

# REDEMPTIVE HISTORY & PROPHETIC PERSPECTIVE

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Recall: 2 Ages [2 Realms of Creation]; 2 seeds: Gn 3:15 - enmity
2. SS classes to set Rv in context of Script & principles of interp

### 1st: Redemptive History [RH]

1. RH = occasions when God gives revelation that brings about the salvation of His people. Pivot points of redemptive revelation.
  - i. "Normal" life testifies to God - Ps 19:1-3; Rm 1:20; 2:15
  - ii. God's acts & words that reveal salvation: words tell of coming acts wh/ are then defined by words wh/ tell of coming acts
2. RH - linear line w/ pivot pts. Seen in OT. Redemptive events accompanied w/ revelatory words - 100s of yrs tw/ revelatory words.
3. Where are we in RH? *The last days*.
  - i. A 2:15
  - ii. 1C 10:11
  - iii. 2T 3:1
  - iv. Hb 1:1-2 & 2:3-4
  - v. Hb 9:26
  - vi. Jms 5:3
  - vii. 1Pt 1:5
  - viii. 1Pt 1:20
  - ix. 2Pt 3:3
  - x. 1Jn 2:18
  - xi. Jd 1:18
4. Era of NCov - Linear line w/ pivot pts
5. Our epoch is final stage of *this age*

### 2nd: The Prophet's Perspective

1. Appears that OT prophets did not expect Messiah wld come & establish Kingdom of God in 2 stages - nor our present Church-Age.
  - i. Jesus combined Suffering servant & Son of Man & of David
  - ii. Did the OT prophets see us [NCov church] coming? Yes & no.

2. Prophetic view: the next act embedded in ultimate final act; the next act is described in ways that also point beyond itself to the final last act - Eschaton [The End, the Last, the climatic conclusion of this age]
  - i. View mtn range - see tops but not valleys & seen in relation to farthest & highest mtn. Similar traits & descriptions: typography.
  - ii. Did OT prophets see us? Yes - ingathering of nations, but saw that as characteristic of *that day* - the final Eschaton.
    - a. Apostles preach from OT interp'd by Jesus thru HS to give us NCov revelation = NT.
    - b. We are described w/ OCov terms. Rv is saturated w/ OT
3. JnB - Zechariah's prophecy [Lk 1:67-80] DavCov, AbCov, Isa & Mic - salvation to be fulfilled in Eschaton begins w/ JnB's ministry
  - i. Lk 3:4-6 Isa 40:3-5 - apocalyptic language
  - ii. v8-9 - Ab's seed: God *raises* [wakes up - Jn 2:19; A 5:30] - res.
    - a. Ab's seed have res life of next age [Rm 4; Gal 4]
    - b. FJ as harvest & destruction of fruitless trees in fire
  - iii. v16-17 another ref to fire of FJ
  - iv. JnB also identified Jesus - Jn 1:15; v29-34. A 19:4
  - v. JnB's prophetic perspective -> expect salvation & FJ. Lk 7:14-23
    - a. v14 - *arise*
    - b. v15-17 JnB hears of resurrection of widow's son
    - c. v18-20 JnB ask - *look for some- one else* [another of same kind]; Mat 11:3 [another of dif/ kind]. Raising! Fire!?!?
    - d. v21-22 - Isa 35 & 61 Jesus is Expected One - but - v23
    - e. v24ff Jesus extols JnB - we are even *greater!*
4. Jesus' perspective: destruction of Jeru & 2nd coming [Mt 24, Lk 21].
5. Apostles' perspective - 2Th 1:3-10 issues of FJ already evident
6. Rv - Jn's prophetic perspective.
  - i. 1st century circumstances have prophetic signif.
  - ii. Metaphor of pregnant wmn - contractions intensify & progress to birthing. A contraction looks & feels like "this is it!"
  - iii. Rv written [structure is key] to depict repetitive contractions, but the next one is more intense & moves the time-line nearer to the final birthing.