How God Revealed His Plan of Salvation

After **the rebellion** [https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1288] of Satan, in **the *first* earth age** [i.e., the 'world that then was', 2 Pt 3:6 - https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496], our Heavenly Father instituted a *magnificent* plan to save His wayward children. And this plan has been *incrementally* revealed to His servants throughout many years. And this plan also, of course, centers upon the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Lord (YHVH) first spoke about His plan of salvation in Gen 3:15, when prophesying of Eve's 'Seed' who would 'bruise' the head of the Serpent (i.e. Satan, Rev 12:9, 20:2). That means her 'Seed' (Jesus Christ) would not only conquer the Satan (death, Heb 2:14) but also rule the entire world *in righteousness* (i.e. world domination). This knowledge was clearly passed down from one generation (of Adamites) to another. However, they apparently didn't have the details (at that time) as to *who* the Messiah would be or *when* He would come. That's why Abraham was not afraid to offer up Isaac (sacrifice him, Gen 22); for he clearly understood the Messiah would be sacrificed, *as well as* risen from the dead.

So, when God told him to sacrifice his only son (whom God gave him the promises to, Gen 12, 15, 17), Abraham thought Isaac would be the Messiah. So, *the very next morning* (Gen 22:3) Abraham took Isaac up to the Mount Moriah to be sacrificed; to reiterate, Abraham did this *because* he *sincerely* believed God *would* raise Isaac from the dead, as Paul explained in Heb 11:17-19. This is also why Abraham said that God would provide a 'lamb' when Isaac asked where the sacrifice was (Gen 22:8). Yet, because Isaac was *not* the Messiah (God was just testing Abraham's faith) the Lord (YHVH) did *not* allow Isaac to be sacrificed; and so, Isaac was simply a 'type' for the Messiah, as Paul pointed out in Heb 11:19. Moreover, our Heavenly Father further spoke of the Messiah (via Moses) in Deut 18:18-19, where God promised to send Israel a 'prophet' who would (like Moses) testify of the truth and thus, teach Israel God's Word (and Laws), i.e. how to obey our Heavenly Father *from the heart* (John 18:37). So clearly, while the people knew the Messiah was coming, they did not know <u>all</u> *the details* of God's plan of Salvation – only that the Messiah *would* come.

However, through the prophets, our Heavenly Father began to make His precious plan of salvation known. Therefore, through Jacob (Israel) our Heavenly Father prophesied that *the sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until* Shiloh *come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be* (Gen 49:10). So, this prophesy explained that God had chosen the tribe of Judah to be the tribe the Messiah would come through; for Shiloh is simply an *epithet of the Messiah* (#7886). God further narrowed this down by promising (thus also prophesying) David that the Messiah would come *through his descendants* (2 Sam 7:11-16; 2 Chron 17:10-14), which Jesus did, as Mary's lineage documents (Lk 3:3-31). And what many people don't realize is that David was actually a prophet (Acts 2:29-20) whom the Holy Spirit spoke to (and through). And David himself knew this, for in 2 Sam 23:2, he wrote that: *The Spirit of the LORD <u>spake by me</u>, and his word <u>was in my tongue</u>*. Further, when David gave

Solomon the patterns for the Temple of God, he explained that: *All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern* (1 Chron 28:19). So, David was also given the patterns for Temple by the 'hand' of God, i.e. the Holy Spirit gave David *the understanding of how* the Temple should be built.

Yet, our Heavenly Father (YHVH - https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946) *also* revealed *more* about His precious plan of Salvation *through David*, via the many Psalms he wrote (with the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon him). Therefore, through David, the Lord (YHVH) gave *further* understanding (more details) of what the Messiah would do. Thus, from the Psalms of David we learn the Messiah would be God's only begotten Son (Ps 2:7), that He would have to suffer, be humiliated and also die (on the cross) to atone for our sins (Ps 22 and 69). Yet, through the Psalms of David we also learn Jesus would be resurrected (triumphing over death) and even that He would ascend into heaven to be at God's right hand (Ps 16:10, 110:1 etc.). And our Heavenly Father even prophesied how Jesus would be *the* King of kings (over all) when He returns at His Second Advent (Ps 2:6) *and* that Jesus would be our High Priest *forever* (Ps 110:4). And further yet, Psalms 110 also prophesies of Jesus' Second Advent, i.e. what Jesus Christ will do *when He returns* to earth, as King of kings and Lord of lords. Moreover, we also find that Psalm (22) spoke of the 'Good Shepherd' (John 10:11) in death. And Psalm 23 spoke of the Great Shepherd in Heaven, by Resurrection (Heb 13:20). And Psalm 24 spoke of the Chief Shepherd coming in His glory to earth and Zion again (1 Pt 5:4, Rev 19). Further, Psalm 22 taught us how Jesus Christ was our 'sin offering', while Psalm 40 taught us how He was the 'burnt offering', and Psalm 69 taught us how He was the 'trespass offering'. And much of these prophesies came from David's *life's experiences*, which is *why* David was also a 'type' for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. And that's also why Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is called the '*true*' David, because so many of David's Psalms prophesied of the Messiah in some way.

But certainly, David was *not* the *only* prophet who God revealed His plan of Salvation to. For, in Isa 7:14, He further explained the Messiah's *First* Advent when He said: *a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*. The word '**Immanuel**' is #6005 and means: ***with us (is) God*** or, ***God with us***. Indeed, God did dwell 'with us' because He was incarnated (into a flesh body) as Jesus Christ (John 1:1-4, 14, John 10:30, 14:8-11, Heb 1:1-6, Col 1:12-20, Col 2:8-11, 2 Cor 5:19, 2 Cor 4:4-6; 1 Tim 3:16; Isa 7:14, 9:6-7, 43:10-11, 45:21-22, 49:26, 60:16). And in Isa 9:6-7 our Heavenly Father gave *more* information about the First Advent of the Messiah (vs 6, *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*) but also prophesied of the Second Advent right after that (vs 6-7) … *and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this*. Note also how our Heavenly Father explained who the Messiah would truly be: the Mighty God and the

Everlasting Father. So, even the Old Testament declares the Messiah would be God Himself incarnated into a flesh body (via Jesus Christ). You can learn more about this in the special studies **Two Separate People** [https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460] and **Are God And Jesus Different From Us** [https://t.me/BestStudyBible/259].

Yet, still further, in Isaiah 11, our Heavenly Father gave more details as to what the Messiah would do. He even called Jesus a 'Branch' which would grow out of the 'stem' of Jesse (i.e. be a descendant of David, for Jesse was David's father). That's why Jesus said He is the *true* Vine (John 15:1) and we must be 'rooted into' Him if we want to obtain eternal life [learn more in study on **The Vine** via this link: https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/992]. And in Jeremiah 23, our Heavenly Father prophesied how the Messiah would be *the* Shepherd (John 10) who would gather His people, feed (and protect) them *and* be their King who would rule (forever) over them *righteously*. And He reiterated this in Jer 33:15-16, Ezek 34:11-16, Zech 3:8-10 and 6:12-13 as well. And, of course, in Isaiah 53, our Heavenly Father prophesied of the First Advent, i.e. how the Messiah would suffer, and be killed (for our sins). Yet, through the prophets God also prophesied of the *Second* Advent of the Messiah (Zech 14 for example) - many times He even spoke of the two 'advents' in the same Scriptures, such as Isa 11 and 61.

And many years after those prophets died, God gave *more* details about His plan of Salvation to his servant Daniel. And He not only prophesied about the *First* Advent of the Messiah (in Dan 9:26-27) but also about the *Second* Advent too (Dan 7-12). And, of course, Jesus Christ Himself gave us prophesies of His Second Advent – not only in the book of Revelations but also in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Lk 21. So, little by little, God *continued to reveal* how He would save Israel (along with all 'gentiles' who believe upon the Messiah). And we are *incredibly* blessed to have these prophesies to study (2 Tim 2:15) *so we can prepare for what is soon to come*, i.e. the tribulation of the antichrist - which will come ***before*** the Second Advent of the *true* Messiah, Jesus Christ! You can learn more about this in the following studies…

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So, we should *not* think that the Old Testament has been totally fulfilled and is thus, irrelevant to us today. It's still *critically* important for us to study ALL of God's Word. Not only is studying history important - because it repeats itself (Ecc 1:9) *and* because it gives us many examples of what we should (or should not) do (as Paul points out in 1 Cor 10:11) - but there are still many *unfulfilled* prophesies still yet to come, i.e. those things pertaining to the *Second* Advent of Jesus Christ, as well as the time *shortly before* He returns…

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but ***holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.***
2 Peter 1:20-21

16 ***All scripture*** *is given* ***by inspiration of God****, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
2 Tim 3:16-4:1

AMEN.