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The Old Testament

Proclaims

The Gospel

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INTRODUCTION: the following are Scriptures that show that the appearing of Christ and the New Testament Gospel of faith and grace is not only underpinned by the Old Testament Scriptures but, also a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. A full and detailed understanding of the following Scriptures can be found in, "Commentary NT" on (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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MATTHEW

The Birth of Jesus Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy.

- **Matthew 1:18-22:** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place *to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet.*

The prophet refers to Isaiah who prophesied:

- Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

Jesus coming from Bethlehem, Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy.

- **Matthew 2:5-6:** They (the wise men) told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is *written by the prophet:* ⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Micah prophesied:

- But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days ³therefore he (the LORD) shall give them (Judah) up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel (Micah 5:2).

Jesus taken to Egypt Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy.

- **Matthew 2:13-15:** Now when they (the wise men) had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to *fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet*, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Hosea prophesied:

- When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son (Hosea 11:1).

Herod Killing the Children Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy.

- **Matthew 2:16-17:** Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was *fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah*.

Jeremiah prophesied:

- Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more" (Jer. 31:15).

Jesus going to Capernaum in Galilee Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 4:14-16:** so that what was *spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:* ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Isaiah prophesied:

- But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined (Isaiah 9:1-2).

Jesus Miracles Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 11:4-5:** And Jesus answered them (John's disciples), "Go and tell John (the Baptist) what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

Isaiah prophesied:

- I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness (Isaiah 42:6).
- I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them (Isaiah 42:16).

God majestically fulfilled these Scriptures through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Appearing of John the Baptist Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 11:9-10:** What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I (Jesus) tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger (John the Baptist) before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

Malachi prophesied:

- Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts (Malachi 3:1).

John the Baptist Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 17:10-13:** And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ¹¹ He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Malachi prophesied:

- Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." (Malachi 4:5-6).

Jesus Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 12:17-21:** This was to *fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:* ¹⁸ “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; ²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; ²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Isaiah prophesied:

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- Behold my servant (echoing Jesus) whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him (at his water baptism) he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth (this is still a future event) (Isaiah 42:1-4).
- I am the LORD; I have called you (echoing Jesus Christ) in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you I will give you as a covenant for the people (on the Cross) a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other (Isaiah 42:6-8).

The Pharisees Blindness Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 13:14-15:** Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” ¹⁵ For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

Isaiah prophesied:

- I (Isaiah) heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." ⁹And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive" (Isaiah 6:8-9).

Jesus Speaking in Parables Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 13:34-35:** All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was *to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:* “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

Asaph wrote:

- I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them (Psalm 78:2, 10-11).

Jesus Riding into Jerusalem on a Colt Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 21:4-5:** This took place to *fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,* ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Zechariah prophesied:

- Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9).

The Crowds Praising Christ Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 21:6-9:** The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*”

The Psalmist wrote:

- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone this is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!* We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us (Psalm 118:22-27).

The Betrayal and Death of Jesus Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Matthew 26:54-56:** ⁵⁴ But how then should the *Scriptures be fulfilled*, that it must be so?” ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the *Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.*”

Then all the disciples left him and fled. The following are just a few of the many Scripture that were fulfilled when Jesus was taken captive at the Garden of Gethsemane by the soldiers the religious leaders of Israel had sent to bring him before their tribunal so they could falsely accuse him and hand him over to the Romans to have him crucified.

- LORD, I cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. O LORD, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me? (Psalm 88:13-14)
- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? (Psalm 22:1)
- All who see me mock me; they wag their heads; “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” (Psalm 22:7-8)
- A company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet I can count all my bones they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots (Psalm 22:16-18)

Though the authors of these Scriptures are expressing their own feelings in prayer toward the LORD contained within the language of their prayer is an echo of Christ suffering on the cross. Added to these verses are the following heart-wrenching and humbling prophetic words of Isaiah concerning Christ’s sufferings that were fulfilled by his death and resurrection.

- He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not (Isaiah 53:3).
- Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted (Isaiah 53:4).
- He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5) (meaning saved from our sins to inherit eternal life).
- All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6).
- He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7).
- By oppression and judgment, he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? (Isaiah 53:8).
- Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, (Isaiah 53:10).

JOHN

Jesus Riding into Jerusalem on a Colt Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **John 12:15:** “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

Zechariah prophesied:

- Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9).

The Jews being Blind to the Gospel Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **John 12:37-41:** Though he had done so many signs before them (the crowd at Jerusalem), they still did not believe in him,³⁸ so that the word spoken by the *prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled*: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”⁴¹ *Isaiah said these things* because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

Isaiah prophesied:

- Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." (Isaiah 6:10).

Jesus Garments being Divided Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **John 19:24:** so they (the soldiers) said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things,

David prophesied:

- They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots (Ps. 22:18).

Jesus being Thirsty on the Cross Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **John 19:28-30:** After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

David prophesied:

- They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink (Psalm 69:21).

Jesus Being Pierced in the Side Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **John 19:34-37:** But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For *these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled*: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Moses said:

- It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones (Exod. 12:46).

Moses wrote:

- They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it. (Num. 9:12).

In a Psalm of David, it is written:

- He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. (Psalm 34:20).

Zechariah prophesied:

- I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. (Zech. 12:10).

John wrote:

- Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. (Rev. 1:7).

ACTS

Christ Being Raised from the Dead Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Acts 26:22-23:** To this day I (Paul) have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, *saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass*: ²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”
- **Acts 28:23:** When they had appointed a day for him (Paul), they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both *from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets*.

The words, “Moses and the Prophets said that Christ must suffer” (v23) are clearly evidenced in (Psalm 22) and (Isaiah 53). Added to these echoes of Jesus contained in these two most amazing chapter are the following words of Isaiah and Zechariah

Isaiah prophesied that:

- A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

- He will grow up before God like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground and have no form or majesty that we should look at him or beauty that we should desire him (Isaiah 53:2).
- The Spirit of the LORD God will be upon him because the LORD will anoint him to bring Good News to the poor; and to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound (Isaiah 61:1).
- He will give his back to those who strike, and his cheeks to those who pull out the beard; he will not hide his face from disgrace and spitting (Isaiah 50:6).

The Prophet Zechariah wrote:

- If one asks him, “What are these wounds on your back?” he will say, “The wounds I received in the house of my friends” (Zech. 13:6).
- A man whose name is the Branch will extend out from his place, and build the Temple of the LORD (Zech. 6:12).
- Rejoice greatly Israel because your King is coming; righteous and having salvation, he is humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9).
- The LORD will pour out on Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn (Zech. 12:9-10).

These are just a few of the many Scriptures throughout the Old Testament that speak of Christ and show that the New Testament was in the eternal mind of God long before he appeared.

ROMANS

Jesus descending from David Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 1:1-3:** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ *concerning his Son, who was descended from David* according to the flesh

The following Old Testament verses speak of Jesus descending from the line of David:

- From the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you (David) rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, *I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.* ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever (2 Sam 7:11-13).
- Your (David) house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:16).
- I will establish David's offspring forever and his throne for all generations (Ps 89:4).
- The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne (Psalm 132:11).
- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, *on the throne of David and over his kingdom*, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).
- Then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness (Isaiah 16:5).

- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever (Rev. 11:15).

The Gospel of Grace Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 3:21-22:** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
- **Romans 4:1-3:** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

In Genesis it is written:

- And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6).
- **Romans 4:4:** Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

Moses said:

- Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. ⁵Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob (Deut. 9:4-5).

The Gospel of Righteousness Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

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- **Romans 4:6-8:** just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

David wrote:

- Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2).

The Gospel of Faith Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 4:9-11:** Is this blessing (Abraham being counted righteous by faith) then only for the circumcised (the Jews), or also for the uncircumcised (the Gentiles)? For we (the apostles) say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness (by faith) would be counted to them (Gentiles) as well,

The LORD told Abraham:

- This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring (Gen. 17:10-12).
- I will bless her (Sarah), and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." (Gen. 17:16).

The Gospel of Faith Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 4:12-13:** and to make him (Abraham) the father of the circumcised (Jews) who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

The LORD said to Abraham:

- Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you (Gen. 17:4-6).

Jews and Gentiles united in Faith Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 4:14-17:** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his (Abraham's) offspring—not only to the adherent of the law (Jews) but also to the one (Gentiles) who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (Jews and Gentiles), ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you (Abraham) the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

NOTE: the words, God calls into existence the things that do not exist” primarily refer to creation, God’s promises to Abraham, prophecy and the resurrection (rising of the dead).

The LORD told Abraham:

- No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations (Gen. 17:5).

Jews and Gentiles united in Christ Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

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- **Romans 4:18:** In hope he (Abraham) believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

God said to Abraham:

- Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." (Gen. 15:5).

The Creation of New Testament Christians Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 4:22-24:** That is why his (Abraham's) faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours (NT believers) also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,

The Psalmist wrote:

- Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD (Psalm 102:18).

Isaiah prophesied:

- But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Gentiles Praising God Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Romans 15:8-9:** For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised (Gentiles) to show God’s truthfulness, in order to *confirm the promises given to the patriarchs*, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

David wrote:

- For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the (Gentile) nations, and sing praises to your name. (2 Sam 22:50).

David said:

- For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the (Gentile) nations, and sing to your name. (Psalm 18:49).
- **Romans 15:11:** And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

The Psalmist said:

- Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! (Psalm 117:1).

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- **Romans 15:12:** And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him (the Messiah and Christ) will the Gentiles hope.”

Isaiah prophesied:

- In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10).
- There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Isaiah 11:1).

These prophecies concerning the coming of Christ refer to his first appearing as Lord and Saviour, but their ultimate fulfilment will be when he returns as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16).

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The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

GALATIANS

Salvation by Faith Fulfilled OT Prophecy.

- **Galatians 3:7-9:** Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the *gospel beforehand* to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

The LORD told Abraham:

- I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families (Jews and Gentiles) of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen. 12:3).

The LORD said of Abraham:

- Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (Gen. 18:18).
- I will surely bless you (Abraham), and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice (Gen. 22:17-18).

HEBREWS

The author of Hebrews brilliantly uses Moses Tabernacle, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place and Old Testament Scriptures to prove to doubting Hebrews that Jesus is the only High Priest anyone needs and that it is by faith in Christ and God's grace not religious works that God's people are counted righteous. The blessing of the letter to the Hebrew is not limited to the Hebrews since everyone who is seeking God or who is a brother or sister of Christ will be overwhelmingly awed as they read this well-crafted and awe-inspiring letter as it beautifully progresses through the chapters using Old Testament Scriptures to prove Jesus is the Christ. The entire book of Hebrews is about Christ almost every chapter uses the Old Testament Scriptures, to prove that Jesus is the better high priest, the better covenant and the better hope and Abraham is used as proof that God keeps His promise. The entire chapter of Hebrews eleven uses Old Testament men and women of great faith to show that God has something even better than they had under the Law and then Hebrews chapter twelve majestically reveals that Jesus Christ is the better hope.

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NOTE: it is interesting to notice that though the author of Hebrews mostly uses Old Testament Scripture his primary focus is not upon teaching the Old Testament, but using it to prove to unbelieving and doubting Hebrews that Jesus is the one the Scriptures speak about and the prophets said was to come. When Jesus came into the world he said:

- Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (Hebrews 10:5-7).

The scroll of the book refers to the Old Testament Scriptures. These words of Jesus shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the central focus of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is the Lord Jesus Christ and the purpose of the Scriptures is to bring us to him. For greater detail of these Scriptures see the title:

- Gospel in the New Testament.
- In, Gospel (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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