as he explains that the Holy Spirit was poured out from heaven on the day of Pentecost because Jesus had risen from the grave and ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven: "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy..."22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know — 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 **For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'** 29 "Men and brethren, **let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.**

[therefore this prophecy could not refer to David]

30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne

[hence the reason Christ is sometimes called "the Son of David"; for prophecies of Christ sitting on the throne of David see Jeremiah 23:5-6; Isaiah 16:5; Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 2:6-8; and for a New Testament explanation of the fulfillment refer to Luke 1:30-33],

31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

[quotes from Psalm 110:1]

'The LORD [God the Father] said to my Lord [God the Son], 'Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."