

PART ONE - GOD'S PROPHETIC WORD

INTRODUCTION:

- A. ALL THE OLD TESTAMENT IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST.
- B. THE THRUST OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES (**Acts 3:11-26; 26:6-7, 22-23**).

I. THE PROPER IDEA OF PROPHECY SERVES AS EVIDENCE THAT OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

- A. THE NATURE OF PROPHECY DOES NOT ALLOW FOR POSTPONEMENT OF FULFILLMENT. BY NATURE IT MUST HAVE AN UNCHANGEABLE FULFILLMENT (**Isa. 41:26; 44:28, 24-26; Deut. 18:20-22**). PREMILLENIAL THOUGHT USUALLY INVOLVES SOME SORT OF POSTPONEMENT.
- B. PROPHECY IS FROM GOD.
- C. PROPHECY IS MIRACULOUS.
- D. PROPHECY IS PREPARATORY (**Acts 3:24**). IT HAS A THREE FOLD PURPOSE:
 - 1. To prepare for Jesus coming (**Acts 26:22-23; Rom 15:4**).
 - 2. To prepare for spiritual teachings of Jesus (**1 Pet. 1:9-12; Luke 17:20-21**).
 - 3. To bear witness to the truths of Christianity (**John 5:37-39, 45-47**).
 - a. The New Testament explains the Old Testament. The Jews believed the prophets, they just didn't understand them.
 - b. The prophecy meant what inspiration intended, not what we want it to mean or what the Jews insisted it meant. It was a message from God, a conveyance of His thought.

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION PROVES THAT OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED.

- A. THE APOSTLES ARE THE ONLY INFALLIBLE, INSPIRED INTERPRETERS OF PROPHECY.
- B. THE TRUE INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPHECIES (**1 Cor. 2:7-13**).
 - 1. The New Testament is a revelation of Old Testament mysteries.
 - 2. When a New Testament writer says "this is that," THIS IS THAT!
 - 3. The Jews rejected Christ's idea of kingdom because they refused to see Christ's unfolding of prophecies and the apostle's application. Millennialists are in the same boat.
- C. THE TRUE SPHERE OF PROPHECIES (**Heb. 1:1-2**).
 - 1. Last days are not the end of time (**2 Tim 3:1-5**). No reference to the end of time (**Matt. 24:36**). Men were already doing what Paul spoke of. Miracles of the last days were performed in Peter's day (**Acts 2:16-17**).
 - 2. God speaks NOW through his Son. Not the prophets.
- D. THE TRUE HOPE OF PROPHECY (**Acts 26:22-23**). THE HOPE OF ISRAEL WAS NOT WHAT ISRAEL HOPED FOR.
- E. THE TRUE PREACHING OF THE PROPHETS. NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION AND USE WAS TO TEACH OF JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS, NOT TO FUTURE EVENTS (**Acts 17:2-3**)

III. THE CLASSIFICATION OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES FURNISHES EVIDENCE OF FULFILLMENT.

- A. MOSES PROPHECIES RESTORATION. 1400 B.C. - 900 YEARS BEFORE BABYLON.
 - 1. **Deut. 4:27**. Fulfilled in the last captivity.
 - 2. **Deut. 29-30**. Fulfilled in the return (**Lev.26:40-45; Jer.29:10-12; Neh.1:8-10**).
- B. MOSES AND JOSHUA. 1500 B.C. THE LAND.
 - 1. Land promised (**Gen. 15:18; Josh. 1:1-6**).
 - 2. Nothing failed (**Josh. 21:43-45; 23:14-16**).
 - 3. Further evidence (**2 Sam 8:2; 1 Kings 4:21; Neh. 9:7-8**).
 - 4. Keeping the land was conditional (**Josh. 23:15-16**).
- C. SAMUEL AND DAVID'S THRONE. 1000 B.C.
 - 1. Son on the throne while David slept (**2 Sam 7:12-16**).
 - 2. Fulfilled in Jesus (**Heb. 1:5; Acts 2:29-31**).
- D. DAVID'S PROPHECIES.
 - 1. **Psa. 2 - Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5, 5:5; Acts 4:25-28**.
 - 2. **Psa. 89:3-4, 27** refers to **2 Sam 7** and **Acts 2**.
 - 3. **Psalm 110**. "In the day of his power."
- E. ISAIAH. 700 B.C., ABOUT THE TIME OF ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION, 100 YEARS BEFORE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY.
 - 1. **Isaiah 2:2-5**. The mountain of Jehovah's house and the use of figures of speech (**Ezekial 34:20-26**).
 - 2. **Isaiah 11:1-10**. The Lion and the Lamb. The Peaceable Kingdom.
 - 3. **Isaiah 55:3**. The sure mercies of David (**Acts 13:34**).
 - 4. **Isaiah 64:4 - 65:17-25**. Applied by Paul to the revealing of the "mystery"

(**1 Cor. 2:6-13** parallels **Eph. 3:1-6**).

F. JEREMIAH. 620 B.C., DURING THE SEIGE OF JERUSALEM.

1. Restoration prophecies(**Jer. 25:11-13; 18:7-8; 42:10**).
2. Fulfilled in Cyrus, emporer of the Medes and Persians(**2 Chron. 36:20-23; Ezra 1:1-4**).

G. EZEKIAL. 600 B.C.(**Ez 37**).

1. The dry bones(**vs. 1-14**). Restoration(**Ezra 1:1-4**).
2. The two sticks(**vs. 15-20**). Their meaning(**vs. 21-23**).
 - a. But who shall be their king?(**Hos. 13:9-11 KJV**).
 - b. God will be their king.
 - c. No physical king. The physical king born of rebellion.
3. David the loving shepherd(**vs. 24-28**).
 - a. Shepherd(**Ez 34:23-24; John 10**).
 - b. Covenant of Peace(**vs. 26; Heb. 13:20; Eph. 2:17-18; 2 Cor. 5:17 - 6:2**).
 - c. Everlasting covenant(**Heb. 13:20; Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:6-13; Isa. 55:3**).
 - d. Tabernacle & Sanctuary(**vs. 27-28; Hosea 1 & 2; 1 Pet. 2:10; Heb. 8:10; 2 Cor. 6:16-18**).

H. DANIEL, THROUGHTOUT BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY.

1. **Daniel 2:31-45**. A kingdom which cannot be shaken(**Heb. 12:28; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1**)(**Acts 1:6-8; Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9**).
2. **Daniel 7** compared to **Revelation 13**. **Verses 13-14** are the key.
 - a. **vs. 13**. The ascension. Where does he come on the clouds(**Acts 1:9-11**).
 - b. Receives dominion, glory, kingdom - When?
 - i. Dominion(**Acts 2:36; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23**).
 - ii. Glory(**John 17:5; Acts 2:33-36; Phil. 2:9-11**).
 - iii. Kingdom(**Dan. 2:45; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9**).
 - c. All peoples(**Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 10:34-35; Col. 2:14-16; Luke 24:47**). (**Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:6-8, 15-16, 23-29**).
 - d. Indestructable Kingdom(**Heb. 12:28**).