

Matthew 24 Series - II Samuel 7 ; Acts 2

Part 13 in the Series - All Prophecies Fulfilled in Christ

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I want to say thank you again for tuning in to the broadcast or for taking the time to listen in on the archives from our website. I am humbled that you would take the time to listen what I believe God has shown me and would have me to preach. I don't take this lightly. I know that there are people out there who are listening to every single message in this series and my prayer is that each and everyone of us are drawn closer to the understanding that the Kingdom of God is a present-day reality today.

My prayer today is to know more. All I have ever wanted out of this life is to know God, know His Son and know the truth of His Word and His Kingdom. I hope that is your desire and prayer, also. Here's a son that I first heard as a child. It brings back fond memories everytime I hear it. More About Jesus.

In the understanding that All Bible Prophecy has been fulfilled, I want you to understand that I am ultimately claiming two really big beliefs or faiths, if you will:

1) That ALL the prophecies contained in what are referred to as the Old Testament Scriptures that look like futuristic fulfillments - in other words - what modern preachers say are either being fulfilled right now - or in the time to come - ALL those prophecies have already been fulfilled and they were fulfilled beginning with John the Baptist and concluding with AD 70 - the destruction of the temple. Any prophecies that allude to the Messiah of Israel - were ALL fulfilled in Christ. And when He finished His work here - He left absolutely nothing undone. All the prophecies to Israel were 100% completely fulfilled by AD 70 - at the destruction of the temple.

2) As a result of Christ fulfilling the prophecies, the full implementation of the Kingdom of God has been established on this earth for 2,000 years. There will be nothing else coming. There is no 3rd coming of Christ to this earth. His first coming and His second coming were prophesied - and BOTH were fulfilled - exactly as promised from the Scripture.

With that understanding, many people balk, some scoff, some ask for more details.

Some people point to some Old Testament prophecies and read them and say, "See, no

way has that been fulfilled. It has to be in our future."

Continuing in our study of the already completed Second Coming of Christ as shown in the book of Acts, I want us to revisit something that is the bedrock belief of futurism and is thoroughly explained in Acts 2 - if only we will accept it.

We have touched on this earlier, but today, I believe we need to look at it much closer.

Turn with me please to II Samuel chapter 7. Beginning in verse 1, let's read:

[1] And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and Yahweh had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

[2] That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

[3] And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for Yahweh is with thee.

[4] And it came to pass that night, that the word of Yahweh came unto Nathan, saying,

[5] Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith Yahweh, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

[6] Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

[7] In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

[8] Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Yahweh of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

[9] And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

[10] Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

[11] And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also Yahweh telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

[12] And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

[13] He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

[14] I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

[15] But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

[16] And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

[17] According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

[18] Then went king David in, and sat before Yahweh, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

[19] And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

[20] And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

[21] For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

[22] Wherefore thou art great, O Yahweh God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

[23] And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

[24] For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

[25] And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

[26] And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

[27] For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

[28] And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

[29] Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

If we were to take this prophecy and remove it from the rest of the Bible and lay it out on the table, we could possibly construe the fulfillment of this passage to be a literal, physical kingdom ruling over of the earth originating from a literal, physical throne that could be sat upon, touched, and seen.

And the truth is, that is exactly what most all quote unquote modern christian religions have done with this passage of Scripture. I'll be the first one to admit, that if we took this passage out and laid it on the table, that's exactly what it looks like.

But what I'm trying to get people to see, is sometimes, what looks like something in written by the Old Testament prophets may appear to mean something totally different - especially if we seek its fulfillment in things other than Christ.

For those who have been listening to my messages, you've heard me say over and over that we need to read the Word and believe it for what it says. Then, you hear me say something like I just said, and wonder if I'm contradicting myself. Not at all. When we look at the writings of the prophets and we find the fulfillments in Christ, sure, now we understand what was meant by the original prophecy, and we get it.

Ultimately, by not understanding that this passage is referring to the Kingdom of God and that the King on this throne is Christ - and He has been seated on that throne ruling and reigning for 2,000 years and He will never give up that throne - and He is no less King ruling from the right hand of God as He would be if He returned to this earth to rule - we are going to find ourselves will all sorts of double-minded theories that have no basis in Scripture.

We'll end up with preachers so-called trying to convince people that the temple in Jerusalem must be rebuilt. Even though the book of Acts tells us very clearly that God no longer dwells in temples made with hands. And we have a God who at one time did - then He quit for a while - then can't make up His mind - so one day He'll do it again.

Then we have a God who was pleased with the sacrificing of animals - then decided He would change that plan - then decided He'd once again reinstitute it.

Then, we have a God who wants a people for Himself, a people who are not ashamed to call Him God - then God decides that He'll go ahead and have His Chosen People from among people that killed His Son and want nothing whatsoever to do with His Son - they denied that Jesus Christ is God's Son sent to this earth 2,000 years ago - but yet somehow - God prefers those people over people who DID accept His Son - who have

placed their faith in God's Only Begotten Son - who have placed His Son - Jesus the Christ on the throne of their lives - wow - it appears we have a rather mixed-up God who can't seem to make up His mind.

I'm glad that is not the God I serve and I hope you are, too.

Of course, we are going to go back to Acts 2 and see the clear fulfillment of II Samuel 7 and see exactly what God meant by His promise to David. But before we do, let's look at something else real quick.

Zechariah is another prophecy that because the people have refused to find its fulfillment in Christ, they've twisted that prophecy into meanings it does not have.

Look at Zechariah 14:

[1] Behold, the day of Yahweh cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

[2] For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

[3] Then shall Yahweh go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

[4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

[5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and Yahweh my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

[6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

[7] But it shall be one day which shall be known to Yahweh, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

The modern preacher takes this passage and puts it at the very least - 2,000 years from the time of Christ.

Look at verse 8:

[8] And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in

winter shall it be.

[9] And Yahweh shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Turn over to John 4. Beginning in verse 1:

[1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

[2] (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

[3] He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

[4] And he must needs go through Samaria.

[5] Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

[6] Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

[7] There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

[8] (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

[9] Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

[10] Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

[11] The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

[12] Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

[13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

[14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

[15] The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

[16] Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

[17] The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

[18] For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband:

in that saidst thou truly.

[19] The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

[20] Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

[22] Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

[25] The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

[26] Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Oh my goodness. I'm afraid we have lost sight of exactly who this Jesus was and is. Can we not plainly see that living waters were flowing out of Jerusalem?

Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of Zechariah 14:8. If we had been reading Zechariah 14:8 years before the Messiah arrived, what would we have thought? How would we have thought the prophecy would be fulfilled? Would we have dramatized actual physical waters - H2O flowing with some miraculous powers?

Look with me to Matthew 21. Beginning in verse 1:

[1] And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

[2] Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

[3] And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

[4] All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

[5] Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

[6] And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

[7] And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

[8] And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

[9] And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Is this the fulfillment of Zechariah 14? Is this the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9?

[8] And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

[9] Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

[10] And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from river even to the ends of the earth.

[11] As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

[12] Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

[13] When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

[14] And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

[15] The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

[16] And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

[17] For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Will we take some of the verses in Zechariah and apply them to Christ and then take other verses and apply them to the future - to a different Messiah? To a Jewish messiah that will use a rebuilt physical temple and will look to the reinstatement of animal sacrifices?

I'm telling you that ALL the prophecies that appear to be futuristic - are all fulfilled in the Christ. He's not a coming King. He's King now.

Go to Acts 2, please, and we'll read again starting in verse 14, all the while remembering what is going on here. This is the Day of Pentecost. This is some days after Christ ascended into heaven having first spoken with His disciples concerning the Kingdom of God, His imminent return, and His reminder to them of their task of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to the Jew first, then to the rest of the Roman empire. Verse 14:

[14] But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

[15] For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

[16] But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

[17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

[18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

[19] And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

[20] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

[21] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

[22] Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

[23] Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

[24] Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Peter will now bring David into the conversation, as David was well regarded as being the greatest of all the earthly kings of Israel. The Davidic Covenant was well known among the Israelites and was the great hope of Israel.

Peter has already referred to the prophet Joel as being fulfilled by Christ, now he is going to refer to David and how Christ fulfilled the promises to David.

[25] For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

[26] Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

[27] Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

[28] Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Please watch this very closely. If you do not have your Bible in front of you, make note of this passage so that when you do have your Bible, you can see this for yourself.

[29] Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

[30] Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

[31] He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

It is as clear as anything in the Word of God what is being said here. To deny that the resurrection of Christ was the fulfillment of the prophecy spoken in II Samuel 7 is to deny Christ Himself.

As you know from my other messages, rarely do I quote from other Bible versions, but I thought here, I'll quote from a couple others to make sure there's not some major discrepancy. Here's the New American Standard:

29"Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30"And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT [one] OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

31he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

32"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

34"For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

35UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

36"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

Tyndale version says:

29Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David: For he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre remaineth with us unto his day. 30Therefore since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn with an oath to him, that the fruit of his loins should sit on his seat: 31He saw before, and spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul should not be left in hell: neither his flesh should see corruption. 32This Iesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33Since now that he by the right hand of God exalted is, and hath received of the father the promise of the holy ghost, he hath shed forth that which ye now see and hear.

34For David is not ascended into heaven, but he said: The Lord said to my Lord sit on my right hand,

35until I make thy foes, thy foot stool. 36So therefore let all the house of Israhel know for a surety, that God hath made the same Iesus whom ye have crucified, Lord and Christ.

Even the Good News Translation says this:

29" My friends, I must speak to you plainly about our famous ancestor King David. He died and was buried, and his grave is here with us to this very day. 30 He was a prophet, and he knew what God had promised him: God had made a vow that he would make one of David's descendants a king, just as David was. 31 David saw what God was going to do in the future, and so he spoke about the resurrection of the Messiah when he said,

‘He was not abandoned in the world of the dead;
his body did not rot in the grave.’

32 God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact. 33 He has been raised to the right side of God, his Father, and has received from him the Holy Spirit, as he had promised. What you now see and hear is his gift that he has poured out on us. 34 For it was not David who went up into heaven; rather he said,

‘The Lord said to my Lord:
Sit here at my right side

35 until I put your enemies as a footstool under your feet.’

36 "All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that this Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one that God has made Lord and Messiah!"

Finally, the Wycliffe Bible:

29 Brethren, be it leaveful boldly to say to you of the patriarch David, for he is dead and buried, and his sepulchre is among us into this day. (Brothers, may it be lawful for me to boldly say this to you about the patriarch David, that he is dead and buried, and his tomb is here among us unto this day.) 30 Therefore when he was a prophet, and knew, that with a great oath God

had sworn to him, that of the fruit of his loins should one sit on his seat (that a man from the fruit of his loins should sit on his throne), **31**he seeing afar spoke of the resurrection of Christ (he seeing far ahead spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah), for neither he was left in hell, neither his flesh saw corruption. **32**God raised this Jesus, to whom we all be witnesses. **33**Therefore he was enhanced by the right hand of God, and through the promise of the Holy Ghost that he took of the Father, he shedded out this Spirit, that ye see and hear. (And so he was exalted, or was raised up, by the right hand of God, and through the promise of the Holy Spirit that he received from the Father, he poured out this Spirit, that ye now see and hear.)

34For David ascended not into heaven; but he saith, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right half (Sit on my right side, or at my right hand),

35still I put thine enemies the stool of thy feet. (until I make thy enemies thy footstool.) **36**Therefore most certainly know all the house of Israel, that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, whom ye crucified. (And so let all the house of Israel most certainly know, that God made this Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Messiah.)

A lot of translations differ in a lot of places, but I haven't come across one that does not say this passage as clearly as it can be said. The fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant of II Samuel 7 - was fulfilled by the resurrection of Christ.

The modern preacher can do anything and everything he can to try to make the Kingdom of God future - but we must not ever let them get by with twisting II Samuel 7 into meanings that it does not have. II Samuel 7 and anything other than the resurrection of Christ is deceit - either by pure ignorance of the Word of God or by out and out deception because men today do not want Christ to be King - no more than they did when Christ was here when the chief priest cried out, We have no king but Caesar.

As I was preparing for today's message, I listened for a few minutes to a very well known modernist futurist preacher who was teaching that II Samuel 7 would be fulfilled in what he called the "millenium" - a word not even found in the Scriptures. This is one of those doctrines that preachers created because they refuse to believe that the prophecies were fulfilled in Christ.

This preacher read from Acts 15.

So far, in our studies of the book of Acts we have seen over and over how that Peter referred to an Old Testament prophet - then showed how that prophecy was fulfilled in Christ. I certainly see no reason to deviate from that pattern when we get to Acts 15.

Just as Peter had used David to preach Christ, Paul and Barnabas used Moses. In this passage they were preaching the salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. And how the gospel would be available to the other nations. In Acts 15:14, James stands up and says:

[14] Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of

them a people for his name.

[15] And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

[16] After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

[17] That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

[18] Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Once again, the prophecies find their fulfillment in Christ.

Let's look at another fulfillment of Bible Prophecy in Acts 13:

[15] And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

[16] Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

[17] The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

[18] And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

[19] And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

[20] And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

[21] And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

[22] And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

[23] Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

[24] When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

[25] And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

[26] Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

[27] For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled

them in condemning him.

[28] And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

[29] And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

[30] But God raised him from the dead:

[31] And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

[32] And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

[33] God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

[34] And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

[35] Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

[36] For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

[37] But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

[38] Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

[39] And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

[40] Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

[41] Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

Also, in this passage here, there is more Fulfilled Bible Prophecy that needs to be noted.

This has to do with the many times we read from Mathew 24 and I kept emphasizing, "Then said Jesus to His disciples - 2,000 years ago."

Let's keep reading with verse 42:

[42] And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

[43] Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

[44] And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

[45] But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

[46] Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

[47] For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Does anything come to mind here? "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

[48] And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

[49] And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

[50] But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

[51] But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

In Mark 6, Christ gave His disciples clear instructions when preaching the Gospel.

[10] And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

[11] And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

I want to try to conclude the Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy as seen in the book of Acts by referring to Luke 24. Some believers say that Luke wrote the book of Acts and that the book of Acts is a continuation of Luke's gospel. That's not really any great point of discussion to me, but I find great value in reading Luke 24 as it sheds some insight to what the disciples mindset was as they began their ministries described in the book of Acts.

There is a particular verse in Luke 24 that I wanted to emphasize, but as is often the case, when I looked at verses before and after - I just kept enjoying so much of what I was reading, I just found myself at the beginning. So, let's begin with verse 1 of Luke 24:

[1] Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

[2] And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

[3] And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

[4] And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

[5] And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

[6] He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

[7] Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

[8] And they remembered his words,

[9] And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

[10] It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

[11] And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

[12] Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

[13] And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

[14] And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

[15] And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

[16] But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

[17] And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

[18] And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass therein these days?

[19] And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

[20] And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

[21] But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

[22] Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

[23] And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

[24] And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Now start paying real close attention here.

[25] Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

[26] Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

How much of the prophets did Christ want them to believe? He wanted them to believe ALL that the prophets had spoken. Stay with me now.

[27] And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Can we now begin to get a glimpse of understanding as to the boldness these men had when they preached that Christ was King? Can we see the boldness these men had in facing a world that did not want any other king besides Caesar? Can we see how their faithfulness in preaching that there is another King, One Jesus - had turned the world upside down?

Verse 28:

[28] And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

[29] But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

[30] And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

[31] And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

[32] And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

[33] And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

[34] Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

[35] And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

[36] And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

[37] But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

[38] And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

[39] Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

[40] And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

[41] And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

[42] And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

[43] And he took it, and did eat before them.

Now watch. Hold on tight.

[44] And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

[45] Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, How many things must be fulfilled? How many things that were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the psalms? ALL.

ALL the prophecies are fulfilled in Christ. Why wouldn't they be? How could there be anything greater than the Son of God walking among men? How could there be anything greater than the resurrection of Christ from the dead? How could there be anything greater than God raising His Son from the dead and crowning Him King of kings and Lord of lords? How can there be anything greater than this?

[46] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

[47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

[48] And ye are witnesses of these things.

[49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

[50] And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

[51] And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

[52] And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Do you understand this? They worshipped Him - and He let them! If He was not Who He was supposed to be - do you realize what a horrible, awful thing this would have

been for them to worship Him?

They finally knew, beyond a shadow of any doubt, that this same Jesus, Who was crucified and hung on a cross - that God - as prophesied by Moses in the Law and ALL the prophets of Old - this same Jesus - hath God made both Lord and Christ. Amen.

Friends, he's not a coming king. He is King of kings and Lord of lords - right now.