

LESSON 17 - THE PROPHETS SEE TWO MOUNTAIN PEAKS

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THEME: *To show the difference between prophesied and unprophesied truth.*

In this lesson we are going to cover a great distance on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. We will look off into the distance at some mountain tops /peaks.

In our last lesson we traveled down CAPTIVITY DEVIATION with Israel. We saw how the people turned to idolatry and had to be punished for that sin. It was during this period that God called the Prophets, *men of God who spoke for God*, to warn Israel of the judgment to come, and to comfort the obedient people with the promises of the coming Redeemer and King.

There was one thing, however, which the Prophets could not understand. The apostle Peter spoke of it this way: "As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the suffering of Christ and the glories to follow." 1 Peter 1:10-11. They could not understand how the Promised One could be a glorious king and also a humble, suffering servant. On our chart we represent the suffering and the glory by these two mountain peaks: CALVARY MOUNTAIN and KINGDOM MOUNTAIN.

If we take our Bibles we can read what some of the Prophets foretold. Then we will pretend we are looking at those two mountain peaks. As you read the following prophecies, decide to which of these two mountains each prophecy refers.

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| Betrayal_____ | Zechariah 11:12-13 |
| Vinegar and gall_____ | Psalms 69:20-21 |
| Scuffed at_____ | Psalms 22:7-8 |
| Nailed to the cross_____ | Psalms 22:16 |
| Smitten on the cheek_____ | Micah 5:1 |
| Spit on and scourged_____ | Isaiah 50:6 |
| Death and burial_____ | Isaiah 53:9 |
| Suffering for others_____ | Isaiah 53:4-6 |
| Numbered with transgressors_____ | Isaiah 53:12 |
| Laid in the grave_____ | Isaiah 53:9 |

Coming in glory_____Daniel 7:13
Universal kingdom_____Daniel 7:14
Never-ending kingdom_____Daniel 7:14
Of David's seed_____1 Chronicles 17:11
All the earth to bow_____Psalms 22:29
Smite the nations_____Psalms 2:4-5
King in Zion over the heathen_____Psalms 2:6-8
Wonderful Counselor_____Isaiah 9:6-7
Reign with wisdom_____Isaiah 11:1-4
Raised from the grave_____Psalms 16:10

It is not surprising that the Prophets and the people were wondering about such strange contradictions. They could not see what we believers can see today. There has been a period of nearly 2000 years since CALVARY MOUNTAIN and we do not know how many more years it will be before KINGDOM MOUNTAIN. God is now doing something which was a secret hidden in Himself during the days of the Prophets. The Prophets did not know that Israel would reject their King and that God would cast Israel aside while He opened up a door of faith to the Gentiles, those who are non-Jews. The Day of Grace, GRACE AIRPORT, was a secret. If you had lived back in the days of the Prophets, no matter how much you searched and looked, you would not have seen this secret. Ephesians 3:9. Israel's King is coming again, but first SALVATION LINER will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air!

We read in 1 Peter 1:10-11 that the Prophets searched diligently and inquired about these things. That is what God wants us to do when we do not understand things in His Word. Paul spoke of the Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily. Acts 17:11.

Finally, the voice of the Prophets stopped speaking because God was silent. The obedient Prophets had the written Word /Old Testament and as they searched, they hoped and waited for the arrival of the King. KINGDOM HIGHWAY became crooked, destroyed and neglected. It was a highway in the darkness of sin, which hung over the world in those silent days. In the next lesson *A Voice* will suddenly break the stillness.

Do you search the Scriptures daily? If you do not, it is time to begin. Only in the Bible do we find the wonderful truths and promises which God has given to us. Only in the Scriptures do we find guidance to live the righteous life which pleases God.

MEMORY VERSE: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

LESSON 17 - WORK SHEET

According to 1 Peter 1:10,11 the Prophets told about two things concerning Christ. What were they? 1. _____
2. _____

There are some Scripture references listed below. Find them and write them under the Mountain to which they refer:

Psalms 69:21

Psalms 2:4-5

Isaiah 53:4-6

Psalms 22:29

Micah 5:1

Psalms 2:6-8

CALVARY MOUNTAIN -- KINGDOM MOUNTAIN

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. What does 1 Peter 1:10 say that the Prophets did in trying to understand these things? _____
7. What does Paul say that the Bereans did in order to see if the things he preached were true? Acts 17:11. _____
8. What does God want us to do in order to understand the Word?
2 Timothy 2:15 _____
9. Why was it that the Prophets did not see the Day of Grace? Ephesians 3:5 _____
10. Write Acts 17:11 from memory. _____

REVISION /REVIEW

On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* as far as we have traveled in our lessons. Submit your drawing with this lesson.