

LESSON 17 – THE PROPHETS SEE TWO MOUNTAIN PEAKS

1 Kings - Malachi

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 searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings 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 two mountain peaks: CALVARY MOUNTAIN and HOLY 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 (and its fulfillment) refers.

Betrayal _____ Zechariah 11:12-13 -> Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10

Vinegar and gall _____ Psalm 69:20-21-> Matthew 27:34, 48

Scuffed at _____ Psalm 22:7-8 -> Matthew 27:39

Nailed to the cross _____ Psalm 22:16 -> Matthew 27:35

Smitten on the cheek _____ Micah 5:1 -> Matthew 26:67; 27:30

Spit on and scourged _____ Isaiah 50:6 -> Matthew 26:67; 27:30

Death and burial _____ Isaiah 53:9 -> Matthew 27:57-60

Suffering for others _____ Isaiah 53:4-7 -> Matthew 26:63: 27:12-14

Numbered with transgressors ___ Isaiah 53:12 -> Mark 15:28

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 -> Luke 1:32-33
All the earth to bow _____ Psalm 22:29
Smite the nations _____ Psalm 2:4-5
King in Zion over the heathen _____ Psalm 2:6-8
Wonderful Counselor _____ Isaiah 9:6-7
Reign with wisdom _____ Isaiah 11:1-4
Raised from the grave _____ Psalm 16:10 -> Acts 13:32-37



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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 HOLY 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 Dispensation 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. But now, in this dispensation, the secret has been revealed. God used the apostle Paul to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things. Ephesians 3:8,9.

Israel's King is coming again, but first SALVATION LINER will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air! 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

We read in 1 Peter 1:10-11 that the Prophets searched carefully and inquired about these things. That is what God wants us to do when we do not understand things in His Word. The apostle Paul spoke of the believers in Berea who received the word with eagerness, examining 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 / non-Greek Scriptures and as they searched, they hoped and waited for the arrival of the King. KINGDOM BOULEVARD became twisted, 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 examine the Scriptures daily? If you do not, it is time to begin. How should you study to present yourself approved to God? By rightly dividing the Word of Truth. 2 Timothy 2:15. By doing so, you will discover that only in the letters of the apostle Paul we, the Body of Christ, find the wonderful truths and promises which God has given to us. That only in the letters of the apostle Paul we find the instructions to live the righteous life which pleases God.

MEMORY VERSE: “Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these 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 are they?

1. _____
2. _____

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

Psalm 69:21

Psalm 2:4-5

Isaiah 53:4-6

Psalms 22:29

Micah 5:1

Psalm 2:6-8

CALVARY MOUNTAIN

HOLY 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 believers in Berea 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 Dispensation of Grace? Ephesians 3:5
_____.

10. Write Acts 17:11: _____

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REVISION / REVIEW

Draw on a separate sheet of paper the part of THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE as far as we have traveled in our lessons.