



CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

“And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip . . . saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.” John 12: 20, 21



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16

§ - Related Bible Passages:

- Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*
- Micah 5:2 *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”*
- Matthew 2:5, 6 . . . *for thus it is written by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”*
- Isaiah 7:14 . . . *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

Today’s Conversation: - Pastor D. Robert Kennedy

§ - What Scriptural evidence confirm Jesus as the Messiah?

The Hebrew word “Messiah” and the Greek word “Christos”, mean “the Anointed One”, the “Redeemer”, the “Savior”. The Old Testament (OT) foretells the coming of the Messiah and gives the description and role of this Person. The New Testament (NT) records Jesus Christ’s fulfillment of these OT prophetic descriptions and roles so confirming Him as the promised Messiah.

§ The confirming NT Messianic names from the OT:

- *The Seed:* Genesis 3:15; Psalm 89:3 -This “Seed” was the promised Savior of the world who would defeat evil and restore harmony. Every mother in Israel prayed that their first born son would be that promised Messiah. This Seed was confirmed as Christ in the NT— Luke 1:55; Galatians 3:16.
- *Ruler:* Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2– He would come through the lineage of the “tribe of Judah” and King David. His reign would be everlasting. This ruler is revealed in Matthew 1 and 2: 5, 6.
- *Chosen Son:* Psalm 2: 7-9; Psalm 89: 26, 27– confirmed in Matthew 2: 14, 15; Matthew 3:17; Hebrew 1: 5, 6.
- *Emmanuel:* Isaiah 7:14– “God with us” is paralleled in NT Luke 1: 30-35; John 1: 45; Revelation 12:5.
- *The Stone:* The Messiah is described as a stone— Genesis 49: 24; Daniel 2:34; Isaiah 8: 14. This parallel can be seen in Matthew 21: 42, 43; 1 Peter 2: 6-8.

§ - In Conclusion:

In times of crisis, people look for and create their own Messiah.

Are we expecting a Messiah? Who are we looking for? Will the Messiah be a religious, political, or a secular figure? Jesus told us in the New Testament, that others will come in His name with deceptions so spectacular that if it were possible the “very elect” would be deceived.

The book of Matthew and Daniel 7 tell us how to guard against these deceptions.



§ - Next Week's Conversation Question:

- What is an effective approach to Bible study?

- Guest Presenter: Chaplain Elizabeth Castle



Scriptural Evidence (continued)

- *The Rock*: Exodus 17: 6; Numbers 20: 10, 11– revealed as Christ in the NT : 1 Corinthians 10: 4.

- *The Star*: Numbers 24: 17 confirmed in NT 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22: 16.

- *The Sun*: Malachi 4: 2 Fulfilled in 2 Corinthians 4: 6; Ephesians 5:14.

§ The confirming NT Messianic roles from the OT:

- *Humble King*: Zachariah 9: 9 fulfilled in the NT Matthew 21:4, 5, 8, 9; Mark 11: 7 -10.

- *Servant*: Isaiah 42: 1, 4; Isaiah 43: 10– is fulfilled in the NT Matthew 12: 17-21; Philippians 2: 7.

- *Suffering Servant*: Isaiah 53– Jesus identifies Himself as the Anointed One– Matthew 8: 17; Luke 4:1; John 19: 10, 11; 1 Peter 2: 24.

- *Redeemer*: Psalm 40: 6-8 confirmed in Hebrews 10: 5-10

§ The Foretold Distortions of the Messianic Character:

The messianic image described in the OT became politicized and secularized in the NT. It is here that we see the distortion of images, and this resulted in Christ, the Messiah, being missed as people anticipated a political, and secular figure rather than the promised OT Messiah.

- Hosea 11; Jeremiah 8: 5 identified with Matthew 2: 14, 15; Matthew 23; Mark 13: 12, 13; Luke 11: 52; 2 Peter 2:1– describe the distortion of the image of the Messiah.

- Daniel 7: 25; Revelation 17: 6– Religio-political figure who would persecute believers in Christ and would “change times, and law”. Spoken of in the NT as the “antichrist” who will come and deny Jesus as the son of God: 1 John 4: 3; 1 John: 2: 18; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12; 2 John 1: 7.

§ - Revelation 13– before Christ comes there will be spectacular “last day” false messianic displays proclaiming the arrival of the Messiah, the Chosen One. Be aware!

§ - Malachi 4: 5, 6– Before Christ comes God will send the spirit of Elijah to rekindle religious fervor. Present Jews do not believe Jesus is the Messiah, so they continue to look for Elijah. At religious gatherings and ceremonies they leave a vacant chair symbolic of this anticipated Elijah.

