



ISAIAH





All of Scripture already is written with a plotline that flows from Eden through Israel's hills and valleys until it terminates and overflows in the person and work of Jesus Christ," and seeing this helps us to "hear what the Spirit originally intended as we pay careful attention to the contours of the biblical plotline."

David Schrock, "From Beelines to Plotlines: Typology That Follows the Covenantal Typography of Scripture," Southern Baptist Journal of Theology 21, no. 1 (Spring 2017): 48-49.

The fading shadow element to prophecy

| OT history | Prophets' message | NT fulfillment |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Creation | A new creation is coming | Jesus |
| Exodus | A new exodus is coming | Jesus |
| Law/Temple | A new law and temple is coming | Jesus |
| David | A new David is coming | Jesus |
| Return to the land | A new return is coming | Jesus |

Today's Sermon: "A Bruised Reed"

Passage: Isaiah 42:1-4, Matthew 12:15-21

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Messiah = Hebrew
Christos/Christ = Greek

1. Who is the chosen one?

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I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.



Cyrus the Great
600 – 530 B.C.



Following the Persian conquest of Babylon, Cyrus issued the Edict of Restoration, in which he authorized and encouraged the return of the Jewish people to what had been the Kingdom of Judah, officially ending the Babylonian captivity. He is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible and left a lasting legacy on Judaism due to his role in facilitating the return to Zion,



a migratory event in which the Jews returned to the Land of Israel following Cyrus' establishment of Yehud Medinata and subsequently rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been destroyed by the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem. According to Isaiah 45:1,^[13] Cyrus was anointed by Yahweh for this task as a biblical messiah; he is the only non-Jewish figure to be revered in this capacity.

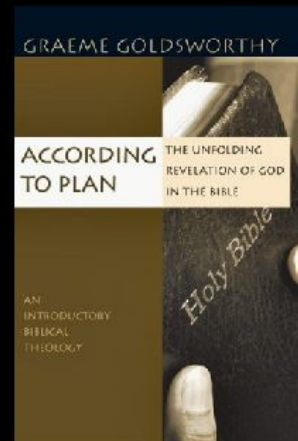
Isaiah 45:1

“This is what the Lord says to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut:

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The prophets' ministry serves as a way to show Israel (and the reader) that the types and shadows of the Old Testament are not the realities. The realities have much more to do with spiritual renewal, on more cosmic levels, and are yet to come through the work of a suffering servant.

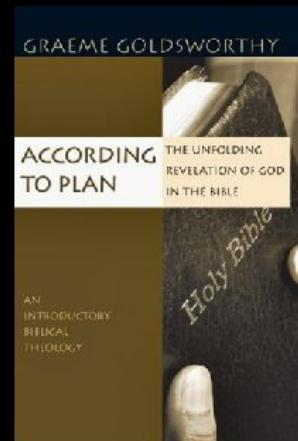
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They speak (maybe primarily) about a return to the land, which keeps with the pattern of return shown repeatedly throughout the biblical story (Abraham, Jacob, Israel, Ruth, Judah, etc.). Yet the return fails to live up to its predicted glory, which drives the story ahead yet again to another return of greater significance when God will one day return us from the “exile of death” that we’re experiencing and give us a portion of land in himself.”

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Isaiah 42:1-4

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

“The original point of the quotation was this. Cyrus was sweeping onwards in his conquests; and the prophet saw those conquests as being within the deliberate and definite plan of God. Although he did not know it, Cyrus, the Persian, was the instrument of God. Further, the prophet saw Cyrus as the Gentile conqueror, as indeed he was.”

Barclay, W. (2001). *The Gospel of Matthew* (Third Ed., p. 38). Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press.

HOW THE BIBLE PRESENTS ITSELF



- 1. Who is the chosen one?**
- 2. Lord of the Sabbath**

Matthew 12:15-21

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¹⁶ He warned them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

Matthew 12:9-14

⁹ Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue,
¹⁰ and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking
for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked
him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

Matthew 12:9-14

¹¹ He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

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- 2. Lord of the Sabbath**
- 3. The Chosen One**

But although the original words referred to Cyrus, the complete fulfilment of the prophecy undoubtedly culminated in Jesus Christ. In his day, the Persian king mastered the eastern world; but the true Master of all the world is Jesus Christ. Let us then see how wonderfully Jesus satisfied this forecast of Isaiah.

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You won't be cast aside!!



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The probability of Jesus fulfilling all Old Testament prophecies is considered mathematically impossible. The odds of any person fulfilling just eight of the Old Testament's major prophecies are 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

Gospel Application

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You are loved!