

Unseen World of the Bible
Session 11: Supernatural Intent
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Learning objectives

Identify: 'The Rock' that Jesus builds his church on.

Explain: Why Jesus was transfigured.

Describe: Yahweh's supernatural intent.

Choose: To go public as a Jesus follower.

Yahweh's three-fold plan for humanity

1. Redeem human beings from sin and death.
2. Disempower the Serpent & his mignons.
3. Restore Eden throughout the earth.

Yahweh had to become a human being

- To die and rise back to life, as a clean sacrifice for human sins.
- To reign righteously over nations without sin, injustice or failure.
- To dwell intimately in the midst of redeemed humanity forever.

In order for human beings to become his 'children'

"Those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection." Luke 20:35-36

In order for human beings to become 'divine'

"His divine power has given us ... his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature. "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. 2 Pet 1:3-4, 10

Yahweh had to entice dark powers to crucify Jesus

"The rulers of this age ... are coming to nothing. We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." 1 Cor 2:6-8

Dark powers would willingly crucify the Messiah

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Psa 22:11-12

Yahweh announced that Jesus is the Messiah

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

The tempter tried to suborn the Messiah

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Matt 4:3

The devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 8-9

Significance of the temptation of Jesus by Satan

1. Jesus resisted wherein Adam succumbed.
2. Jesus remained obedient to God.
3. Jesus proved stronger than the devil.
4. Jesus kept God's plan secret from Satan.
5. Jesus evaded a shortcut to win the nations.
6. Jesus determined to redeem the nations by dying for them.
7. Jesus is able to succour those who are tempted.

Jesus began doing the works of Messiah

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria... Matt 4:23-24

People brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him. Matt 4:24-25

Jesus fulfilled the messianic profile of exorcist

I went out to meet the Philistine, and he cursed me by his idols. But I drew his own sword; I beheaded him, and took away disgrace from the people of Israel. Psalm 151:6-7 Septuagint and Dead Sea Scroll 11Q5

You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday. Psalm 91:5-6 (Names of pagan demons known to the Hebrews)

Jesus launched his international mission

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:1-2 (Exorcisms were a part of the popular belief about messiah, even though not explicitly taught in the First Testament.)

Satan began to lose his grip on the nations

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two... The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." Luke 10:17

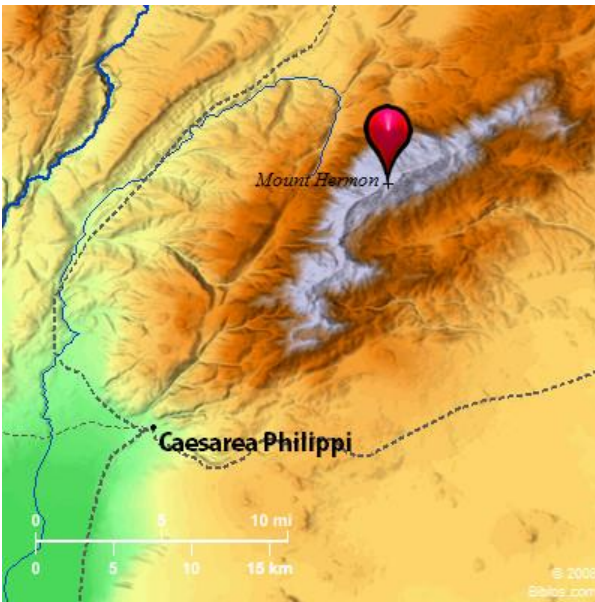
He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 18-19 (A Gentiles come to faith in Messiah Jesus, the gods lose their power and authority over them.)

Spirits recognized Jesus as the Messiah

³The devil said to [Jesus], "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ... ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:3, 13

²⁹"What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Matthew 8:29

²²An impure spirit ... cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴"Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are —the Holy One of God! Luke 4:33-34



Mount Hermon in the Bashan range (Golan Heights). Caesarea Philippi to its south. Many shrines to Ba'al and other deities covered Mt Hermon, popularly known as 'the Gates of Hades'.

Jesus challenges the dark powers to react

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will

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be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus gave a sneak preview of his messianic glory

1 And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. Mark 9

Yahweh again identifies Jesus as his own Son

3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters*—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

*shelters = ‘tents, tabernacles’.

Yahweh ordered men and spirits to obey Jesus

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Yahweh wants us to lead a new kind of life

21 Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand —with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. 1 Pet

1 Since ... you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Col 3

12 If we endure, [then] we will also reign with him. 2 Timothy 2

Jesus promises that we will reign over nations

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations Rev 2

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Rev 3