

Psalms 22 – A Messianic Prophecy

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Crucified, yet still looking for deliverance:
Psalms 22:12-21

Yet, in spite of staring at death, again Jesus is trusting in God’s deliverance in Psalms 22:19-21.

Psalms 22:1, 21, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ... Thou hast answered me.”

- They have come against Him with the sword (“a great multitude with swords and staves,”Matthew 26:47, 55; Zechariah 13:7).
- But He refuses to defend himself by such means (Matthew 26:52); instead, He looks only to the Father to deliver Him.
- The resurrection was the conquering of Satan, conquering of evil, conquering of sin, and conquering of all who would stand against Him.

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- He was to be betrayed by a friend. Psalms 41:9; 55:13.
- Sold for 30 pieces of silver. Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 27:3-10
 - Even this money would be cast to the potter. Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:3-10
- He would be deserted by His disciples. Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:56
- He would be mocked and insulted, Psalms 35:15-16, and yet through it all He would remain silent. Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14, 39, 41, 43

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- His hands and feet were to be pierced. Psalms 22:16; Luke 23:33; John 21:25, 27
- He was to be given vinegar and gall to drink. Psalms 69:21; Matthew 27:34
- He was to die with the wicked. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:38
- He was to be nailed to the cross, but no bones were to be broken. Psalms 22:16; 34:20; John 19:36

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- His garments were to be parted and lots cast for them. Psalms 22:18; John 19:24
- He was to cry, “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46
- His side was to be pierced. Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34, 37
- He was to be buried in a rich man’s tomb. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS WITHOUT
INSPIRATION?

NOTE: There are numerous prophecies fulfilled in one 24-hour period surrounding the death of Christ.

- These prophecies were written 1,000 years or more before the time of their fulfillment.
- They had all been translated from Hebrew into Greek nearly 300 years before their fulfillment.
- Many of them were fulfilled by the enemies of Christ who would not knowingly fulfill a single verse of Scripture.

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- Verse 22, *“I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.”*
- Psalms 34:19 – Jesus was “delivered from His time of trouble (vs. 21), He will praise the Father and declare the Father’s name to His brethren (His fellow children of God, as explained in Hebrews 2:10-13, where this verse is quoted; cf. Romans 8:29; John 20:17).
- “After his resurrection, Jesus proclaimed this message to those who saw Him (Luke 24:25-27, 44-49); and He commissioned them to proclaim the same message to ‘all nations’ (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:47), in order that ‘the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name’ (Romans 15:9).”

(Evan and Marie Blackmore, *Psalms I*, Truth Commentaries, page 291)

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Psalms 22:23, *“Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.”*

- cf. 1 John 4:18 – sometimes leads people to think that they should not fear the Lord in any way.
- We are commanded to “*fear God*” (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Philippians 2:12; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:17).
- We are to “*fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*” (Matthew 10:28; Hebrews 12:28-29).
- Jesus himself had “*the fear of the Lord*” (Isaiah 11:1-2) and always kept the Lord’s commandments (John 15:10).
- Fear “*is the beginning of wisdom*” (Psalms 111:10) because it encourages us to “do that which is good” and if we do what is good, then we have no cause to fear punishment (Romans 13:3-4; 1 John 4:18)

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Psalms 22:24, *“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.”* NOTE: verse 7

- God heard Him. Hebrews 5:7; cf. Psalms 118:5
- The Father raised Him up; deliverance ... “*having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it*” (Acts 2:24-32; Psalms. 16:8-11).
- “*He delivered me, because he delighted in me*” (Psalms 18:18-19).
- “*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!*” (2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV).

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Psalms 22:25, *“Of thee cometh my praise in the great assembly: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.”*

- All creation is to hear the Son glorify the Father.
John 18:20; cf. Psalms 40:9; John 17:4

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Psalms 22:26-27, *“The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise Jehovah that seek after him: let your heart live for ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.”*

- Note: God hearkened to the afflictions of Jesus (verse 24), and as a result, those who are also afflicted will also be satisfied (verse 26). (See: 2 Corinthians 1:5; 4:10-11).
- Note: All who partake of the sacrifice of Jesus receive the promise that “*he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever*” (John 6:58; 4:14).
- The scope of this blessing! (Psalms 86:9; 66:4; 67:7; Isaiah 2:2-4; Acts 13:47; Colossians 1:6, 23; Romans 16:26; Revelation 15:4).