

MESSIANIC PROPHECY INTRODUCTION

Why Study This?

- Necessary for Jewish Evangelism (cf. Acts 17:1-4)
- Profitable for Evangelism/Apologetics (Dead Sea Scrolls- Isaiah 53; Psalm 22:16)
- Increases our Faith by: a) Showing Bible is true through prophecy; b) Learning to trust the Word as a foundation as opposed to our experience (Luke 24:25-46)
- Reveals the nature of prophecy as being literal in its fulfillment; helpful for understanding prophecy of Jesus' second coming
- Jesus chided the Pharisees for not recognizing messianic prophecy (Matthew 16:1-3)

The Gospel and Messianic Prophecy

- Gospel of the Kingdom Offered (Matthew 4:23; 9:35)
- Gospel of the Kingdom Rejected (Matthew 12:22-45)
- Gospel of the Kingdom Modified (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; Mark 9:31-34; 20:19)
- Gospel of the Kingdom Expounded (1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

The Example of Jesus in the Gospels

- PRE Resurrection- Luke 9:12 (conversation about Elijah); 37-46 (foretelling of death; concealment)
- Luke 18:31 (everything that is written...)
- Matthew 26:24, 31; 54 (it is written...Judas, strike shepherd & flock scattered; 12 Legions)
- POST Resurrection- Luke 24:25-46

The Example of the Disciples in book of Acts

- Acts 8:26-39 (Isaiah 53:7-8)
- Acts 10:43 (to Him all the prophets witness... remission of sins)
- Acts 17:1-4 (Paul's custom...from the Scriptures... died... rose again)
- Acts 18:27-28 (Apollos proved from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah)
- Acts 28:23 (Paul explaining concerning Jesus... from the Law and Prophets)

Four Types of Messianic Prophecy

- 1st Coming Only (i.e. Isaiah 53) prophecies of a Suffering Servant
- 2nd Coming Only (i.e. Isaiah 9:7; 63:1-6) prophecies of a Conquering King
- 1st and 2nd Comings together without hint of time separation (i.e. Isaiah 61:1-2)
- Entire Redemptive Career (i.e. Psalm 110)

Gospel Presentation Underscoring Messianic Prophecy

- Sinful (Psalm 14:1-3; Isaiah 53:6; 1Kings 8:46; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10-18; 23)
- Separated (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23)
- Substitute (Isaiah 53:4-12; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18)
- Salvation (Psalm 2:12; Isaiah 49:6; John 5:24; 3:16)

Much appreciation to *Messianic Christology* by Arnold Fruchtenbaum.