

May 9

Psalms 2, 22 & 27

Hey everybody. This is Ryan coming to you again to bring your May 9 Project 4:4 Daily Accelerator. Today we read Psalms 2, 22, and 27. This is the beginning of a series of Psalms called "Messianic Psalms" because they prophesy the coming of Jesus. Its important to know that even secular historians concede the date on these Psalms to be a thousand years before Christ came. The predictions are so specific and they were fulfilled exactly as they were told. These are great evidence of the validity of the Bible. I encourage more research on Bible prophecy. For now however, I want to point out a few of those fulfilled prophecies.

Compared to my previous two accelerators, this one will feel a bit more "academic," so get ready for that. I would like for you to have your Daily Bible with you and have your mouse pointer on the pause/play button so you can pause and find certain passages.

All of the prophecies I will mention were fulfilled on the day Jesus died on the cross. The first prophecy I'd like to bring your attention to is found in

-Psalm 22:1

The Psalm begins with the very words spoken from the cross – His cry of abandonment. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Although written by David, these are the exact words that were spoken by Jesus in Matthew 27.

-Psalm 22:7-8

"All who see me mock me. They hurl insults shaking their heads. He trusts in the Lord. Let the Lord rescue him since He delights in Him." Again, in Matt. 27 there is a record of what happened when Christ was placed on the cross. "In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked Him. 'He saved others', they said, 'but he cannot save himself. He's the King of Israel. Let Him come down from the cross and we will believe Him.'" Perhaps Christ accommodated His own words, but how did He get His enemies to say their lines so perfectly?

-About half way down on page 582 in Psalm 22:14

"I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax, it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd (a dried broken piece of pottery), and my tongue cleaves to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death." You couldn't write a more accurate picture of a crucifixion, and it was done long before the Romans began this mode of execution.

-Continuing down in verse 16

"They have pierced my hands and feet". The last prophecy could be true of any crucifixion, but this was not standard practice. They usually tied people to the cross. This one is difficult to ignore. Very specific prophecy here.

These are just four, but there are many, many more perfectly fulfilled prophecies all over the Bible, including the Psalms.

I'd like to move to Psalm 27 and give a final word. David, as a songwriter can be fairly temperamental. We saw two days ago his writing about his depression and his anxiety as he asked God for help in dealing with his foes. He also writes about joy and celebration throughout the Psalms. His documented emotional range is wide. But, in Psalm 27, I see no doubt, no anxiety, no discouragement...just supreme confidence in what God is doing on his behalf.

At the beginning of Psalm 27: "When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when enemies and my foes attack me they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me my heart will not fear. Though war break out against me even then I will be confident. One thing I ask of the Lord. This is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and seek Him in His temple."

I'll leave you with one of my favorite songs. Its called "Always" by Kristian Stanfill. And it carries that same confidence in God's power and faithfulness.