

Christ In The Old Testament
“Every Step!”
Prophecies In Matthew

Introduction:

1. In 1 Corinthian 15:
 - The Apostle Paul Tells Us That:
 - The Entire Gospel:
 - The Good News Of Jesus Christ:
 - Is “According To The Scriptures!”
 - Which Means That:
 - Every Element Of The Gospel:
 - Can Be Found In:
 - The Old Testament!
2. Last Week:
 - We Looked At How:
 - Specific Prophecies:
 - Gave Detailed Predictions:
 - About The Coming Of Christ!
 - Tonight:
 - We Are Going To See How:
 - Specific Prophecies:
 - Give Even More Detail:
 - About The Life & Death Of Christ As Well!
3. And To Do This:
 - We Are Going To Turn To:
 - The Gospel Of Matthew:
 - As Our Guide!
 - Because - In Matthew:
 - We Find A Significant Phrase Used:
 - Some 14 Times!
 - “That It Might Be Fulfilled!”
 - And - The First Time We Find This Phrase:
 - Is In Matthew 1:22!
 - So - Please Turn There With Me In Your Bibles!
 - Matthew 1:22:
 - Where We Are Reminded:
 - Of The Specific Prophecy:
 - About The Coming Of Christ:
 - Found In Isaiah 7:14 - About The Virgin Birth Of Christ!
 - 1:22-23 - “Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, / Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us!”
 - And So - Matthew Begins!
 - The Hope, The Holiness, And The Humility Of Christ:
 - Was All Predicted Through Specific Prophecies Like This:
 - About The Coming & Birth Of Jesus Christ!
 - 4. But - What About His Life & His Death?
 - As We Go Through The Rest Of:
 - Matthew’s References To The Old Testament:
 - We Will See That:
 - Every Step Jesus Took:
 - In His Life - Was:
 - A Closer Step:
 - To His Death On The Cross!
 - All - So That He Might:
 - Fulfill His Mission!

* And That Is Why - The First Thing We See About Jesus' Life Is:

1. *The Pilgrimage Of Christ!*

- How True It Was:

- When Jesus Said - In 8:20 - "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head!"

- And - This Kind Of Pilgrimage:

- In His Life - All Started:

- At His Birth!

- Not Long After Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem:

- His Coming Would Be Clouded:

- By Great Despair!

- Which Matthew Records:

- In 2:16-18 - Because - After Jesus' Birth - We Are Told - "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. / Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, / In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not!"

- This Is A Prophecy Found In:

- Jeremiah 31:15 - That Describes What Will Happen In Order For God's People:

- To Be "Satisfied With His Goodness!"

- Before Joy, There Will Be Sorrow!

- But - In Christ - Even This Sorrow:

- Will Be Turned Into Joy!

- But - This Is How Jesus' Pilgrimage In This World Began!

- But - When Jesus Was Then Exiled In Egypt:

- For A Time - Because Of King Herod:

- His Exile Was To A Place:

- Of Great Darkness!

- And Matthew Records This:

- In 2:13-15 - "And when they (The Wise Men) were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. / When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: / And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son!"

- This Prophecy Is Found In:

- Hosea 11:1 - And Shows How:

- The People Of Israel Is A Type / Picture:

- Of Jesus Christ - As The True Israel Of God!

- Their Pilgrimage:

- Was A Type Of:

- His Pilgrimage!

- But - Jesus Pilgrimage Continues:

- As He Is Next Seen & Raised In Nazareth!

- Which - To Many - Was A Place:

- Of Great Derision!

- "Can There Any Good Thing Come Out Of Nazareth?" - Nathanael Asked! (John 1:46)

- "Out Of Galilee Ariseth No Prophet!" - The People Said! (John 7:52)

- And - Matthew Records This Too For Us:

- In 2:21-23 - "And he (Joseph) arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. / But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: / And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene!"

- This Prophecy Is Most Likely Found In:

- Isaiah 11:1 - That We Looked At Last Week:

- Which Tells Us - “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots!”
 - The Hebrew Word For “Branch” Is “Netzer” - Which Can Also Be Translated - “Twig!”
 - And Refers To The Humble Circumstances Of Christ’s Life!
- Jesus Came As A Humble “Twig” Out Of A Dying “Root!” - Who Would Become:
 - A Tree Of Life:
 - For All Who Believe In Him!
- But - Then - Even When Jesus Lived In Galilee:
 - Moving From Town To Town:
 - There Was Still Great Difficulty:
 - In His Pilgrimage!
 - And Matthew Records This For Us Next:
 - In 4:12-16 - “Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; / And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: / That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, / The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; / The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up!”
 - This Prophecy Is Found In:
 - Isaiah 9:1-3 - That Offered Hope:
 - To Those Who Themselves Were Living In Despair & Darkness & Derision & Difficulty!
 - Because - Wherever Jesus Went:
 - He Shined His Light!
- And So - Every Step Taken:
 - For Jesus & By Jesus:
 - Was A Further Step:
 - On A Pilgrimage:
 - To The Place Of His:
 - Great Death!
 - A Death - That Would Then:
 - Take Him Home To Glory!
 - So That - He Might Help Us:
 - On Our Own Pilgrimage In This World!
 - And - Because - Every Step Jesus Took:
 - Was For You - What About:
 - Your Steps?
 - Even As “Strangers & Pilgrims On The Earth!”
 - 1 Peter 2:11 - “Abstain From Fleshly Lusters, Which War Against The Soul!”
 - Take Every Step For Him!
 - Then - After Looking At:
 - Prophecies About The Pilgrimage Of Christ:
 - Matthew Turns To Even More:
 - Prophecies About:

2. ***The Purpose Of Christ!***

- The Purpose Of His Life - Which Would Eventually:
 - Lead To His Death!
 - But - Even Knowing This:
 - Jesus Took Every Step:
 - Intentionally - To Fulfill:
 - His Purpose!
- The Purpose Of Christ’s Tranquility:
 - Is Found Back In 3:1-3:
 - “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, / And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. / For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his

- paths straight!”
- This Prophecy Is Found In Isaiah 40:1-5!
 - And - Though Here - Matthew Refers To:
 - John The Baptist - At The Same Time:
 - It Is A Prophecy About Christ!
 - Because - John Was:
 - The Forerunner Of Jesus!
 - Who Would Ultimately Provide The “Comfort” That John Was To Proclaim!
 - Isaiah’s Prophecy Begins:
 - 40:1-2 - “Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. / Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins!”
- And When John Came On The Scene:
 - It Meant That The Messiah:
 - Was On His Way! No Greater Comfort!
- The Purpose Of Christ’s Touching:
 - Is Then Found In 8:16-17:
 - When Matthew Describes Jesus’ Healing Ministry:
 - “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: / That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses!”
 - This Prophecy Is Found In Isaiah 53:4!
 - And Shows How - When Christ Would Come:
 - He Would Touch & Take Care Of:
 - Diseases - Both Of:
 - Body & Mind!
 - And - Since He Could Heal
 - Our Physical Problems - Then:
 - He Would Be More Than Capable To Heal:
 - Our Spiritual Problems!
 - But - What Would Make Jesus:
 - Even Want To Touch:
 - Sick & Sinful People Like Us?
 - It Was All Because Of:
 - The Purpose Of Christ’s Tenderness!
 - Which We Find Next In 12:14-21:
 - When - After Jesus Healed Another Man - With A Withered Hand - We Are Told - “Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. / But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; / And charged them that they should not make him known: / That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, / Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. / He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. / A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. / And in his name shall the Gentiles trust!”
 - This Is A Prophecy That We Find In Isaiah 42:1-4:
 - That Gives Us The Very Definition:
 - Of Meekness!
 - And - This Special Servant Of God:
 - Would One Day Come To Fulfill His Purpose:
 - Without Contention!
 - Without Complaint!
 - And - Without Conceit!
 - But - Instead - He Would Come:
 - With Great Compassion!
 - With Great Comfort!
 - And - With Great Constancy & Faithfulness!

- In Marks Gospel - We Are Told That:
 - On This Occasion - Some Of Those Who Followed Him Were Even From:
 - Gentile Countries! (Mark 3:7-12)
 - And So - Even Then - "Hin His Name" - Did - "The Gentiles Trust!"
- With Every Step Jesus Took - And:
 - With Every Thing Jesus Did:
 - He Fulfilled His Purpose:
 - To Bring His Tranquility & Touch & Tenderness:
 - To People Like Us!
 - So Then - Why Would They / Why Did They:
 - Seek To Kill Him?
 - It Was All Because Of:
- The Purpose Of Christ's Teaching!
 - Which Matthew Tells Us About Next In 13:34-35:
 - When - After Jesus Taught About The Kingdom Of Heaven - Using Parables - We Are Told - "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: / That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world!"
 - In Matthew 13 Alone - The Word "Parable" Is Found 11 Times! (With A Total Of 16 Times In All Of Matthew!)
 - And - A Parable Is What Jesus Often Used To Teach:
 - "Heavenly Truth In Human Language!"
 - And - This Kind Of Teaching Was Also Prophesied:
 - In Psalm 78 - Which Is A Psalm:
 - That Describes So Much Of:
 - The History Of The People Of Israel!
 - And So - The Psalm Begins:
 - In 78:1-2 - "Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. / I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old!"
 - This Means That:
 - There Was - "Underneath The History, Truths For All Time, Not Fully Brought To Light Till The Gospel Day!"
 - But - These Parables Were Not Only Meant:
 - To Bring Light - For Those:
 - Who Believed In Jesus! But:
 - They Were Also Meant:
 - To Bring Clouds & Darkness:
 - To The Mind Of Those Who Did Not Believe!
 - In 13:13-16 - Jesus Himself Told His Disciples:
 - "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. / And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: / For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. / But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear!"
 - So - Jesus Taught In Parables:
 - To Help Those Who Believe - And:
 - To Hinder Those Who:
 - Would Not!
 - All - To Fulfill His Purpose:
 - As It Was Prophesied:
 - In The Scriptures!
 - And - Those Who Did Not Believe:
 - Were Clearly Offended At Jesus Teaching!
 - In Spite Of All The Tranquility & Touching & Tenderness:
 - That He Offered Them:

- Throughout His Life!
- And So - Every Step:
 - Jesus Took In His Life & Ministry:
 - Led Him To Fulfill:
 - His Ultimate Purpose!

3. *The Passion Of Christ!*

- And - Matthew Describes How So Much Of:
 - The “Passion Week” Of Jesus:
 - Was In Direct Fulfilment Of Scripture! Even That:
- Jesus Was Royal:
 - In Nature - As Found In:
 - 21:1-9 - Which Records The Triumphal Entry Of Jesus Into Jerusalem!
 - And - Specifically - 21:1-5 - “And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, / Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. / And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. / All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, / Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass!”
 - This Prophecy Is Found In Zechariah 9:9!
 - Which Describes Christ Even More!
 - “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass!”
 - In This Prophecy We Find:
 - The True Goodness Of Christ!
 - As Just!
 - The True Grace Of Christ!
 - Having Salvation!
 - The True Gentleness Of Christ!
 - Meek! But Also:
 - The True Greatness Of Christ!
 - “Sitting / Riding Upon An Ass, And A Colt The Foal Of An Ass!”
 - In Mark 11:2 - We Are Told That This Colt:
 - Was One - “Whereon Never Man Sat!”
 - So - Completely Untrained & Untamed!
 - But - The Foal Submitted Himself To Christ As His Creator & King!
 - And Yet - What About The People? Then See:
- Jesus Was Rejected:
 - By All - As Found In:
 - 26:55-56 - When Jesus Was To Be Arrested In The Garden Of Gethsemane:
 - “In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. / But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled!”
 - So - Upon Jesus’ Arrest:
 - He Was Forsaken By:
 - The Family - Of His Own People!
 - The Jewish Nation!
 - John 1:11 - “He came unto his own, and his own received him not!”
 - He Was Forsaken By:
 - His Own Supposed Friend:
 - Judas! And:
 - He Was Even Forsaken By:
 - His Own Followers!
 - His Disciples!
 - And - Matthew Points Out Here How:
 - “The Scriptures Of The Prophets” Were Fulfilled!

- So - Not Just A Single Prophecy:
 - But Several!
- In Psalm 41:9 - We Are Told That:
 - “Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me!”
- In Zechariah 13:7 - We Are Told:
 - “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones!”
- And Yet - Even Knowing:
 - The Rejection He Would Face:
 - He Kept His Face:
 - Fixed On The “Joy That Was Set Before Him” - And:
 - “Endured The Cross!”
 - For You & Me! (Hebrews 12:2)
- Matthew Then Reveals Even Further That:
- Jesus Was Regarded:
 - As Nothing - As Found In:
 - 27:5-10 - When Judas Regretted:
 - His Betrayal Of Jesus:
 - And - “Cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself!”
 - What Happened Next Was A Specific Fulfilment:
 - Of Zechariah 11:12-13 - When:
 - “The chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. / And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. / Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. / Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; / And gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed me!”
 - Though This Prophecy Is Found In Zechariah:
 - Zechariah Was Commonly Included In:
 - The Section Of Prophecies:
 - Led By & Often Called By:
 - The Prophecy Of Jeremiah!
 - But - All Jesus Was Valued At:
 - By Judas & Those Religious Leaders:
 - Was - According To The Law:
 - The Price Of A Slave Who Had Been Gored By A Bull!
 - Relatively Worthless!
 - And - Of Course - His Value:
 - By The World Is Seen Ultimately When:
- Jesus Was Reproached:
 - Even Unto Death - As Found In:
 - Matthew 27:33-35 - “And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, / They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. / And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots!”
 - We Find This Prophecy In:
 - Psalm 22:18 - Which Predicts Jesus’ Death:
 - With Even More Detail!
 - But Shows Us That:
 - The Clothes Of Jesus:
 - Were Of More Value:
 - Than Jesus Himself!

Conclusion:

1. But - No Matter What Jesus Faced:

- In His Pilgrimage!
 - Every Step That He Took:
 - All The Way To:
 - His Passion!
- He Took - In Fulfilment:
 - Of His Purpose - And:
 - Of All That The Scriptures:
 - Said About Him!

2. And - Every Step:
 - He Took:
 - Was For You!

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