

Lesson 6 – Psalms of Messianic Prophecy

The most common title of Jesus is “Anointed.” English also borrows the Hebrew (*Mashiyach*) and Greek (*Christos*) words to get “Messiah” and “Christ.” Kings, priests, and sometimes prophets were inaugurated in an anointing ceremony (Exo. 40:12-15; 1 Kings 19:16). The ceremony involved an authorized person pouring oil on the head of the new king, priest, or prophet (1 Sam. 10:1). Rather than oil, Jesus was “anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power” (Acts 10:38). This refers to the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus immediately after his baptism (Luke 3:22). The Jews and others familiar with the prophecies were anticipating the coming of the long-awaited Messiah King (Matt. 2:1-2; Mark 15:43; Luke 2:25-26, 38; 24:21; John 1:19-25, 45; 4:25; 7:26, 31, 40-41; 12:13). Some psalms are almost, if not entirely, Messianic, and some contain prophetic sections or lines. The New Testament writers frequently cite the Messianic prophecies in Psalms.

Psalm 2

1. Who were the kings and rulers who opposed God’s Anointed? (Acts 3:25-27)?
2. Psalm 2:7 is quoted three times in the New Testament. In what ways was Jesus “begotten” of God? (Acts 13:32-33; Heb. 1:3-5; 5:5)
3. What warning is given at the end of this psalm?

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Psalm 16:8-10

4. What did David prophesy about in v. 8-10? (Acts 2:23-25; 13:32-35)

Psalm 22

5. When did Jesus quote from this psalm? What was he trying to show to those who had rejected him? (Matt. 27:39, 43, 46)
6. What event is portrayed in vs. 14-18 of the psalm?
7. In what sense had God “forsaken” David and Jesus?

Psalm 69

8. What situation in John 2:13-17 reminded Jesus’ disciples of v. 9 of this psalm?
9. To whom did Paul apply v. 22-23 in Rom. 11:7-10?
10. Who fulfilled the prophecies in Psa. 69:25 & 109:8? (Acts 1:15-20)

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Psalm 110

11. How did Jesus use this psalm to challenge the Pharisees in Matt. 22:21-46? How did they answer? Explain why this this prophecy was difficult to understand.

12. Who was Melchizedek? (Gen. 14:17-20)

13. Name three ways in which the new priestly order is different from Aaron's, according to the following verses in Hebrews 7:

1) 15-17

2) 20-21 ("sworn")

3) 23-24 ("forever")

Psalm 118:22-26

14. Who are the builders and the cornerstone? (Acts 4:11)

15. Who was Jesus talking to when he quoted this psalm in Matt. 21:42-45?

16. On what occasion did a crowd use the words of vs. 25-26? (Matt. 21:9)

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Miscellaneous

17. What application of Psa. 40:6-8 is made in Heb. 10:4-10?

18. In John 13:18, Jesus quoted Psa. 41:9. What word did Jesus omit from the psalm, and why? (John 13:11)

19. What fact about Jesus in Heb. 1 is supported by quotes from several psalms?

20. What did Jesus say in Luke 24:44?