

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 Second Advent.

The frequent reference to the “kingdom of God” (51 times in the Gospels, 6 times in Acts, 7 times in Paul) and “kingdom of heaven” (31 times in Matthew) as well as “the kingdom” (45 times) includes teaching that the kingdom was being inaugurated as well as teaching that there were key aspects of God’s righteous rule over all creation yet to come. This teaching was anchored in the Hebrew Scriptures and expressed by means of principles and concepts revealed in the Hebrew Bible from the Pentateuch on. The theology of the promise to David is especially important both to understanding what was being taught to the ancient Hebrew believer and what was being taught by Jesus and the Apostles.

Speaking about the resurrected Messiah Peter claims David understood that it was a future Davidic Messiah who would not experience decay in the grave but would rise to glory and ultimately rule over all...

And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: “THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’”
Acts 2:30-35

James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, ‘AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,’ SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO. Acts 15:13-18

And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”
Rev 14:6-7