

Reflections on the Road to Emmaus

Hearing Echoes of the Old Testament in the Gospels

Ring a Bell

- In regard to race relations, we must strive for unity, we must have a dream that we can all live together as one race – that of humanity, all created equal by our God
- Dr ML King's I have a dream speech
- Our declaration of Independence
- How is it we can make the association – shared history, shared culture
- This same phrase in Guatemala would need explaining to them because they do not share the same history

The Gospels use the same technique

- All 4 gospel writers, hint to passages in the Old Testament in order to give their listeners\readers insight into current events and the person of Jesus
- We often need help to see the hints – because we have not immersed ourselves in the Hebrew Bible – it is not our story
- But in hindsight – it is our adopted story

Goals of Class

- To begin to see the references of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in the New Covenant (New Testament) so that our ears will be open as we read the story of Jesus
- To have a renewed appreciation of how the Hebrew Bible has shaped the New Covenant and spur us to invest more time in the study of the entire Scripture
- To gain a richer understanding of Jesus in how the Gospel writers presented Him to their audience

Source Materials

- Echos of Scripture in the Gospels – R Hayes
- Reading Backwards – R Hayes
- The Use of OT in the NT Gospels – N Frederick
- Handbook on the NT use of the OT – G K Beale
- Reading Moses, Seeing Jesus – Seth Posstell

OT as a Source of Prophecy

- There are texts in the Hebrew Bible that prophesy of a coming Messiah and were recognized as Prophecy
- Matt 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ² “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:
⁶ ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR FROM YOU WILL COME FORTH A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’”
- Micah 5:2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His times of coming forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.”

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- Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. ¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
¹⁸ "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR.
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AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."
²⁰ And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all *the people* in the synagogue were intently directed at Him. ²¹ Now He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- Is 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD anointed me
To bring good news to the humble;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,

Are all OT Prophecies Direct ?

- Can we only see prophetic text in passages that are identified as “fulfilling”
- Can we see Jesus in the OT

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- **John 5:39** You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; **and it is those very Scriptures that testify about Me;** ⁴⁰ and yet you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. ⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people; ⁴² but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³ I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you accept glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope. ⁴⁶ **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

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- **Luke 24:28** And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. ³¹ Then **their eyes were opened and they recognized Him**; and He vanished from their sight. ³² They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”
- **2 Kings 6:15** Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, “This is hopeless, my master! What are we to do?” ¹⁶ And he said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them.” ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, “LORD, please, open his eyes so that he may see.” And the **LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw**; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Looking at the Allusions/Hints/Echoes

- Restrict our Study to just the Gospels -- Spend a couple of weeks in each one
- Look for how Jesus may have instructed the two disciples
- The Resurrection changed everything---
 - Disciples with hindsight understood various sayings
 - *John 13:5* Then He poured water into the basin, and began washing the disciples' feet and wiping them with the towel which He had tied around Himself. ⁶ So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, You are washing my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not realize right now, but you will understand later."
 - *John 2:13* The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And within the temple *grounds* He found those who were selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*. ¹⁵ And He made a whip of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple *area*, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; ¹⁶ and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away from here; stop making My Father's house a place of business!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written: "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."
 - *John 2:19* Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and yet You will raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. ²² So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

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- Mark 1:9 (CJB) Shortly thereafter, Yeshua came from Natzeret in the Galil and was immersed in the Yarden by Yochanan. ¹⁰ Immediately upon coming up out of the water, he saw **heaven torn open and the Spirit descending upon him** like a dove; ¹¹ then a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, whom I love; I am well pleased with you."

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- Ex 23:20 “Behold, I am going to send an angel (messenger) before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. ²¹ Be attentive to him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your rebellion, since My name is in him.
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- Mal 4:5 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the fathers back to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and strike the land with complete destruction.”

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- **Mark 1:4** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.
- **2 Kings 5:1** When the messengers returned to Ahaziah, he said to them, "Why have you returned?" ⁶ They said to him, "A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are sending *messengers* to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not get down from the bed upon which you have lain, but you shall certainly die.'"" ⁷ Then he said to them, "What did the man look like, who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?" ⁸ And they said to him, "*He was a hairy man with a leather belt worn around his waist.*" And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

Mark and Judgement

- **Mark 1:14** Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”¹⁶ As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you **become fishers of men.**”
- **Jer 16:16** “Behold, I am going to **send for many fishermen,**” declares the LORD, “and they will fish for them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks. ¹⁷ For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their wrongdoing concealed from My eyes. ¹⁸ I will first repay them double for their wrongdoing and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and their abominations.”
- **Amos 4:1** Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria,
Who exploit the poor, who oppress the needy,
And say to their husbands, “Bring now, that we may drink!”
²The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness,
“For behold, the days are coming upon you
When they will take you away with *meat* hooks,
And the last of you with fish hooks.
³You will go out *through* holes in the walls,
One in front of the other,
And you will be hurled to Harmon,” declares the LORD.

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- Is 56:6 “Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To attend to His service and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, every one who keeps the Sabbath so as not to profane it, And holds firmly to My covenant;⁷ Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, declares, “I will yet gather *others* to them, to those *already* gathered.”
- Zach 14:20 (CJB) When that day comes, this will be written on the bells worn by the horses: “Consecrated to *ADONAI*”; and the cooking pots in the house of *ADONAI* will be [as holy] as the sprinkling bowls before the altar. ²¹ Yes, every cooking pot in Yerushalayim and Y’hudah will be consecrated to *ADONAI-Tzva’ot (Lord of Hosts)*. Everyone who offers sacrifices will come, take them and use them to stew the meat. When that day comes, there will no longer be merchants in the house of *ADONAI-Tzva’ot (Lord of Hosts)*.

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- Jer 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² “Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’” ³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’ ⁵ For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, ⁶ *if* you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, ⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. ⁸ “Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹ Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰ then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations? ¹¹ **Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight?** Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*,” declares the LORD.

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- Jer 7:12 “But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel. ¹³ And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the LORD, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer, ¹⁴ therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. ¹⁵ I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim.
- Ps 78:58 For they provoked Him with their high places And aroused His jealousy with their graven images. ⁵⁹ When God heard, He was filled with wrath And greatly abhorred Israel; ⁶⁰ So that He abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh, The tent which He had pitched among men,

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- Mark 11:12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. ¹³ Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.
- Mark 11:20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. ²¹ Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."
- Jer 8:12 "Were they ashamed because of the abomination they had done? They certainly were not ashamed, And they did not know how to blush; Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time of their punishment they shall be brought down," Says the LORD. ¹³ "I will surely snatch them away," declares the LORD; "There will be no grapes on the vine And no figs on the fig tree, And the leaf will wither; And what I have given them will pass away."""

Parable of Wicked Tenants

- 12:1 And He began to speak to them in parables: “A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. ² At the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive *some* of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers. ³ They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. ⁵ And he sent another, and that one they killed; and *so with* many others, beating some and killing others. ⁶ He had one more *to send*, a beloved son; he sent him last *of all* to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’ ⁸ They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not even read this Scripture:

• ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;
¹¹ THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
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