

A Study of The Epistle of 1st Peter

Theme: “A LIVING HOPE!”

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Chapter 1:8-12

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1 Peter 1:8-9 ESV

BIBLE TEXT:

*(6) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, (7) so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at **the revelation of Jesus Christ.***

(8) Though you have not seen **him**, you love **him**. Though you do not now see **him**, you believe in **him** and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(10) Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, (11) inquiring what person or time **the Spirit of Christ** in them was indicating when he predicted **the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

(12) It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by **the Holy Spirit** sent from **heaven**, things into which angels long to look.

STUDY NOTES:

A. (8) Though you have not seen **him**, you love **him**. Though you do not now see **him**, you believe in **him** and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(John 20:29; Rom 6:22; 2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:27; 1 Jn 4:20)

B. (10) Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, (11) inquiring what person or time **the Spirit of Christ** in them was indicating when he predicted **the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

(Ps 22; Is 52:13-53:12; Zech 9:9-10; 13:7; Dan 8:5; 9:23-26;

Mt 13:17; 16:21-23; 17:22; 20:19; 26:24;

Lk 4:14-18; 10:24; 24:26,46; Jn 2:19; 16:7; Ac 3:17-21; 16:7; Rom 8:9; 2 Pet 1:19-21)

C. (12) It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by **the Holy Spirit** sent from **heaven**, things into which angels long to look.

(Dan 8:13; 12:4-13; Mt 13:17; Lk 24:49; Jn 14:16-26; 20:5-11; Ac 2:2-4,33;

Rom 4:24; Eph 3:10; Heb 11:39,40)

Prophecies about the Coming Messiah

The Old Testament repeatedly prophesies the coming of a deliverer who would save and redeem God's people. Ps 2:2 and Dn 9:25-26 refer to Him as the Anointed One, or Messiah, which was translated "Christ" in the LXX and the New Testament (cf Ac 4:25-26; see p 2098). Jesus described Himself as fulfilling such prophecies, and His disciples took special note of numerous fulfillments in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The charts here present examples of messianic prophecies and the fulfillments in Jesus' life. (These charts were adapted from *The Books of the Old Testament* [St. Louis: Concordia, 1977], 128-29.)

OT Reference	The Messiah's Heritage	NT Fulfillment
Gn 3:15	Would be the "Seed" of a woman	Gal 4:4
Gn 18:18	Promised Seed of Abraham	Ac 3:25
Gn 17:19	Promised Seed of Isaac	Mt 1:2
Nu 24:17	Promised Seed of Jacob	Lk 3:34
Gn 49:10	Would descend from the tribe of Judah	Lk 3:33
Is 9:7	Heir to the throne of David	Mt 1:1

OT Reference	The Messiah's Birth and Infancy	NT Fulfillment
Mi 5:2	Place of birth	Mt 2:1, 5-6
Dn 9:25	Time of birth	Lk 2:1-2
Is 7:14	Born of a virgin	Mt 1:18, 23
Jer 31:15	Massacre of infants	Mt 2:16
Hos 11:1	Flight into Egypt	Mt 2:14-15

OT Reference	The Messiah's Life and Ministry	NT Fulfillment
Is 9:1-2	Ministry in Galilee	Mt 4:12-16
Dt 18:15	As a Prophet	Jn 6:14
Ps 110:4	As a Priest, like Melchizedek	Heb 6:20
Is 53:3	His rejection by the people	Jn 1:11
Is 11:2	Some of His characteristics	Lk 2:52

OT Reference	The Messiah's Suffering and Death	NT Fulfillment
Zec 9:9	His triumphal entry	Jn 12:13-15
Ps 41:9	Betrayed by a friend	Jn 13:18
Zec 11:12	Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Mt 26:15
Zec 11:13	Money returned for a potter's field	Mt 27:6-7
Ps 109:7-8	Judas's office taken by another	Ac 1:18-20
Ps 27:12	False witnesses accuse Him	Mt 26:60-61
Is 53:7	Silent when accused	Mt 26:62-63
Is 50:6	Smitten and spat upon	Mk 14:65
Ps 69:4	Hated without cause	Jn 15:23-25
Is 53:4-5	Suffered as a sacrifice	Mt 8:16-17
Is 53:12	Crucified with sinners	Mt 27:38
Ps 22:16	Hands and feet pierced	Jn 20:27
Ps 22:6-8	Mocked and insulted	Mt 27:39-40
Ps 69:21	Given gall and vinegar	Mt 27:34
Ps 22:8	Hears prophetic words repeated in mockery	Mt 27:43
Ps 109:4	Prays for His enemies	Lk 23:34
Zec 12:10	His side to be pierced	Jn 19:34, 37
Ps 22:18	Soldiers cast lots for His coat	Mk 15:24
Ps 34:20	Not a bone to be broken	Jn 19:33
Is 53:9	To be buried with the rich	Mt 27:57-60

OT Reference	The Messiah's Triumph	NT Fulfillment
Ps 16:10	His resurrection	Mt 28:9
Ps 68:18	His ascension	Lk 24:50-51
Ps 110:1	His exaltation to God's right hand	Ac 2:34

Further prophecies of a kingly Messiah: Ps 2:6-8; 118:22; Is 9:6; 32:1-3; 42:1-4; Jer 23:5; Dn 2:44; 7:13-14; Zec 6:12-13; 9:10; Mal 3:1.

Further prophecies of a suffering Messiah: Is 52:14; 53:1-10; Dn 9:26; Zec 13:7.

The Importance of Prophecies

Early Christian writers devoted special attention to prophecies about the Messiah. For example, Justin recounted many of these passages as he shared the Gospel with Trypho, a Jew (*ANF* 1:194-270). Early Church historian Eusebius of Caesarea devoted even greater attention to these prophecies in two important works: *Preparation for the Gospel* and *Demonstration of the Gospel*.

For a more complete list and survey of such messianic prophecies, see the monumental classic *Christology of the Old Testament* by E. W. Hengstenberg (1802-69). Hengstenberg, a professor of theology in Berlin and a devoted Lutheran interpreter of the Bible, wrote over a thousand pages of commentary on the messianic prophecies. See pp xlv-xlvii.

Focus on Christ, Our Deliverer

Some modern theologians questioned whether the messianic prophecies were truly central to the faith taught in the Old Testament or even to Christianity. They preferred to emphasize ethics or national interests as keys to understanding Old Testament Scripture. Hengstenberg replied:

When we observe that the Messianic announcements, [1] which are peculiar to Israel alone, [2] have their origin in the primeval age, [3] that for many successive centuries they continue to reappear again and again, [4] that they do not occur merely incidentally and in an isolated form, in the midst of other prophecies, but constitute the very centre and soul of all prophecy, [5] that they stand out in great prominence even in the Psalms, in which utterance is given to the living faith of the people of God, under the quickening influence of the law and the prophets, we cannot for a moment doubt, that to the people of the ancient covenant the anticipation of a Messiah must have been one of all-absorbing importance. (*Christology of the Old Testament and a Commentary on the Messianic Predictions*, vol. 4 [Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1856-58], 259)

Indeed, when Jesus taught His disciples about daily prayer, He made "deliver us from evil" the capstone of daily devotion (Mt 6:13). Jesus summarized His mission by declaring that He "came . . . to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45). Hengstenberg noted that even this truth was anticipated and held by the rabbis, as their writings show. He wrote:

The doctrine of a suffering and atoning Messiah existed among the Jews from the very earliest times. . . . After the destruction of the temple had deprived the Jews of their apparent sufficiency, their attention was more closely directed to the Messiah. . . . The sacrificial worship, even while it lasted, could never satisfy the longings for redemption, which were felt by the more earnest minds; and we have already seen, that they were looking with eagerness for the higher satisfaction, which the Old Testament promises set before them. (1337)

LIFE APPLICATION

Though you do not now see **him**, you believe in **him** and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

How can this be, since none of us have yet seen Jesus with our eyes?