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Old Testament Prophecies of Resurrection

Psalm 16

David's Personal Confession vs. Messianic Prophecy

- The Text: "You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay." (Psalm 16:10)

1. The Metaphorical Dimension (David's Life):
    - David expressed confidence that God would rescue him from life-threatening circumstances and restore his joy.

2. The Literal & Messianic Dimension (Jesus Christ):
    - David died, was buried, and his body saw physical corruption in the tomb.
    - Jesus' Fulfillment: As David's descendant, Jesus died on the cross, but God did not abandon Him in Sheol/Hades. He rose on the third day without experiencing decay.

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The Apostolic Preaching — Peter at Pentecost

Proclaiming Christ's Resurrection from the Psalms

- Scripture: Acts 2:22–32
- Peter's Argument:
  - Sovereign Plan: Jesus was delivered up by "God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge," though put to death by wicked hands.
  - Unconquerable Life: Death could not keep its hold on Jesus—God raised Him, freeing Him from the agony of death.
  - David as Prophet: Peter points out that David's tomb was still present in Jerusalem, proving David was speaking prophetically about the resurrection of the Messiah.

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The Apostolic Preaching — Paul at Antioch

- Scripture: Acts 13:34–37 | 1 Corinthians 15:3–4
- Paul’s Testimony:
    - David served God's purpose in his generation, fell asleep, and saw decay. But the One whom God raised did not see decay.
- "According to the Scriptures":
    - Paul emphasizes twice in 1 Corinthians 15 that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
    - Theological Weight: Every aspect of Jesus’ ministry—His lineage, birth, suffering, death, and resurrection—was foretold in the Old Testament.

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The Resurrection of Believers in the OT & NT

1. Death Is Described as "Sleep" (Daniel 12:2–3)

- Scripture: "Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."
- Death Is Not Extinction: Daniel establishes that physical death is not the end of human existence, but a temporary state described as "sleeping in the dust."
- Two Destinies: Just as a person wakes up from sleep, all humanity will one day awake. However, resurrection leads to two distinct eternal outcomes: everlasting life for the righteous, or eternal judgment/shame for the unrighteous.

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2. Christ's Call to the Dead (John 5:28–29)

- Scripture: "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."
- Fulfillment of Daniel's Vision: Jesus directly affirms Daniel's Old Testament prophecy, clarifying that He Himself is the Lord whose voice will summon the dead from their graves.
- The Resurrection of Life: Those who are justified through faith in Christ and whose lives bear the fruit of righteousness will come out unto the resurrection of life.

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3. The OT Promises of Victory Over the Grave

- Isaiah 26:19: "But your dead will live, Lord; their bodies will rise—you who dwell in the dust, awake and shout for joy! Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead."
- Hosea 13:14: "I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?"
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The Ultimate Triumphant Taunt (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57)

- Scripture: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?... But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Because Jesus conquered the grave, His victory is legally and spiritually transferred to every believer. Death loses its final "sting" (sin) and is swallowed up in victory.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think the Apostle Paul emphasized the phrase "according to the Scriptures" when speaking of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15? What does it signify that these events were already recorded in the Old Testament? How does this contribute to demonstrating that all these facts are true?

Do you personally believe that Jesus' death and resurrection are the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, or do you view them as a story fabricated to fit together? Please share the reasons for your answer.

Reflection Questions

2. Which Psalm did both the Apostles Paul and Peter quote when testifying to the resurrection of Jesus? What is its content, and how was it fulfilled?

Those who believe in Jesus gain the privilege of "setting the Lord always before them." Are you currently enjoying the fullness of joy found in His presence and the eternal pleasures at His right hand?

3. The Old Testament prophesies not only the resurrection of the Messiah, but also the resurrection of the dead. Where do these prophecies appear, and what do they say? What do you think Daniel meant by the resurrection to "everlasting life" versus the resurrection to "everlasting shame and contempt"?

How can you participate in the resurrection to "everlasting life"?

Memory Verses

“You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay” (Psalm 16:10)

“ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11)

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures…" (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Dan 12:2)

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