Exploring the Issues of Messianic Prophecy

A Skill of Sanctification Week 5

Matthew

MAT 2:12 And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

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MAT 2:13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

MAT 2:14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.

MAT 2:15 He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Hosea

■ HOS 11:1 When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

The "Seed" Promise

■ The "Seed" of the Woman

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

The "Seed" of the Woman

■ REV 12:1-2,5

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth . . . And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

The "Seed" of Abraham

■ GEN 22:16-18 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

The "Seed" of Abraham

■ GAL 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

The "Seed" of David

■ 2SA 7:12-13 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

The "Seed" of David

- REV 5:4-5 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."
- REV 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Fulfillment: The Big Three Already/Not Yet The One/The Many Near/Far

Already/Not Yet

■ DAN 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

The Kingdom Fulfilled Already

Colossians 1:13

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

The Kingdom/Not Yet

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

The One and The Many

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Walter Kaiser on "the One and the Many"

■ Who then is the "seed" or "offspring" mentioned in this text? Clearly the term "seed" is a generic term for the entire race that came from the woman on the one hand, while the "seed" of the serpent embraces all the evil race derived from him. However, the very fact that the noun "seed" is a collective singular deliberately provides for the fact that it may include the one who represents the whole group as well as the group itself.

(*The Messiah in the Old Testament*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan) 1995, 39)

Near/Far Fulfillment

■ MAT 17:10-12 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

Putting it all Together

- The Seed of the Woman

 Already/Not Yet-The One/the ManyNear/Far
- The Seed of Abraham

Already/Not Yet-The One/the Many-Near/Far

■ The Seed of David

Already/Not Yet-The One/the Many-Near/Far

Typology

HEB 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

HEB 7:2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

HEB 7:3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

Next Week	
■ Properly Understanding Psalms, Proverbs,	
and Parables	
Dood Droverbe 22.4 Pooler 51 and Matthew	
Read Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 51, and Matthew	
13:31-33	
Consider the meaning, implications, and	
applications of these passages.	