

CHRIST AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

INTRODUCTION:

Do you like to overhear others' conversations? We often do, whether we like it or not. To some extent that is what we are doing when we read the Gospels. We are "listening in" on other peoples' conversations, particularly with Jesus at the center. So it is in Luke 24:13-35. Let's read Luke 24:13ff.

Luke 24: 27 – "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

Luke 24: 32 – "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24: 44 "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

"The Law of Moses"

This is the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, the Hebrew "Torah," "the Law of Moses." What would (and perhaps could?) Jesus have said about Himself from the "Torah"?

1. Genesis:

- 3:15 – "Seed" of the woman crushing the head of the serpent. Cp. Rom 16:20. See also, 2 Cor 11:3, 14; Rev 12:9.
- 9:27 – "He (i.e., God) will dwell in the tents of Shem." Cp. John 1:14, etc.
- 12:1-3 – The Promise given to Abraham. Cp. Gen 12:7; 13:14-18; 15:4-5, 13-18; 17:1-8; 18:17-19; 22:15-18; to Isaac – 26:4, 23-24; to Jacob – 28:14-15; 35: 9-12. See Gal 3:8, 16; Rom 4.
- 49:10 – "The scepter will not depart from Judah . . . until he comes to whom it belongs. . . ." Cp. Ezek 21:27.

2. Numbers:

- 24:17 – "A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel."

3. Deuteronomy:

- 18:15,18 – "Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers." See Acts 3:22; 7:37. Also, Matt 16:16ff.; John 6:14; 7:40; 1:21, 25; 1:45; 4: 19, 29.

THE PROPHETS AND THE AGE OF THE MESSIAH

1. Joel 2:28-32 -- Acts 2:17-21 ("I will pour out my Spirit on all people.")

2. Jonah -- Matt 12:40; Matt 16:4; Lk 11:29-32 ("sign of Jonah")

3. Amos 9:11-12 -- Acts 15:16-17 ("In that day I will restore David's falling tent.")

4. Hosea 11:1 -- Matt 2:15 ("Out of Egypt have I called my son.")

5. Micah 5:2 -- Matt 2:5-6 ("But you, Bethlehem, . . . out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.")

6. Isaiah 7:14 -- Matt 1:23 (“Immanuel”)
 - Isaiah 9:1-2 -- Matt 4:15-16 (“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.”)
 - Isaiah 42:1-4 -- Matt 12:18-21 (“Here is my servant, whom I uphold.”)
 - Isaiah 52:15 -- Rom 15:21 (“For what they were not told, they will see.”)
 - Isaiah 53:1 -- Rom 10:16; Jn 12:38 (“Who has believed our message?”)
 - Isaiah 53:4 -- Matt 8:17 (“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.”)
 - Isaiah 53:8 -- Acts 8:32-33 (“For he was cut off from the land of the living.”)
 - Isaiah 53:9 -- I Peter 2:22 (“... nor was any deceit in his mouth.”)
 - Isaiah 53:12 -- Mk 15:27; Lk 22:37 (“... and was numbered with the transgressors.”)
 - Isaiah 61:1-2a -- Lk 4:18-19 (“The Spirit of the Sovereign Yahweh is on me. . . “)
7. Zephaniah 3 -- (“The day of the Lord. . . the remnant. . . I will be with you.”)
8. Nahum 1-3 -- (Judgment against Nineveh)
9. Habakkuk 2:4 -- Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38 (“The righteous One will live by faith.”)
10. Jeremiah 31:15 -- Matt 2:17-18 (“Rachel weeping for her children”)
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 -- Hebrews 8:8-12 (“... I will make a new covenant. . .”)
11. Ezekiel 37:27 -- 2 Cor 6:16 (“My dwelling place will be with them. . . “)
 - Ezekiel 40-48 -- Rev 21-22 (“The Lord is there.”)
12. Obadiah -- (Judgment against Edom)
13. Daniel 7:13 -- Mk 14:62; Matt 26:64 (“One like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven”)
14. Haggai 2:6-7 -- Heb 12:26 (“I will once more shake the heavens and the earth.”)
 - Haggai 2:23 -- Eph 1:13-14; 2 Cor 1:22 (“signet ring--seal”)
15. Zechariah 9:9 -- Matt 21:5; Jn 12:15 (“See, your king comes to you. . . gentle and riding on a donkey.”)
 - Zechariah 13:7 -- Mk 14:27; Matt 26:31 (“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”)
16. Malachi 4:5 -- Lk 1:17; Matt 11:13-14; 17:12-13; Mk 9:11-13 (“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.”)