

The New Testament & the Doctrine of the Promise

New Testament writers see the Doctrine of the Promise as focusing on the person and work of the Messiah in terms of the First Advent.

Matthew 1-2 uses numerous “tag lines” to refer his audience to the context and message of the narratives and oracles hymns of the Hebrew Bible regarding the birth and start of his earthly ministry.

Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH." The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. Acts 8:32-35

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so ***that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*** Heb 2:14-17 (emphasis added)

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time ***the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.*** 1 Pet 1:1-11 (emphasis added)

For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 1 Cor 5:7

...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 1 Pet 1:18-21

For I delivered to you as of first importance ***what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures***, and that ***He was buried***, and that ***He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*** 1 Cor 15:4-5. 1 Corinthians 15 provides an extended apologetic regarding the Messiah's resurrection, linking the event with the Promise Doctrine of the Hebrew Bible.