



Puzzled Prophets and Privileged People

Lesson 2 • 1Peter 1:10-12

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- OT Prophets were **PUZZLED** over the prophecies revealed to them by the LORD.
- NT People are **PRIVILEGED** to live at the time when Christ has come and the gospel is being proclaimed.

The Puzzlement of the OT Prophets

1. The OT Prophets PREDICTED the Promise of the Gospel. (1:10a)

What Were They Prophesying About?

“As to this salvation”

“the grace that would come to you” Acts 20:24; Romans 5:2; 6:14; Titus 2:11

“predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow”

The Promise of the Gospel They Predicted Was WHO + WHAT.

How Did They Prophesy about Him and His Work?

2. The OT Prophets Were PUZZLED by the Prediction of the Promised Gospel. (1:10b-11)

HOW Did the OT Prophets Search to Find Answers to Their Puzzlement?

- They searched **PURPOSEFULLY**.

Two Options NAS “seeking to know **what person** or **time...**”
CSB “They inquired into **what time** or **what circumstances...**”

Best Option *Matthew 11:3; Mark 8:27-33; Acts 8:29-35*

The OT Prophets searched purposefully to discover WHO Christ actually was and WHEN He would come.

- They searched **DILIGENTLY**. Verse 10 “searched intently” NIV
- They searched **CAREFULLY**. Verse 10 “and with the greatest care” NIV

WHERE Did the OT Prophets Search So Purposefully, Diligently, and Carefully?

- They **ASKED** the LORD while they were receiving the prophecy.

Isaiah 6:11; Daniel 8:15; see also John in Revelation 7:13-14; 17:6-7

- They **STUDIED** one another prophecies.

Daniel 9:1-13; 2Peter 3:14-16

- They **PRAYED** to the LORD about their prophecies.

Daniel 9

COMPARING the OT Prophets and NT People

- They had an ***advantage*** over us.
- They were ***similar*** to us.
- They are a ***reminder*** to us: *Diligent study of prophecy is not condemned but commended!*
- We have an ***advantage*** over them.

3. The OT Prophets Serve All Who Hear the Fulfillment of the Gospel PROCLAIMED in Jesus (1:12)

- God revealed to the OT prophets that were **SERVING** future believers. Acts 8:34-40
- We are privileged to hear the good news they predicted is **BEING FULFILLED** in King Jesus, the Christ!
- Even the elect angels are **ALWAYS LONGING** to look into the salvation being fulfilled through the gospel!

We Are Privileged People to Live in the Last Days of the Now-Not Yet!

“Peter is saying, then, that the Old Testament prophets eagerly searched and investigated their own prophecies, other Scripture, and their own times in order to find out who or what time the Spirit of Christ was indicating when he (the Spirit in them) was predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories of his kingdom. Since we now know the answers to ‘Who?’ (Jesus) and ‘What time?’ (Jesus’ lifetime and the subsequent church age), we should read the Old Testament prophets eagerly, expecting that our hearts will often be stirred to praise when there we discover, as a central theme, the sufferings of our Savior on our behalf and the glories of the resultant kingdom of which we even now are members.” – Wayne Grudem, 1 Peter, Tyndale New Testament Commentary

FIX YOUR HOPE

on the future grace and glories of our final salvation when Christ comes with His Kingdom! (1:13)

LIVE HOLY

for the One who called us to be His children is holy, so be holy like Him to bear the family likeness! (1:14-16)

STAY HUMBLE

for the One we call Father is also our Judge who sacrificed His Son, predestined our salvation, and enabled us to be believers! (1:17-21)