

UNDERSTANDING THE ONE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Week 14 – Understanding!

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“How are you reading Scripture?”

How you are reading the Bible impacts how you understand the entire Bible! How we are reading the Bible impacts how we understand the Second Coming of Jesus. Is the Second Coming of Jesus significant? What is the purpose of Jesus returning? To establish the Kingdom of God – so that the Biblical covenants – Abrahamic, Land, Davidic, and New Covenant can be fulfilled during the Millennial Kingdom – so that Israel can be restored (Jer. 31:31-34; Eze. 36:24-27). The prophetic books in the Hebrew Scriptures and NT passages teach the future kingdom on earth and the restoration of Israel. Cross reference these passages.

- Matthew 24 and 25: Jesus Himself detailed the signs of the end times and His visible return.
- Acts 1:11: Angels told the disciples that Jesus will return in the same way they saw Him go into heaven.
- Revelation 1:7 - Every eye will see Him when He returns.
- Revelation 19:11–16 - Describes Christ riding on a white horse as King of Kings and Lord of Lords – toward earth to establish the Kingdom promised to Israel (II Sam. 7:12-16).
- Psalms 2, 22, 110 - portray the Messiah as a rejected, pierced sufferer who is vindicated, resurrected, and exalted as eternal King and Priest.
- Daniel 7:13–14: Prophecies one like a Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven to receive an everlasting dominion.
- Zechariah 14:4: Foretells that His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.
- Revelations 1:5, 11:15, 22:1-5 – Jesus is revealed as the reigning King of Kings, defeating evil completely and making the new creation a permanent reality where God dwells with man.

Some believe that Jesus fulfilled all His prophecies during His first coming and that believers are now to be Christianizing the world and then He can return. NO! I believe that there are second coming prophecies that yet need to be fulfilled. At Jesus' second coming, He will be returning and engaging in the battle at Bozrah/Edom – Petra – and in the battle of Armageddon prior to His establishing the Millennial Kingdom/the Kingdom of God on earth...

Zech. 14:3-4 - Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. .

How we are reading the Bible impacts how we understand Israel's very existence!!

We need to read the Bible literally – understanding it in its context – it's setting within history – as it corresponds to what is called “Authorial Intent.” Who is the author of the Bible? GOD!

In our desire to understand GOD's word, we are going to approach Scripture desiring to understand what God, as the ultimate author, intended to communicate! Bible students entitle this Authorial Intent. God's intent!

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Jesus taught the multitudes. In His sermon on the mount, as we've labeled it – found in Matthew 5-7 – Jesus contrasted the legalism of the Pharisees with God's intent. Jesus told the people that God's law requires inner righteousness of the heart rather than just outer obedience as the Pharisees taught. Jesus told His people that God's true intent targets the root motives behind sin, and NOT the physical acts on the person's part to cleanse themselves.

During Jesus' ministry, the people MARVELED at His teaching. They realized He was speaking with AUTHORITY. God opened many eyes and ears. Many during Jesus' ministry came to faith in Him as the Messiah for Whom they were waiting! (Matt. 7:28-29; Mk.1:21-22; Lk. 4:31-32; Lk. 4:36; Jn. 7:15-16.)

How do we know from Scripture that they were waiting for the Messiah? From Gen. 3:15 we read of a Messianic Theme throughout Scripture (Gen. 3:15; Gen. 12:3; Gen. 49:10; Deut. 18:15; II Sam. 7:12-16; Psa. 2, 22, 110; Isa. 7:14, 9:6-7, 53:1-12; Micah 5:2; Luke 24:25-27, 44-48; Rev. 1:5, 11:15, 22:1-5).

Brief Profile of the Messiah on the Hebrew Scriptures:

Micah 5:2 – He would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah

Isa. 35:5-6 – He would perform miracles

Psa. 22, Isa. 53 – He would be crucified.

Psa. 16:10 – He would be resurrected

Flow of God's prophetic plan for Israel and how Israel blesses the nations:

Eternity Past to the Eternal State

Eternity Past and Genesis

Chosen: Psa. 90:1-2

Promise to Abraham: Gen. 12:1-3; Gen. 15:1-21; Gen. 17:1-8.

A Nation: Gen. 26:3-5 (Isaac); Gen. 28:13-15 (Jacob); Ex. 19:5-6.

History, Prophets, and the Present

The Land and the Kingdom: II Sam. 7:12-16; (Davidic Cov.), Psa. 89:3-4.

Disobedience and Dispersion: Deut. 28:64; Lev. 26:33; Eze. 36:16ff.

Today and the Future: Jer. 31:35-37; Rom. 11:1-2; Rom. 11:25-29; Eze. 36:24.

The End Times and the Eternal State

The Time of Trouble: Jer. 30:7 (Time of Jacob's Trouble – the Tribulation); Dan. 9:27; Zech. 13:8-9; Rom. 11:26.

The Earthly Kingdom: Rev. 20:4-6; Isa. 11:1-10; Zech. 14:9

The Eternal State: Rev. 21:1-3; Rev. 21:9-27 (The New Jerusalem); Isa. 65:17.