



Sunday, 31st July 2011
The Cross of Christ
Part 3: The Cross in prophecy

Today we will look at some of the OT prophecies about the Cross. Specifically, we will spend time on Isaiah 52/53 that foretells all that Jesus was to accomplish on the Cross.

There are at least 23 references to Christ in the book of Psalms which are attested and fulfilled in the Gospels, the book of Acts & Hebrews.

The following verses refer to specific events prior to and at the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus in the books of Psalms with the corresponding fulfillment/reference in the New Testament.

God's only begotten

Psalm 2

⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

Acts 13:33

³³ God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: '*You are My Son, Today I have begotten (unique, beloved) You.*'

(Read Matt 3:17)

The Cry

Psalm 22:1

¹ My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

Matt 27:47

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*"

The reproach

Psalm 22:7,8

⁷ All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

⁸ "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

Luke 23:35-37

³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

The crucifixion

Psalm 22:16

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

They pierced My hands and My feet;

Luke 23:33

³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.



Casting Lots

Psalm 22:18

¹⁸ They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.

Matt 27:35

³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

*"They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots."*

Bones unbroken

Psalm 34:20

²⁰ He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

John 19:34-36

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, *"Not one of His bones shall be broken."*

False witnesses

Psalm 35:11

¹¹ Fierce witnesses rise up...

Mark 14:57, 58

⁵⁷ Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"

Betrayal

Psalm 41:9

⁹ Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me.

Luke 22:47, 48

⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Prophesied 600 years before Christ

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (The Suffering Servant)

Isaiah 52:13-15

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

(Read **Phil 2:9**)

¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men; **(unparalleled suffering)**

¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.



Isaiah 53

¹ Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

(Read **John 12: 37, 38**)

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.

(unlikely soil/Unexpected nature of His arrival)

He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our **griefs**; (Grief Heb. 'Choily' – sickness) And carried our **sorrows** (Sorrows Heb. 'Makob' – Pains of the soul) Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* **wounded** (pierced through) for our **transgressions** (rebellion), *He was bruised* (crushed) for our **iniquities** (wickedness);

The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His **stripes** (blows that cut in) we are **healed**.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

(Read **1 pet 2:24,25**)

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, (Read **Matt 27:57-60**) Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall **justify** many, For He shall bear their iniquities. (Read **Romans 5:18,19**)

¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was **numbered with the transgressors**, **(thieves on either side of Jesus)**

And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Other references:

Matthew 8:17

¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*“ He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses.”*



Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zechariah 13:6

⁶ And *one* will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, '*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

Conclusion

Why did He do this for us?

Just because of His great love for each one of us.

Our response?

Gratitude – "Thank you Lord!"

As we acknowledge the Lord's accomplishment on the cross and thank Him from our hearts for taking on *our sicknesses*, *our emotional pains* and *our iniquities*, we will experience all the benefits of His finished work on the Cross.

Let us hold fast to this confession "By His Stripes we were healed" without wavering! Amen!



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