

Christ In The Old Testament
“Prophet, Priest, And King”

Introduction:

1. Last Tuesday Was:
 - Election Day:
 - In America!
 - And - Whether Your Favorite Candidates:
 - Won Or Lost:
 - The Second Tuesday Of Every November:
 - Is What Has Made America Unique Among Nations - As:
 - A Government “Of The People, By The People, And For The People!”
(Lincoln)
2. But - Just The Fact That:
 - We Have Elections:
 - Shows Us That There Is Often A Need & A Desire:
 - For Something - And Even:
 - Someone - New & Better:
 - Than What We Already Have!
 - Because - Even Though:
 - The Offices That We Hold Elections For:
 - Don't Change:
 - Like President / Governor / Senator / Congressman!
 - Those Who Hold These Offices:
 - Frequently Do Change! And By Design!
 - Because - There Is No Perfect:
 - President / Governor / Senator / Member Of Congress!
3. And This Has Been True:
 - For All Time!
 - Even Among The Government:
 - Of The Children Of Israel:
 - Which Included Both Their:
 - Civil Government:
 - And Their Religious Government!
 - And So - Through Individual Offices:
 - Held By Individual Persons:
 - God Put Both The Need & The Desire:
 - Into His People's Hearts:
 - For A Single Person!
 - Who Would Come:
 - To Hold All Of Those Offices:
 - Once And For All!
4. That One Person:
 - Was Known As:
 - The Messiah - In The Hebrew Old Testament - And:
 - The Christ - In Greek New Testament!
 - Which Simply Means:
 - The Anointed One!
 - And - When He Would Come:
 - He Would Be:
 - God's Final Prophet!
 - God's Perfect Priest!
 - And God's Eternal King!
 - And - Every Person:
 - Who Held Any Of These Positions:
 - In The Past - All Throughout:
 - The History Of The Children Of Israel:
 - Gave Us A Glimpse:
 - Of The One Who Was To Come!

- So That - Even In Their Imperfection:
 - And Downright Sinfulness:
 - They Pointed To The One:
 - Who Would Fulfill All Of His Roles Perfectly!
5. When John The Baptist:
- Came On The Scene - In John 1:19-23:
 - The People Were Looking For & Longing For:
 - This One! Which Is Why We Read:
 - “And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? / And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. / And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. / Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? / He said, I [am] the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias!”
 - So - John Presented Himself:
 - Only As The *Forerunner* Of:
 - The Messiah! But Then:
 - Jesus Came On The Scene - In John 7:40-43:
 - And - After Jesus Gave His Great Invitation:
 - In 7:37 - “If Any Man Thirst, Let Him Come Unto Me, And Drink!”
 - We Are Told:
 - “Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. / Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? / Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? / So there was a division among the people because of him!”

6. So - The People Anticipated:

 - The Coming Of One:
 - Who Would Fulfill All Of The Offices:
 - That Had Been Established God:
 - Through His Anointing!
 - And - To Be Anointed:
 - In The Old Testament:
 - Was Very Rich:
 - In Symbolism And Meaning!
 - When Someone Was Anointed:
 - It Was A Very Solemn & Special Event:
 - For The People Of God!

7. In The Old Testament:

 - For All Three Offices - Of Prophet, Priest, And King:
 - God Used The Anointing Oil:
 - To Set A Person Apart:
 - To Serve Him & His People!
 - And - Even Though:
 - There Were Some:
 - Very Godly & Faithful Men Who Held These Offices!
 - There Were Many Others:
 - Who Did Not Take Their Callings Seriously:
 - And Were Ungodly & Unfaithful!
 - This Shows To Us That:
 - Each Position & Each Person Was Limited!
 - And So - In Each Case:
 - God Made A Promise To Send A Special “Anointed One” Who Would Be Faithful In All Of These Offices & Roles!
 - And He Would Be Not Just “A” Messiah, But “The” Messiah & “The” Christ!

8. And When You Believe In:

 - Jesus As - “The Christ” - You Are Confessing That:
 - He Is The Only One Qualified:
 - To Be Everything You Need In Order To Have:
 - A Right Relationship With:

- God The Father Almighty!

- And So - We See That Jesus Alone:
 - Is Qualified To Be:

1. ***The Anointed Prophet!***

- The First Office:
 - That Was An Anointed Position:
 - Was The Office Of Prophet!
 - And To Be A Prophet Was:
 - An Important Position!
 - Because The Prophet:
 - Was To Speak The Words Of God:
 - To Man!
 - In Jeremiah 1:4-9 - We Find The Prophet Jeremiah's Call"
 - Into This Ministry - "Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, / Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. / Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. / But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. / Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. / Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth!"
 - Even Though It Was An Important Position, It Was Also A Very Limited Position!
 - Their Messages & Their Ministries Were Limited!
 - No Single Prophet Gave Us:
 - God's Complete & Final Word!
 - And So We Find Given To Us:
 - Through The Prophets:
 - An Important Promise!
 - Of A Prophet Who Would *Not*:
 - Be Limited:
 - In His Ministry Nor In His Message!
 - The Prophet Moses:
 - Shared This Special Message With God's People:
 - Deuteronomy 18:15 - "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken!"
 - Another Prophet!
 - A Special Prophet!
 - Appointed By God!
 - Given Authority From God!
 - And Moses Served:
 - As A Type & Picture Of:
 - The Final, Faithful Prophet:
 - Who Was To Come!
 - And This Is Why - The People Of God:
 - From That Time On:
 - Looked For This New Prophet!
 - A Prophet Who Would Bear A Character Like That Of Moses:
 - But Would Surpass Him & His Ministry!
 - This Is Why The People Asked:
 - John The Baptist:
 - "Art Thou That Prophet?" (John 1:21)
 - This Is Why The People Debated:
 - About Jesus:
 - "Of A Truth This Is The Prophet!" (John 7:40)
 - And We Know That Jesus Is:
 - This Specially Anointed Prophet:
 - Because - In The Apostle Peter's Message:
 - In Acts 3:22-24 - He Tells Us So!
 - And So - In Jesus - We Now Have:

- An Important Provision!
 - Jesus Is The Final Word Of God!
 - Hebrews 11:1 - "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, / Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds!"
- This Is Why Jesus Alone Is Qualified To Be The Christ!

* We Also Discover That Jesus Is Qualified To Be:

2. *The Anointed Priest!*

- 1 Peter 3:8 Tells Us:
 - "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit!"
 - This Verses Helps Us Understand:
 - What A Biblical Priest Was For & What Jesus Ultimately Fulfilled:
 - To "Bring Us To God!"
 - And So:
- The Priest Was A Mediator!
 - Someone Who God Appointed:
 - To Be The Go-Between:
 - Between God & Man!
 - And So Whereas A Prophet:
 - Was God's Representative:
 - To Us – By Giving Us God's Word!
 - A Priest:
 - Was Man's Representative:
 - Before God – On God's Terms!
 - But Is This What God Had In Mind?
 - That Men Should Only Go To Him:
 - Through Another Man?
 - No! Because In Exodus 19:5-6 God Told Moses:
 - "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: / And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel!"
 - God's Ultimate Goal Was For Every Man:
 - To Be A "Priest" - And Be Able To:
 - Come To & Have Fellowship With God! And So:
- The Priest Had A Ministry!
 - It Was A Ministry Of Sacrifice:
 - Unto God!
 - In Leviticus 23 - We Find A Special Day Of Sacrifice:
 - Called The "Day Of Atonement!"
 - When A Special Person:
 - The High Priest!
 - Would Go Into:
 - A Special Place:
 - Before The Lord - The Holiest Place Of The Tabernacle Or Temple!
 - On That:
 - Special Day:
 - The Day Of Atonement!
 - For A Special Purpose:
 - To Sprinkle The Blood Of The Sacrifice On The Mercy Seat Of The Ark Of God's Covenant!
 - And This Would Happen Year After Year After Year!
- These Requirements Were All Part Of God's Plan:
 - To Show What It Would Really Take:
 - To Enter Into His Presence!
 - No Ordinary Priest – No Ordinary Man Could Ever Do This On Their Own!
 - And That Is Why In The New Testament:
- Jesus Is The Faithful Priest!

- And Is The Only One Qualified:
 - To “Bring Us To God!”
- But - As We Learned From:
 - The Story Of Abraham & Melchisedec:
 - Back In Genesis 14:
 - Jesus Is A Priest Of A Different Order!
 - Jesus Is The “Priest Of The Most High God!”
 - Of An Eternal Order!
 - So That - Instead Of Offering Up Animals:
 - In Sacrifice To God:
 - He Could Offer Himself:
 - By Means Of “The Power Of An Endless Life!” (Hebrews 7:16)
 - And That Is Why Paul Tells Timothy In:
 - 1 Timothy 2:5-6 - “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; / Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time!”
- And So - Jesus Alone Is Qualified To Be The Christ!

* We Also Discover That Jesus Is Qualified To Be:

3. ***The Anointed King!***

- God Knew There Would Come A Time:
 - When His People Would Want A Man:
 - To Be Their King!
 - Just Like All The Other Nations That Surrounded Them!
 - But What Would They Forget?
 - That They Already Had A King!
 - That God Was Their King!
 - In Fact - 1 Samuel 12:12-15 - Samuel Is Describing The Time When God Directed Him To Call Their First Human King - King Saul - “And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king!”
 - God Was Their King!
- And God Has Always Been The King:
 - Of His People:
 - And Over All His Creation!
 - But - Once Again - God Was Longsuffering With The Weaknesses Of His People:
 - And Made Special Provision For Them - If & When They Wanted Another King!
 - But The Kings That God Gave To His People
 - Were Just Men:
 - And Failed God & His People Many Times Over!
 - Even King David - A “Man After God’s Own Heart” Still Struggled With Sin & Failure!
 - So - Ever Since Then - God’s People Have Been Looking For The Messiah:
 - Not Just As Their Final Prophet Or Their Perfect Priest - But As Their Eternal King!
 - And Jesus Alone Qualifies:
 - To Be This King - And:
 - To Be The Messiah!
- Because Of His Family!
 - Jesus Was To Come Through:
 - The Family Of King David!
 - This Was Well-Known & Anticipated:
 - In The Old Testament!
 - And So - In Many Ways:
 - David Was A Type & Picture:
 - Of The King To Come!
 - Even The Jews In Jesus Day:
 - Understood This - As We Learned From:
 - John 7:42 - When The Asked:
 - “Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out

- of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?”
- Jesus Was Of The Family Of David!
 - And Was Qualified To Be:
 - The Future & Final King:
 - Of God’s People! But Also:
 - Because Of His Faithfulness!
 - This Was One Of The Qualifications:
 - God Gave To Moses About The Future King:
 - Of His People!
 - Deuteronomy 17:14-20!
 - Yet Over & Over Again:
 - The Kings Of His People:
 - Disqualified Themselves!
 - But Jesus Is Faithful In All Things! Also:
 - Because Of His Future!
 - Jesus Alone Can Fulfill The Role As:
 - The King Of Kings & Lord Of Lords!
 - He Alone Is:
 - “The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; / 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen!” (1 Timothy 6:15-16)

Conclusion:

1. This Is What It Means:
 - To Believe & To Confess:
 - That Jesus Is The Christ!
 - He Is The Only One Qualified To Be:
 - Prophet, Priest & King!
2. And So - When Jesus Came:
 - He Really Did Make:
 - “All Things New!”
 - As We’ve Seen Already:
 - Jesus Formed:
 - A New Race!
 - As The Second Adam! And:
 - Jesus Formed:
 - A New Nation!
 - As The New & True Israel!
 - And As The Head:
 - Of This New Race & Nation:
 - Jesus Is The New Leader:
 - In Which All Anointed Offices:
 - Are Joined Together In Him!
2. So That Now - We Need To:
 - Keep Listening To Jesus:
 - As God’s Final Prophet!
 - Keep Trusting In Jesus:
 - As God’s Perfect Priest!
 - And - Keep Submitting To Jesus:
 - As Your Eternal King!

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