

**Message# 181 - 3-13-2022 - Christians Believe that Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets - H2O
Water Baptism Ended with the Old Covenant**

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the message this morning. I cannot believe how time flies! We are just a few days away from our gathering at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Event Center again for what the world calls March 17 through the 20th. There are still rooms available for those who might be on the fence as to whether to come or not. I realize gas prices are just ridiculous, but so far, no one has canceled. Our numbers were not all that high to begin with - and we are doing what we said we would do - in that we would plan small so as not to overextend ourselves. And, we are staying true to our commitment not to cancel under any circumstances. So, if you still want to come, even though it's nearly last minute - you are more than welcome to come. Please email us and let us know if you are planning to attend. You can email me at charlie@godsendusmen.com

Ted is speaking. I will be speaking. Jerry. I've asked Kristopher to speak - I'm not sure yet on confirmation there. Those two young men are fully committed to the Kingdom of Christ - to the Commonwealth of Israel - and I want to hear what they have to say. Harold Christopher will be speaking, Sam Britton is speaking. Matthew Kingsman and Doug Nelson will be speaking - though it will be remotely. This should be a great time of fellowship and a great time of help for each of us in navigating the times we are in.

As you all know - I have been preaching Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - for - and I thought about this hard this week - this past - what the world calls February - will be 37 years since I began preaching that ALL Bible Prophecy - every single bit of it - nothing prophesied that has not been fulfilled either during the time that Christ walked on the earth in the first century - or by the time AD70 rolled around. Since AD70 - that's the time where both the temple in Jerusalem - and Jerusalem herself - were thoroughly annihilated - the temple, the wall that surrounded the city - so thoroughly laid even with the ground - it made passersby wonder if the city had ever been inhabited - all that was left - at least if you can believe Josephus' Jewish Antiquities - all that was left were two towers. That was it. Everything else was completely destroyed.

Again, if you can believe Josephus - nearly two million people were killed - the city had been completely set on fire - and - according to Josephus - much of the fire was quenched from the blood of the people who were stabbed by the Roman soldiers - and whose blood reached to the top of the steps of the inner court of the temple - which

were 13 steps - this was all in fulfillment of the very Words of Jesus Christ - when in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 - He said - as plainly as anything was ever said in the Bible - "See this temple? Not one stone shall be left standing that shall not be throne down. Jerusalem and the temple are going to be destroyed - and this generation shall not pass until all these things come to pass."

Now brethren, I am going to grant to you that I was very young when I understood that Jesus fulfilled the prophets and that all the prophecies were fulfilled by AD70. I was barely in my 20s when I realized this. Some of you have had a lifetime - 20, 30, 40 maybe even 50 years of having futurism forced down your throats - and as easily as this came to me - no doubt because I was young - I realize that this understanding may not come as easily after so many years of being fed a constant lie. And that is exactly what futurism is. It is - one of many - though it is possibly the most important, strategic lie of those who war against the Kingdom of Christ - but it is one of many lies that has originated from something called "church" - which has been by design - since approximately 300 AD - if we can trust the history books - and it has kept untold millions - billions of people from - not only finding the Kingdom of God - but it has kept them from even seeking the Kingdom of God because - if the Kingdom of God is in the future - there's no need to be actively seeking it today.

I'm saying this again to you today - because as much as Fulfilled Bible Prophecy has overtaken my life - I have seen it for a long time - and I continue to see it every time I open my Bible - not everyone's light has come on - people that have been listening to me for years - still not everyone gets it - but - thank the Lord - they continue to listen. Something has caught their attention with this perspective - and they keep coming back. I'm telling you - once you get it - it is the most revolutionary thing that can happen to someone. It is life-changing.

People have written to me who have gotten it - and they have said things like, "This is earth shaking, paradigm shifting, the most important understanding they have ever had, life-changing, and on and on." To which, I agree with all of it.

This beginning of understanding, though, is just that. It is the beginning of understanding - because ultimately what matters most - is how does your belief - your faith - your system of belief - change your life?

This week, I received an email from a long-time listener. This email was one of the most exciting emails I received and I want to share it with you. I didn't ask permission to

share this yet - so I will not name names on this. Let me read the last couple paragraphs first - because this came to me as a surprise - but it also made me very excited to read it. This is the conclusion of the email.

*i think there was more but that's probably enough for now. i really, really wanted to thank you for your messages. i also finally understand what you have been saying about not being "saved" if you don't believe He came and fulfilled all prophecy. i didn't get it for the past year, but these past few weeks, i really get it and i have such a desire to share this message with my friends. but i know that they're unable to hear. still, should any opportunity present itself, i will be led into it.
thanks, charlie, for all you do*

That was the end of the email. This email was quite long, and that's perfectly fine. Sometimes, I may not be able to respond immediately - but I don't care how many questions someone asks me - or how long an email is - if I can respond I will. Now the beginning of the email starts out like this:

hey charlie. it's been a long time since i talked with you except for in my head, which i do quite often.

This person is not a nut, this person is very smart. That was an attempt at humor.

i wanted to tell you that these days i often laugh out loud at parts of your message either because a piece of the puzzle has fallen into place and now makes so much sense that it's just crazy or because life has become a parody of life and sometimes it's best to just laugh at insanity. instead of keeping the conversation in my head, i thought i'd ask for your comments on a few issues, hoping you will not be horrified by my inquiry.

Now listen to this.

this past year of not being in church and not listening or reading anything that comes from the church or the world has allowed me to use my own brain to try and understand many things but my own brain is seriously lacking in wisdom and insight and often goes in all sorts of crazy directions.

Alright. Let me stop right here and make a few comments. Yes, I believe the teaching on Fulfilled Bible Prophecy is the beginning point, because it points people to the truth that Seeking First the Kingdom of God - means just that - "Seek first the Kingdom of

God - and His Righteousness.” What is His Righteousness? That is His, the Creator's, the God, the Lord, the King, it's His definitions of good and evil - right and wrong. As opposed to what? As opposed to men's definitions of good and evil - this is otherwise known as the nation-states that make up the world today and of which 99.9999% of the people living in this world - believe that God Himself has Ordained mere men to make up their own definitions of good and evil - also known as “laws” and “statutes” (of course they call them statutes - but they are not - they are statutes) - God Himself told men to do this - and then - God Himself told them it was okay to terrorize anyone who does not obey their definitions of good and evil - right and wrong - their “laws” and “statutes.” And who told them this? Who told them that God Ordained mere men to make their own definitions of good and evil - then force people through threats of fines, jailings, or worse - to obey their “laws” and “statutes?” Their “laws” and “statutes” are their definitions of good and evil, right and wrong - in their eyes. That's what it is.

Who tells people this is all God Ordained? It comes from something called “church.” It comes from “churchmen.” There is no one who understands the night and day difference between “church” and Ecclesia - there is no one who understands that Jesus Christ is King - right now - no one who fully understands this - tells people that Romans 13 is God telling His people to obey men's definitions of right and wrong, good and evil.

There is absolutely no excuse - no excuse - for someone who claims to be a teacher or preacher of the Word of God - not to know that virtually the entire theme of the Bible - nearly everything that God ever revealed to men - is that He wants people to obey Him - obey His Commandments, obey His Laws, His Statutes and His Judgements. Even when God allowed Israel to have “kings like all the other nations” - even though it is impossible to have “kings like all the other nations” AND obey Him - He still demanded it to be so.

The concept that men can create their own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong - and somehow God expects people to obey those definitions and forsake His - that is the most incredible thing I can ever think of - not even a thorough study of the Word - even the most casual look at the Word of God says that men are to obey God and not obey men.

But it is something called “church” that has been used to make people believe they are to obey men instead of God. And, of course, because they do not understand what it meant that Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets - they get the stupid, ignorant - and if that part of the shoe fit your past - let's just laugh at how silly we used to be - but for

those that still hold to and advocate for it - to the extent they are willing to send their sons and their daughters to fight and possibly die - well - wake up - idiots! The Law of God - as in His definitions of right and wrong - good and evil - those have not been done away with.

The Laws concerning the animal sacrifices. The Laws concerning the temple. The Laws concerning the blood and the water rituals - that's what was done away with. Not the moral Law of God. The moral Law of God - what is right and what is wrong - has not been and will never be done away with.

The sacrificial Law system of the Old Covenant is gone - blood sacrifices - water cleansings - gone - but the moral Law of God remains forever. You don't murder. You don't steal. You don't commit perjury. You don't covet your neighbors things. You don't commit adultery - those things remain - and will remain forever. And you know what - that's all pretty simple stuff. There's just a hand full of things you cannot do according to the Laws of God. It's easy. It's not burdensome. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, it's easy, it's not heavy."

In the 235 years since the people were deceived into adopting the CONstitution - does anyone have any idea how many "laws" and "statues" and "treaties" and "regulations" have been placed on the backs of the people? Millions? Hundreds of millions? Who knows? But that is somehow preferred as opposed to the handful of Laws that God offers so that His people can have the greatest amount of freedom and prosperity that men and women, boys and girls could ever enjoy.

For those who think that that way of life can be fixed. I'm talking about the way of the u.s. and the nation-states. No way. Not a chance. The only thing that can happen for change - the only thing that should happen for change is for God's people to come together - Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will be your God and you will be my people.

We need to start completely over again. We have to go all the way back to square one. We need a complete new, fresh start.

There are people who do nothing but pick apart all the bad things going on in the U.S. and the world. Of course. That is an endless job. There is so much bad - one could spend the rest of their lives talking about it - and never see an end to it.

The only viable option is the Gospel. Re-born. Born again. This time born as Citizens of the Government of God, the Kingdom of Christ, the Ecclesia, the Commonwealth of Israel. The U.S. is not going to turn around. First off, what's it going to turn around to? It was never on the proper foundation to begin with. It was never built on the Rock - which is Christ Jesus. Never. It was built on the defiance of - "OUR LAWS, and OUR STATUES made in pursuance thereof, OUR TREATIES - **shall be the supreme law of the land.**"

Why seemingly smart people do not get this is totally beyond me.

"But the founders, the original organic CONstitution....."

No it wasn't. People can cherry pick some statements made by those guys and can even call themselves "Christians" - but not so - true Christians would never publicly proclaim for the whole world to see - "OUR LAWS, and OUR STATUES made in pursuance thereof, OUR TREATIES - **shall be the supreme law of the land.**" Churchians certainly would. Churchians have no problem giving lip-service to a "Jesus" if it means furthering their agenda.

True Christians - people who have been fully immersed into Jesus Christ - can barely put two sentences together without bringing Christ the King into the conversation. Yet the entire document makes no mention of Christ in it. Don't even begin to tell me that a "Christian nation" has a founding document that makes no mention whatsoever of the King.

"The U.S. is different - we don't have a king....." so they say. And friends, that's exactly what the problem is - they don't have a King - capital K.

So, I said all that to say this - combined with the fact that the writer of this email understood Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - at the very least with a head knowledge of it - combined with the fact that they left the "church" - then yes - absolutely - the lights are going to come - and they are going to come on quickly - and it is going to be earth shaking.

This email had a lot to say concerning a study the individual was involved in regarding the name of the Creator - I'm going to skip that for right now just for sake of time - because I want you to hear some conclusions that they were coming to. Quote:

after listening to your sermon on the mikvah (that's when i really laughed as it all came together for me), i could see that it's MAN who makes all these 'laws'. man hasn't changed since the beginning of time. we make up everything to enslave our fellow man and rule over them while we reject that which already exists for our benefit.

charlie, this whole line of thinking is problematic for the christian

When I responded, I put a strikethrough the word "christian" and changed it to "churchian." Truth is not problematic for christians - but it is certainly problematic for churchians.

because if one makes this claim, then for what did the messiah come?????? i get that, but charlie, i don't think he came to be a sacrifice for 'sin' but rather to show the WAY back to the Father, to the Law of love and forgiveness, the WAY into THIS government rather than the roman empire. stop your stupid sacrifice - the Father never wanted them. He wants obedience to His law. I AM the government - I AM the kingdom of heaven. you only have one identity. from old testament to new, the Father's cry has always been the same: come into my kingdom you wayward, stiff necked children and obey ME.

Ha. Preach it!

the emperor couldn't have cared less what his peons believed. they could believe that Messiah could 'save' them from their sins until the end of time and it wouldn't have bothered the emperor one bit. but teach the people to not pay their taxes because the children don't pay taxes or that one must never bow down (claim to be under the jurisdiction of) another king and then there's a problem. why were the apostles executed? why was Messiah executed. it had to be because they were teaching about jurisdiction. sedition, as you said in one of your messages. this makes soooooo much sense to me that i laughed then as well when it all just fell into place.

charlie, isn't it possible that the message of being "saved from our sins" is also part of the church's efforts to totally lead man away from the truest message of the bible which is actually all about jurisdiction and law???? this message of being saved from our sins by our belief in crucified and resurrected Messiah makes us complacent. we don't have to DO anything but 'believe'. but if the good news were actually about jurisdiction - that the Messiah came to show the way back, well, that would be the end to all nations.

if we think from the perspective of the enemy (art of war), this is so the perfect game plan: change the names so they're worshipping demons, obscure the message from jurisdiction and contract law to sit on your behinds and trust you're saved in the end times. well, i'd say the war is done before it even began.

speaking of contracts, i had been chewing on matthew 16 for the past two years. it seemed to me that if the Messiah is saying he's gonna give us a key to the kingdom, we'd better understand it. but charlie, i honestly couldn't understand it. like so many things these past two years, i just can't 'see'. i so completely understand what it means to be able to see or to be blind. i am unable to see most things because i am literally blind. until it is revealed to me, i am blind. but then, when it's revealed, it's like - how could i ever have not understood that???? it was like that with the second commandment that our identification is a graven image - i just couldn't see it. anyway, i finally saw this verse to mean that all of the world's systems are fictional but the jurisdiction of the world is REAL. when we make contracts with the world, they are binding in the spirit realm. we can say all we want that the King knows our heart, but if we've made contracts with this evil world, then we're in the jurisdiction of the world. we have bound on earth and in heaven. there is NO WAY to be in both kingdoms just cuz we want it to be so. we are in the jurisdiction of the world. this is a tremendously uncomfortable truth. it means we must act. so i wrote out a long email to about 15 friends to share this 'revelation' i had had. i wasn't suggesting that they get rid of all their govt issued id,

When I responded - I said - "Well, I do."

but rather that they could even begin to think about breaking all contracts with the world in just a verbal way.

And, I agree here. The first thing that has to be changed is people's minds. We have to change their minds to the truth. That's our job. Our job is to preach the truth to people. Call them to repentance. Believing in the nation-states as opposed to the present-day reality of the Kingdom of God has caused you to be the enemy of God.

"No, I love Jesus. I worship Jesus. I go to "church" every week. I've been baptized. I'm a Christian."

Well, the One that you think you know, caused the apostle James to write, "Whosoever therefore is a friend of the world, is the enemy of God." And, "Don't you know that

friendship with the world, is enmity with God?"

Brethren, if friendship with the world is enmity with God - what do you think full-blown citizenship is? Friendship and citizenship are both ships - and the ship called citizen - is a deeper commitment than the ship called friend. He said "Friendship with the world is enmity with God." Citizenship is friendship on steroids. It is a far greater commitment - it is a far deeper relationship than mere friendship. And 99.9999% of the people in this world - and especially those who attend the "churches" are the most strident, most ardent, most proponents of their citizenship with the world - than anyone else in civilization.

"You can't serve two masters." Jesus said, "A man will hate one and love the other - you can't serve both."

But somehow, with this religion that men have created for themselves - a religion that says - "All you have to be is born white, or all you have to do is get H2O water baptized, or all you have to do is believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, that's it - then you are covered by the blood" and as my son-in-law Kristopher so brilliantly has stated it - "You are now free to continue living in sin."

That's what this monster called "church" has given us. The email continues - and it is so exciting to see the lights coming on.

just think about all the contracts we all have and break them at least in the spiritual realm. well, i only heard back from 3 people. two said that's not what this verse means. another argued with me for 5 emails about it not doing any good to come out of man's jurisdiction because they have all the guns. so if it feels like this email is disorganized and a bit crazy it's because i don't really have anyone to talk to about anything outside of the church box that is over the eyes, ears, hearts and minds of everyone.

Yes. Men's little g governments do have guns. That's where they get their power from. It's from coercion. But again, it's because - led by the "churchians" - who have twisted Romans 13 into a ridiculous God despising teaching - that mere men are to set up their own governments - then become terrorists to anyone who resists them - that's where this originates from.

But, friends, the Romans in the first century were a one-world power. They had all the fire-power available to men at that time - but that did not stand in the way of the true

follower of the One True King turning their back on the world with all its firepower - and preaching and teaching that there's Another King, One Jesus.

The reason the writer of this email was not able to reach a single person with their truths concerning Christ and His Kingdom - and I did not ask this - but I can say with almost all certainty - that they were talking to churchians and futurists. And churchians and futurists will not understand the Kingdom of God.

The reason that true Christians are not fearful of men's little g "governments" today is because their faith - their system of belief - that Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law and the Prophets in the first century - and as a result - please turn to Hebrews chapter 2 for just a minute this morning. Hebrews chapter 2. Actually, flip back a page to chapter 1. We can't understand chapter 2 the way we should - unless we understand chapter 1. Chapter 1, verse 1, Hebrews.

[1] God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

This is the only time the word sundry appears in a KJV Bible. It means many portions, many times, many ways.

[1] God, who [in many ways, many times and in [different] manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Let me ask you something here. Is it enough that Paul mentions that God spoke in many ways and manner times and in different ways in time past unto the fathers by the prophets? Is it just enough that he mentions this? Or are we supposed to know the things he's talking about here? I think we are supposed to know those things. Why shouldn't we? They've been written down for us in a book written in our own language since the 1400s. I think we should know those things. I'll even go so far as to say those things should be required learning before someone is offered the choice between accepting Christ and His Kingdom or rejecting Christ and His Kingdom. Verse 2.

[2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Once again. And again, and again, and again. Friends, if we do not understand that the phrase "the last days" means the days in which Jesus, God's Son, walked on this earth -

it was the last days of the Old Covenant World - if we don't understand this - how can we understand the Bible?

When Philip was called away to meet the eunuch - he found the eunuch reading from the prophets. Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man said, "No, not until someone explains it to me." Then Philip explained that Jesus fulfilled the prophets and he asked the man if he believed with all his heart that Jesus fulfilled the prophets - and the man said yes. He had to understand what it was that he was supposed to believe. That was a prerequisite for salvation.

The man was taught the Scriptures - then given the opportunity to embrace Jesus Christ or reject Him. This man's "salvation" came about as a result of his understanding Who Jesus was and he believed it. Now, back to Hebrews chapter 1, verse 3. After all that, let's read 1 and 2 again.

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[2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

When were the last days? The first century. Verse 3.

[3] Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

[4] Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

[5] For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

[6] And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

[7] And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

[8] But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Is there salvation apart from knowing these things? I do not believe there is. I know

that isn't popular. In fact, I've been ridiculed for saying things like that for my whole life. But I do not believe there is salvation apart from the Kingship of Christ. Futurism - well - for the most part - completely ignores Hebrews 1:2 - like they do so many other passages - but when people understand what the phrase the last days means - and they understand that Christ meant what He said when He said, "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God" - then maybe - just maybe - they would understand Hebrews 1:1-8 and would understand that Jesus Christ - the King - has been on His throne ruling as King of kings and Lord of lords in the lives of all who will allow His reign in their lives - and this has been going on since the last days of the Old Covenant World. And since that time, there is no salvation apart from understanding that He fulfilled the Prophets - He fulfilled the Covenant to David - He took the throne of the Kingdom - and it's the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to His Kingdom - right now.

And when this is a man, woman boy or girl's faith - their system of belief - they will understand - and they will try to live - that there is another King, One Jesus - which means - they will defy the caesars - the wanna-be caesars - any and all who put themselves in the seat that is reserved exclusively for the Only King, the Only Potentate, Jesus the Christ. And this is why they do it. This where the courage comes from. This is where the strength comes from. But if they do not understand Hebrews chapter 1 - Hebrews chapter 2 will be just as much a mystery and they will live in constant fear of the ones who have the guns. Hebrews chapter 2, verse 13.

[13] And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

[14] Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

[15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

True followers of Christ - those who truly believe like the eunuch did from Acts 8 - those true followers of Christ - who have the faith - the faith once delivered to the saints - they do not live in fear because our King destroyed him that had the power of death - that is the devil.

"Churchians" live in constant fear. They fear their devil. They fear their little g "government". They even fear their "salvation." That's one of the reasons they go from "church to church" from "baptism to baptism." They worry about such "church

doctrines” as “once saved always saved.” Friends, if you've been fully immersed into Jesus Christ - you know it. There's no question about it. There's no worry about whether “it took” or not. A true Christian knows it and is not the least bit concerned that His King's Salvation offer and acceptance - the contract - the covenant - signed, sealed and delivered - was sufficient for those who believe.

I was greatly encouraged by that email that came in. Seeing the lights come on - and seeing the urgent need for action - to the Biblical truths that were coming alive - that was great.

I know I refer to Michael often in my messages. Speaking of Michael, he came out with another excellent Michael's Minute this week. This one is called War Pigs and I think you should read it. I can't help it, we have a great relationship and he is a tremendous blessing to this ministry. His Michael's Minutes are great and I appreciate it. He sent me an email this past week with a statement that I would like to share. This was after last week's message. There are some things in here that I was not aware of. Maybe it will light a spark with some of you as well. I am going to read through this quickly - so saddle up - here we go:

Great message Charlie! I'm really glad you included that email exchange with David. It really is just an excellent and succinct statement of fact. Anyway, I thought you both would like hearing this... You said a few things that really connected with me this morning, and if I had a podcast or something with another brother, this would be really good 'post-message' commentary...

No comment. Because I've been begging for this for a long time.

Therefore, I thought I'd share my findings of a brief study I did earlier this morning while reading Luke. It's nothing earth-shattering, but I found it especially interesting since you read the exact part of Ezekiel 44 that this pertained to—only I hadn't even made the connection until you read it!

First of all, your reiteration to David that unless one understands Christ HAD to fulfill all of the prophecies, one can never come to the knowledge of the truth... It's just that simple, and it can't be said enough. So, I was in Luke 18... The very first passage I came to in my readings today was this:

*Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, **and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.***

Well, were they, or weren't they? Well they had to be. Or I suppose the entire Creation would have simply imploded.

I continued on until Christ has the triumphal entry into Jerusalem...

And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives...

This was the route He took. I looked at the map—it was from the East, on the main road that led most directly to the Temple...

*And when he was come nigh, even now at the **descent of the mount of Olives**, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; **Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.***

That's a direct quote—and fulfillment of Psalm 118:

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

²⁰ This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

²² The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day which the Lord hath made;** we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

²⁶ **Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.**

There is His triumphal entry! Continuing in Luke... Jesus, upon seeing the city:

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

I will stop here for just a second, mainly because it still so fresh in my mind as to the wrestling match I had with the "Identity preacher" a little bit ago - who referred to Jerusalem as "puny little Jerusalem" as they were mocking fulfilled Bible prophecy.

Friends, to say that Jerusalem in the Bible was insignificant - or "puny little Jerusalem" as in no significance compared to today - listen to me - that is a denial that Jesus - the Jesus of the first century was the Messiah/King. If there is a greater fulfillment - yet to come - something that Jesus did not fulfill in the first century - then that is denying that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. Those who teach and believe such things are antichrist.

"But I love "Jesus." I teach "Jesus." No. You love and/or teach another Jesus. You love and teach the Jesus of the "church." "Puny little Jerusalem. When Jesus came to the city - he wept over it." Continuing with Michael's email:

*Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least **in this thy day**, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.*

*There's more in Psalm 118. But first, I wanted to know which gate it was He'd entered by... in fact, since the Psalmist said "Open to me the **gates** of righteousness", I reckoned it was a double gate.*

The map in Wiki:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gates_of_the_Old_City_of_Jerusalem

was very interesting. Actually I had to consult with another map to see how the City is oriented and where the Mount of Olives was—which is the way He came in. It's on the NE side of the city and wall, adjacent to the Temple. The gate there is the "Golden Gate"... it's a double gate.

Wiki says these gates were also known as The Gate of Eternal Life! Each of the two

gates is named also, the Gate of **Mercy**—the southern door, and the Gate of **Repentance**—the northern door. These are the ancient Arabic names, *natch'*, since the Israeli Jews probably call them something else, like *Oy!* and *Vey!* Just a wild guess.

But not to be a comic here, I found that to be really awesome! Now, I know (at least I think) those aren't the original gates that He walked through since the walls were all torn down...rather, reconstructions done by the Arabs in the 6th century.

That's absolutely certain because every stone had been thrown down!

Even so, I'd imagine they were intended to be in the same places, and they'd named them significantly. Maybe even, they knew the old names...

Remember Jesus telling the Pharisees, who wanted to know **WHY** it was He did not follow the customs and traditions, and **WHY** he "ate with sinners" (and probably didn't even wash His hands first!)? He said:

*But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have **mercy**, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance**. (Matthew 9:13)*

I thought that was pretty great! And one more thing I'd noticed—**THAT** particular gate is sealed! And has remained sealed for 500 years. All of the other gates to the city remain open. Interesting...

So then Charlie goes and reads from Ezekiel today in his Vision of the Temple at chapter 44... My Bible titles that chapter as "The Gate for the Prince". Begins as follows:

*Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary **which looketh toward the east**; and it was shut. 2 Then said the Lord unto me; **This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.***

Is this not the very same gate we're talking about??

You know, if you really think about the whole of [Psalm 118](#), it is ALL a prophecy of Christ—and in particular, it applies to that week of His life—His entry into Jerusalem, His

purpose, His rejection ("the stone which the builders refused"), His sacrifice, and His ultimate triumph!

As to the offering which He made—of His own body—we read this:

*God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: **bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.** (v.27)*

He who came as the Light of the world is God, the Lord... The altar was that rock, made without hands, "outside of the camp" where the sacrifice was to be offered (the Hill of Golgotha)... the "horns" were the arms of the cross, to which he was bound with cords. (Note: the crucified were typically tied AND nailed).

Pretty awesome stuff, if I don't mind saying so. And I don't mind! But we see, like everywhere else we look, when we care to look, that is... Jesus FULFILLED the Scriptures. All of them! There are just so many layers to this onion, it really blows my mind.

Blessings,

Michael

PS: One of the maps I happened upon showed all of the old "pools" situated around the temple mount! Can't imagine what those were for, except maybe to entertain the kids while the parents were at Temple? End quote.

Great. Just great.

Alright. That actually went a little longer than I had planned, but that's okay. That was really great stuff.

I have been telling you over the last several weeks, that there is no much information tying H2O water baptism to the Old Covenant that is almost overwhelming. A couple weeks ago, I began telling you about mikveh - and its place in the Old Covenant.

Mikveh, as much as we can understand from our own Bibles - is a holding pool - a somewhat small container of water that had an inlet and an outlet - because it contained "living water" (which was an Old Covenant requirement) - and it was large enough for people to fully immerse themselves in. The mikvehs were used for the

purpose of making sure that someone was physically clean before they entered the temple - because no defilement - no uncleanness was allowed in the temple. When we see the referencing to baptizing in our Bibles - that is people that were washing themselves before entering the temple. No defilement could enter the temple.

The mikveh - which is a type and shadow of Jesus Christ - is first found in our Bibles during the first week of Creation. Mikveh is inseparably a part of the process of repentance for the remission of sins in the Old Covenant World. The mikveh contained physical H₂O water.

But just like the physical blood of the Old Covenant sacrificial system pointed to the blood of Christ - so too, the physical water of the Old Covenant sacrificial system pointed to the water that poured from His body when He was executed by the state at the behest of the religious men of His day. The Old Covenant Sacrificial system was blood and water - it was not just the blood.

I want to read another selection for you - from - believe it or not - a website called "Earlychurchhistory.org." I am reading this in fulfillment of an old chinese proverb - actually - I have no idea where this came from - but it fulfills "even a blind squirrel gets a nut sometimes." I hope that isn't offensive to our blind listeners - I don't think it is - it just means that sometimes people just stumble onto some truths - regardless of their perspectives. This article is entitled: ANCIENT JEWS AND CLEANLINESS

I want to read this to you this morning, because I am once again trying to drive home to the point that H₂O water immersion was not something new that John the Baptist brought to the scene. Water immersion was part of the Old Covenant - even before the Covenant itself - actually. Water immersion had been around for a long long time - long before John the Baptist - long before Peter, James and John. It was not new. Listen to this:

The conception of personal cleanliness as both a prerequisite of holiness and an aid to physical fitness is central to Jewish tradition.

Cleansing with water for physical as well as spiritual purity was commanded in the Old Testament. Moses bathed Aaron and his sons before their ordination as priests. (Leviticus 8:6) Clothing contaminated by mold or mildew had to be washed. (Leviticus

13:58) A diseased, unclean person had to be quarantined outside the camp until the infection ceased. (Leviticus 13:45,46) When the disease was gone, the person had to “wash his clothes, shave off all his hair and bathe with water.” (Leviticus 14:8) [Bodily discharges] Diarrhea and urethral discharges meant disease, uncleanness and the ill person as well as all those around him had to wash their clothes and “bathe in fresh (running) water.” (Leviticus 15:13) [Other personal discharges] Semen and menstrual blood were unclean and required water cleansing (Leviticus 15:16-33) The seemingly tedious lists in Leviticus of “clean” and “unclean” that required water cleansing were in reality prescient medical methods of preventing the spread of infectious diseases as well as practical practices that reinforced the need to be “clean” outside. To be clean outside was a metaphor for inward, spiritual purity.

Plus, there were certain “clean” and “unclean” animals and insects that could not be eaten.

The Jews were, of all ancient peoples, the most aware of how sinful, how unclean they were before their God and how much they needed to be cleansed from their sins:

“...your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you....your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies and your tongue mutters wicked things. No one calls for justice; no one pleads his case with integrity....They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider’s nest....Their feet rush into sin...Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their paths....our offenses are many in (God’s) sight and we acknowledge our iniquities.” Isaiah 59:2-5,7,12

The strongest example in the Old Testament of spiritual cleansing is the annual release of the Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur):scapegoat

“When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat’s head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man

shall release it in the desert. Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments.” Leviticus 16:20-24

The Scapegoat, carrying in its body the collective sin of the Israelites, is, typologically, one who bears all the blame for something he did not do.

Stop for just a second. Remember when I played for you rabbi Tovia Singer - who said there was nothing in the Bible - nothing in the Law God gave Moses that said that the Messiah should offer Himself for the sins of others? When a man denies that Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law and the Prophets - there's simply no way that man can see that Moses' scapegoat - just like everything else in the Law God gave Moses - was a type and shadow pointing to Jesus the Messiah that came in the first century.

Continuing.

The Yom Kippur Scapegoat, let loose to die in the barren desert, was released year after year after year. Sin could be put away for a time but it was not eliminated. After officiating at the sin/atonement ceremonies, the high priest would have to “bathe himself with water in a holy place” to cleanse himself physically from the spiritual filth of sin.



By the time of Christ, ceremonial cleanliness by water had become institutionalized into a purity ritual involving full immersion in a mikveh (or miqveh), a “collection of water.”

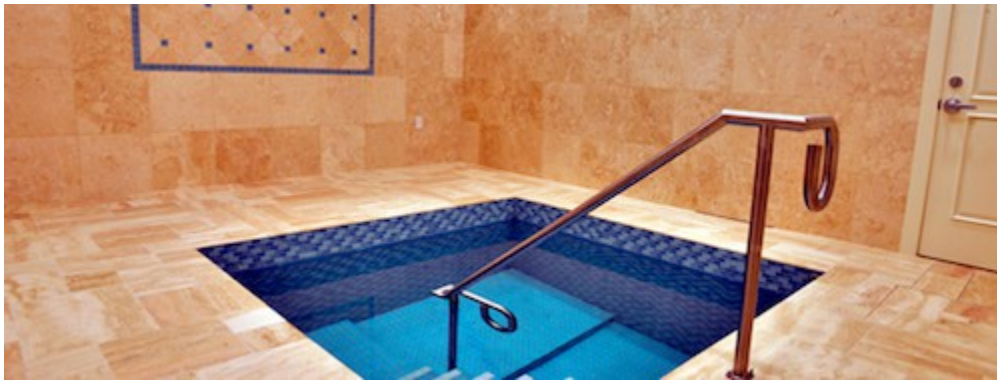
A recently discovered ancient mikveh in Israel



[This is nothing new. There are photos of mikvehs all over the internet. Just do a simple search and you'll find them.]

Mikveh purification was required of all Jews before they could enter the Temple or participate in major festivals. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims converged on Jerusalem for Passover and other major feasts. One hundred mikvehs, attesting to the need for water purification before entering into Temple rites, have been found by Hebrew University's Benjamin Mazar around the wall adjacent to Herod's Temple. Mikvehs, resembling large bathtubs or small garden ponds, have been found in Jericho and elsewhere in Israel.

A modern mikveh: "The concept of purity and impurity as mandated by the Torah and applied within Jewish life is unique; it has no parallel or equivalent in this postmodern age."



The ancient Jews tried to make sure their family's mikveh was connected to a source of "living water" like a spring or well, but that was not always possible. Tap water could not be used as the primary source of water for the mikveh, but the rabbis decided you could "top off" the mikveh to a suitable level with a little tap water. The rule of thumb was that the mikveh should be big enough to hold 40 seahs of water. When asked how much volume a seah was, the rabbis said it was enough to fit 144 eggs. If there were less than 40 seahs of water (enough to hold 5,760 eggs) in a mikveh, you could not add even 3-4 more pints of water from an unnatural source because that would render the mikveh unfit for use.

[Here again you seem them adding to the Law. Baptism in the OC had to be in living

water. That's because Living Water pointed to Jesus the Messiah and nothing but Living Water was allowed.]

It would have to be drained and refilled. A simple ritual had been turned into a legalistic nightmare prefiguring the disputes of the Christians over methods of baptism.

It has been a temptation in all religions to replace the ritual for the reality it was meant to reflect. One rabbi had suggested that the mikveh contain enough water to cover the body of an average-sized man. There have always been sensible people.—Sandra Sweeny Silver

Friends, I am not the only one out there saying that full body H2O immersion was a ritual under the Old Covenant for physical purification prior to entering the temple. Now, I will absolutely admit to you that prior to diving deeper into this subject - I was not aware there was so much information available tying the mikveh baths to the ancient times. But there is so much - like I said - it is almost overwhelming. I can only hope that you are doing your own research as well.

Nearly the entire world - nearly the entire religious world - has placed their trust in some form of an H2O water ritual - and the reality is - those rituals were imposed on those living under the Old Covenant World - until the time of reformation. The physical aspects of the blood have been done away with. The physical aspects of the water have been done away with. They both were types and shadows pointing to Christ.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Jesus is the Water for the New Covenant World. He is the Living Water. He is what the mikveh was pointing to. He is what the molten sea in Solomon's temple was pointing to. He is what the Pools of Siloam and Bethesda were pointing to.

No amount of Old Covenant ritual is going to work in the New Covenant World for the way to the Father. There's no physical blood - there's no physical water in the New Covenant World. There is only One Way and that is by being fully immersed into Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords and that, my friends, has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with physical H2O water.

That is the end of today's message, but I'd sure like you to stay around for just a few more minutes. Two weeks ago, a long time listener sent me some of his songs that he has recently recorded. His name is Paul, he currently lives north of us. I asked him if I could play his songs and share a little of his testimony and he said, "Of course," to both.

I had asked him in particular about one of the songs, I played that one last week between Ted's message and mine - and this is what he said,

Really appreciate your feedback Charlie! I will stay tuned. I found the texts for the Psalms in an old family bible dated 1889 under a section called "The Psalms of David in Metre". Through some research I discovered most of them are part of the work of a group of people under the auspices of THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA 1887.

Now listen to this, what a blessing and an encouragement.

Of course I claim no affiliation with that organization or any other, except the commonwealth of Israel, the body of Christ, the Ecclesia, the Remnant, or what have you.

In any case, all I had to start with was the text. I created the sung melodies and the guitar accompaniment, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It has been a privilege to honour the Most High and Yeshua our Messiah in this way. I pray it will be a blessing to others.