

PREACHING SERIES – JESUS IN THE PROPHETS

Date	Special Sunday	Minister/Preacher	Theme	Purpose
29-Mar-20		Peter Sammons	Jesus in the Prophets (1) (Zechariah 9: 1-13)	Its all about Jesus
05-Apr-20		Peter Sammons	Jesus in the Prophets (2) (Psalm 22)	Its all about Jesus
10-Apr-20	"Good Friday"			
12-Apr-20	First Fruits ("Easter")	Peter Sammons	Jesus in the Prophets (3) (Isaiah 53)	Its all about Jesus

The Call

God the Father has been clear through His entire revelation that His ultimate aim is to reunite humanity as “one new man” (Ephesians 2:15 – otherwise rendered as “one new humanity”) through God the Son. Throughout Scripture – and here we mean the Old Testament – God was setting out His plan to send the anointed one (the Messiah) to be the Saviour of all mankind.

In understanding that God’s plan predates even the world itself, our confidence in the Scriptures and in God’s salvation purposes are increased. The “Old Testament” is not an incidental – it is absolutely essential to a full and mature understanding of God’s Salvation purposes. And its not “old” and worn out – to be discarded, as some Christians seem to think.

“The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed.” Here Augustine expressed the remarkable way in which the two Testaments are so closely interrelated. The key to understanding the New Testament in its fullest is to see in it the fulfillment of those things revealed in the background of the Old Testament. The Old Testament points

forward in time, preparing God's people for the work of Christ in the New Testament. The Old Testament reveals things yet to come – such as the RETURN of the Messiah.

Series participants and Dates

as above

Series Objective

At a time when WECC has a *ministerial vacancy* and to that extent is unsure of God's specific ongoing purposes for our local ministry in the immediate future, we need to have confidence that God's Word is our ultimate guide, as taught to us through the wonderful Holy Spirit.

Jesus (Yeshua) appears in the Scriptures innumerable times and in differing ways. God is clearly teaching us something! This God, Who faithfully sent His own Son in His first incarnation will equally faithfully stay with His people in all their travails and difficulties, ultimately to restore this world to its intended (designed) status of spiritual perfection. A big theme!

In these three weeks we will look at Jesus as He is revealed in Zechariah, Psalms and Isaiah. We shall see that God is in control – He has been throughout history, He is today, and He shall be forevermore! These three passages are of course linked directly to the Resurrection theme and lead us up to the day when Jesus was raised as the first fruit of the eternal harvest. To that extent these three weeks shall “chime” with our Lent theme.

At the end of this short series (as above), our flock will know at least 3 things with confidence:

1. The Old Testament remains highly relevant
2. The crucifixion/resurrection was always God's plan
3. Jesus is coming back.