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# Messiah

# **In Both Testaments**

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*by* — Dr. Fred John Meldau (1899-1969)

To Him give all the prophets witness (Acts 10:43).

In the volume of the Book it is written of Me (Psalm 40:7; Hebrews 10:7).

(5) Messiah will be a "Priest upon His Throne."

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, "Behold the Man Whose name is the Branch ... He shall build the Temple of the Lord ... He shall be a **Priest upon His Throne**" (Zechariah 6:12-13).

In Psalm 110:4 Messiah is called "a Priest eonian after the order of Melchizedek." In Jeremiah 23:5 Messiah is called "the righteous Branch a King." In the history of Israel the chosen line of kings always came from the tribe of Judah (except among the Ten Tribes of Israel). Priests came from the tribe of Levi. Since Christ was from the Tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14) how could He also be a priest, since He could not come from two tribes (Judah and Levi)?

How was the puzzle solved? Christ is a King from the tribe of Judah; He will sit upon His throne on Earth at His second advent. Christ also is a Priest whose priesthood is patterned after the Aaronic priesthood in which the priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (and Christ offered Himself as the oncefor-all Sacrifice<sup>1</sup> for sin, Hebrews 9:26).

However, He was made a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:6; Psalms 110:4) who was both a king and a priest (Hebrews 7:1-2). This whole intriguing subject of Christ's priesthood is fully explained in Hebrews 7-9. So, the mystery is solved in Christ!

(6) Messiah, the Chosen Servant of the Lord, would be a Lovely Character most pleasing to God, His "Elect in whom His Soul delighted" (Isaiah 42:1), yet "despised and rejected of men" (Isaiah 53:1-3).

Isaiah 40:5 tells us that in Messiah, the Coming One, the "glory of the Lord" shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it. Then, in complete contrast, Messiah is spoken of as the One Who would be "despised and rejected of men" in Whom the nation will see "no beauty" that they should desire Him (Isaiah 53:1-3).

In the history of Jesus the paradox is explained. The Father said of Jesus, His Beloved One, "this is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased" (Mat-▶

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<sup>1. [</sup>Editor:] For more information on the Sacrifice of Christ, see:

The Sacrifice of Christ – Typified in the Law, A.P. Adams, <u>Bible Student's Notebook</u> #364;

 <sup>(</sup>Article): The Approach Present, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., <u>Bible</u> Student's Notebook #436;

 <sup>(</sup>Video): The Approach Present, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., <u>Stu-dyShelf Videos</u>.

thew 17:5). On the other hand, the people rejected Him; and no prophecies other than those that tell of His rejection ever received a sadder fulfillment. The tragedy of Messiah's rejection is told by Jesus Himself:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not (Matthew 23:37).

Those who "hated Him without a cause" were "more than the hairs of His head" (Psalm 69:4; John 15:25). The New Testament record tells us that,

He came unto His own and His own received *Him not* (John 1:11).

#### (7) "Thirty Pieces of Silver" – the Price of Christ or the Price of the Potter's Field?

And I said unto them, "If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear." So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, "Cast it unto the potter": a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord (Zechariah 11:12-13).

Strange words indeed that one would have difficulty in understanding or reconciling with any specific event in history, were it not for the fulfillment as given in the New Testament, where we read that Judas covenanted with the chief priests to betray Christ and deliver Him to them: "and they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:15). When the heinousness of his crime dawned on Judas,<sup>2</sup> he,

... brought the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders ... and he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple ... and went out and hanged himself ... And the chief priests took the silver pieces ... and they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field. ... Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was valued ... and gave them for the potter's field" (Matthew 27:3-10).

He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, the price of a dead slave (Exodus 21:32).

Here is the perfect example of "the certain degree of obscurity" in some prophecies that is "unveiled in the fulfillment."

No one can suppose that the perfect agreement of the Old Testament prediction with its New Testament fulfillment, centering about the exact amount of the sum of money (30 pieces of silver) could be accidental. Still less can it be conceived that the appropriation of the money to the pur-

- 2. [Editor:] For more information on Father's sovereignty in relation to Judas, see:
  - The Case of Judas, H.W. Martin, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #239</u>;
  - The God of Judas Iscariot, A.E. Knoch, Bible Student's Notebook
  - The Salvation of Judas: An Answer to Our Critics, A.E. Knoch, Bible Student's Notebook #394.



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## Is Hell Eternal?

or, Will God's Plan Fail?

*by* — Charles H. Pridgeon (1863-1932)

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chase of the Potter's field could have taken place without an overruling design.<sup>3</sup>

In the fulfillment, all obscurity is removed, and the perfect harmony of the fulfillment with the prophecy is seen.

It was so exactly fulfilled that everyone can see that the same God who spoke through the prophet had, by the secret operation of His omnipotent power, which extends even to the ungodly, so arranged matters that when Judas threw back their money and the chief priests purchased the potter's field, they (not only fulfilled prophecy, but) perpetuated the memorial of their sin against their Messiah, and called forth the vengeance of God against their nation.

(8) "Wounded" and "Pierced," yet "not a bone broken," is the amazing prophetic record of the Coming Messiah.

He was to be "wounded in the house of His friends" (Zechariah 13:6) with both "hands and feet pierced" (Psalm 22:16) – yet in some miraculous way not a bone of the suffering Messiah was to be broken. In the Psalms Jehovah said of Messiah, "He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken" (Psalm 34:20; cf. Exodus 12:46).

At the crucifixion, when the Jews feared that the three who were being crucified might linger on until death came too late to remove their bodies from the crosses before the Sabbath, they sought permission from Pilate that "their legs might be broken" – an act to hasten death, that they might be removed sooner from the crosses (John 19:31).

Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and the other which was crucified with Him; but when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already they brake not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: for these things were done, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "a bone of Him shall not be broken." And again another Scripture saith,

"They shall look on Him whom they pierced" (John 19:32-37).

Marvelous miracle of Divine Providence: they broke the legs of two of those who were crucified, but not of the third; for prophecy had said, "not a bone of Him shall be broken." They pierced His hands. His feet and His side, and each time the weapons went between the bones and did not break them.

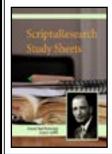
(9) Messiah Who was to be "cut off" (Daniel 9:26; Isaiah 53:8) and who "poured out His Soul unto death" (Isaiah 53:12), was also to be "exalted and extolled and be very High" (Isaiah 52:13); and God shall "prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His Hand" (Isaiah 53:10), and God "shall divide Him a portion with the great" (Isaiah 53:12).

So the glorious facts of Messiah's death and resurrection are prophetically stated in clear language when fulfilled but obscure until fulfilled, one of the most thrilling prophetic paradoxes in the whole realm of Scripture.

In the New Testament we read that Jesus,

... humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:8-11).

Man despised Him and set Him at naught (Isaiah 53:3); but in His time God will make Him "higher than the kings of the earth" (Psalm 89:27). Both ▶



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Book of Prophecy, pages 343-344.

Old Testament prophets and readers puzzled over this mystery (see I Peter 1:10-11), but all was made plain when Jesus the Christ in the New Testament died for our sins and was raised from the dead on the

### IV. Prophecies Concerning the Suf-FERINGS, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF MESSIAH

## An Examination of (1) Psalm 22; (2) Isaiah 53

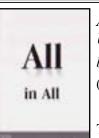
#### (1) Psalm 22

third day.

The miracle of Psalm 22 is this: Crucifixion was a Roman and a Grecian custom, unknown to the Jews until the days of their captivity (600 B.C.). The Jews executed their criminals by stoning. Yet, written one thousand years before the time of Christ by a man who had never seen or heard of such a method of execution as crucifixion, Psalm 22 gives a graphic portrayal of death by crucifixion!

The Messianic nature of this Psalm is almost universally admitted by devout students:

Psalm 22, one of David's Psalms, reveals someone - Messiah - dying an awful death, under very peculiar circumstances. The ancient document says, "The assembly of evil-doers have inclosed Me: They pierced My hands and My feet. I may tell all My



ALL in All: The Goal of the Universe

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) (#6269) 219 pages, Paperback

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man destiny. The author examines three major theories on this topic current among students of Scripture. The striking phrase "All in all," which pertains to the vivification of all mankind in I Corinthians 15:28 and relates to the reconciliation of the entire intelligent creation in Ephesians 1:23, is discussed at length. Two extensive appendices are included, exploring the usage of the terms "eon" and "eonian" in the Scriptures.

bones; they look and stare upon Me" (:16). Crucifixion in David's time was unknown among the Jews; yet the piercing of hands and feet together with the partial stripping – "telling all the bones" - obviously means crucifixion: the crucified are pierced only in their hands and feet, and stripped for exposure. Would a false messiah have chosen this passage for fulfillment? This old document (Psalm 22) holds the very crucifixion cry, for the Psalm opens with it – "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (:1). Not a jot or tittle of this Psalm has miscarried: exactly as in His birth and in His ministry, so also in His death - but more so – the ancient document is a photograph of the fact, fulfilled in flawless detail.4

The Forsaken One

Christ on the cross identified Himself with the One spoken of in this Psalm by quoting its first verse:

My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:46).

This Psalm has been called "The Psalm of Sobs."5

The Hebrew shows not one completed sentence in the opening verses, but a series of brief ejaculations, like the gasps of a dying man whose breath and strength are failing, and who can only utter a word or two at a time: "My God, My God, why forsaken Me – far from helping Me – words of My roaring" - presenting a picture overwhelmingly pathetic: the suffering Savior, gasping for life, unable to articulate one continuous sentence. ... The writer thus forecasts the mystery of the cross which remained unsolved for a thousand years. It was like a dark cavern at the time, but when the Gospel narrative portrays Jesus as the Crucified One, it is like putting a lighted torch in the cavern.6

Periods of Light and Darkness

In :2 one sees alternate periods of light and darkness:

D.M. Panton, Dawn Magazine.

Bishop Alexander, Witness of the Psalms to Christ.

A.T. Pierson, Living Oracles, page 107.

O my God, I cry in the daytime but Thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

In the New Testament account of the crucifixion of Christ, we read,

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour (Matthew 27:45).

Righteous - yet Seemingly Forsaken by God

In :3-5 we see a prophetic discussion of this strange anomaly: a Righteous One seemingly forsaken by God. Christ on the Cross was forsaken by man and seemingly by God as well.

They Mocked Him

In :6-8 we learn of those who reproached and mocked Him. They

... laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lips, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the Lord: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him (:7-8).

The New Testament tells us how the people ridiculed and derided Christ on the cross (see Matthew 27:39-44), using almost the identical words the prophet used:

Likewise also the chief priests mocking him said ... "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now" (Matthew 27:41, 43).

His Weakness, Thirst and Exposure to Public Scorn

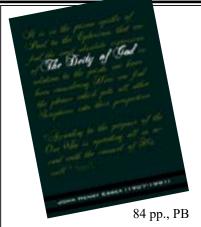
In the prophetic record, further startling details are given. The people

... gaped upon Me ... I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax: it is melted in the midst of My bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws; and thou hast brought Me into the dust of death (Psalm 22:13-15).

Messiah's exposure to public scorn – "they gaped upon Me" (:13) – was fulfilled in New Testament times, at the cross, when the people "sitting down ... watched Him" (Matthew 27:36). His extreme weakness, perspiration and thirst, under the pitiless beating of the oriental sun, are predicted:

I am poured out like water ... My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws (Psalm 22:14-15).

The forsaken Sufferer in the New Testament expressed in one simple statement His weakness and thirst:



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The Deity of God

*by* – John Henry Essex (1907-1991)

Nottingham, England

Creation cannot help itself that all of its achievements are futile because of the slavery of corruption, but we take immense comfort from the fact that, in spite of all of its present "groaning and travailing," it was subjected to vanity in expectation of the eventual realization of that glorious freedom which is now already being enjoyed by the children of God.

It is in the prison epistle of Paul to the Ephesians that we find the most absolute expression of the Deity of God in relation to the points we have been considering. Here we find the phrase which puts all other Scriptures into their perspective:

According to the purpose of the One Who is operating all in accord with the counsel of His will (1:11).

God is the captain of the ship of the universe; all of His creatures are its passengers. He is guiding the vessel across the ocean of time from the port that is called "All in God" to the haven that is termed "God in all."

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, "I thirst" (John 19:28).

A Broken Heart

One weeps in heart, thinking of Messiah's horrible sufferings: such as the agony from dislocated bones, caused by the weight of the body suspended by the nails in the hands and feet: "all my bones are out of joint" (Psalm 22:14). Add to that the mental and spiritual torture so great it literally broke His heart:

My heart is melted in the midst of my bowels

At last, His sufferings were ended by death:

Thou hast brought me into the dust of death (:16).

There is evidence from the New Testament record that Christ died with a broken heart. When the Roman soldier "pierced His side" (John 19:34) "forthwith came there out blood and water," indicating that the heart had been ruptured (before it was pierced by the Roman spear), probably from the great emotional strain that Christ had experienced. The lymphatic fluid apparently had separated from the red blood, producing "blood and water." The word "lymph" comes from the Latin lympha, meaning water (see also I John 5:6).

The Parting of His Garments

They part My garments among them, and cast

lots upon My vesture (Psalm 22:18).

For exquisite detail, dramatically fulfilled, this is a gem of prophecy. The divinely inspired prophet, looking down through ten centuries of time, sees and records an incident connected with the crucifixion that seems so trivial and unimportant one wonders why it is referred to at all – unless to let us know that Omniscience wrote the prophecy and Omnipotence<sup>7</sup> fulfilled it.

In the New Testament account of the crucifixion of Christ - when they "pierced His bands and His feet" that additional, "unimportant" detail about the disposition of Messiah's garments is mentioned. Roman soldiers, ignorant of both God and prophecy, and knowing nothing of the sacred import of what they were doing, fulfilled to the letter that age-old prediction!

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the Scripture might be fulfilled which saith, "They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots" (John 19:23-24).

So an obscure prophecy, hidden in the Old Testament for a thousand years, springs forth as a witness,

(see MESSIAH, page 5944)

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- 1. [Editor:] For more information about financial fellowship, see:
  - Fellowship in the Gospel, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., <u>Bible Student's Notebook #240</u>;
  - Depositing Wealth in the Divine Treasury, A.E. Knoch, <u>Bible Student's Notebook</u> #240.

most for the money expended. ...

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I want to give a humble and heartfelt "Thank You!" for all of you who do just that – "receive and support His despised truth," thus making the work that we do here possible. We know that you are Father's active channel, providing "seed for the sower."

Now may He Who is supplying seed to the sower, and bread for food, be furnishing and multiplying your seed and be making the product of your righteousness grow, being enriched in everything, for all the generosity, which is producing through us thanksgiving to God (II Corinthians 9:10-11, Concordant).

By God's continued grace, you and I will remain faithful stewards of His resources. As you continue to provide the seed, we will continue to sow it for Him.

His sower,

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#### The Resurrection<sup>8</sup> of Messiah

This Messiah, so cruelly put to death, will be "helped" (Psalm 22:19), "delivered" (:20), "saved from the lion's

- **8.** [Editor:] For more information on Resurrection, see:
  - The Synonymous Words for "Raise," "Resurrection," etc., E.W.
     Bullinger, Appendixes to the Companion Bible #178 (see order form, under Bullinger);
  - A Refreshing Study on the Resurrection, E.W. Bullinger, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #220</u>;
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  - Divine Lockup (Part 4: Corruption), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. <u>Bible Student's Notebook #614</u>; or book edition (see order form, under Pilkington).

mouth" (:21). His prayer will be "answered" (:21, "Thou hast answered Me," RV).

The end of the section is :21, and :22 begins a new section. Messiah now gloriously delivered, resurrected, says,

I will declare Thy name unto My brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee (:22).

The New Testament of course bears abundant evidence that though Christ died, yet God raised Him from the dead on the third day.

Ye have taken [Christ], and by wicked hands have crucified and slain [Him]: Whom **God** hath raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it (Acts 2:23-24).

(to be continued)

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