

Redemption Without Blood

The following two passages are of an anticipated redemption.

Luke 1:67-75 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

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Luke 24:13-21 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

...how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be CONDEMNED TO DEATH
...and have CRUCIFIED HIM
...But WE TRUSTED that it had been HE which should have REDEEMED ISRAEL

If one is at all familiar with the scriptures, an apparent contradiction of sorts should immediately stand out! If you are a true child of God through faith in Christ Jesus then you understand a redemption that is in Christ... "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" **Romans 3:24-25**

...Being justified FREELY by his grace THROUGH
...the REDEMPTION that is IN CHRIST JESUS

When taken out of context, the use of the word 'redeemed' lends to much confusion. Obviously, neither Zacharias or the two disciples, that Jesus met along the way to the village called Emmaus, had in mind the redemption referred to in previous paragraph.

Expectant Israel, at the time of John the Baptist, was excited for a prophet like unto Moses to show up...
“I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.” **Acts 7:34-37**

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...A PROPHET shall the Lord your God raise up unto YOU of YOUR brethren, LIKE UNTO ME

Exodus 6:5-8 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.

...I will BRING YOU OUT from under THE BURDENS of the Egyptians

...I will RID YOU OUT of THEIR BONDAGE

...I will REDEEM YOU with a STRETCHED OUT ARM

“REDEEM ISRAEL, O God, out of all his troubles.” **Psalm 25:22**

“For I know *that* MY REDEEMER LIVETH, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth.” **Job 19:25**

A redemption, that is commonly referred to throughout the O.T., has to do with deliverance from an enemy either on a national or personal level (**Ex 15:1-13; De 7:7-8; De 15:15; 2Ki 17:35-39; 1Ch 17:21; Ne 1:10; Isa 9:12,17,21; Ne 1:9-10; Job 5:20; 19:25 6:23; Ps 69:14-19; Ps 107:1-6; Ps 136:24; Isa 60:15-16; Jer 15:20-21**). Young’s Concordance gives a simple working definition of: To free (by avenging or repaying). There was grave disappointment when this ‘redeemer’ was put to death whom they had great confidence in! The hopeful of Israel was looking for a strong-armed redeemer, like unto Moses, and one whose lineage traced back to David to fill the role of Messiah as New Covenant blessings would come to pass in the reestablishment of the kingdom back into Israel’s hands.

Essential to understand is that MUCH prophecy wasn’t or isn’t completely understood till coming to past... “Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass’s colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.” **John 12:15-16**. “Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.” **Luke 9:44-45** “Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go

up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.” **Luke 18:31-34**

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...THEY UNDERSTOOD NONE OF THESE THINGS: and this saying WAS HID FROM THEM
...NEITHER KNEW THEY the things which were spoken

There is no greater ignorance displayed than by those who claim that O.T. saints looked forward to the cross for their redemption; nothing can be further from the truth! It’s just as naïve to believe that John the Baptist & Jesus’ disciples needed a confession from their converts that Jesus was going to die & be resurrected than believing David witnessed Christ’s death & resurrection to Goliath before putting a stone between his eyes!

The prophesied sufferings of Christ (**Isa 53; 1Pet 1:9-11**) was a stumbling block to Israel (**1Cor 1:23-24**), intentionally veiled (1Cor 2:6-8) to bring to light another redemption, put in place, till the redemption spoken of by Zacharias & the two disciples eventually will come to past (**Acts 1:6-7**).

Soon after John & Peter, standing before an empty grave not yet knowing the scripture that He must rise again from the tomb (**Jn 20:8-9**), the Lord appeared to them... “And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:” **Luke 24:44-46**

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With renewed understanding, Peter eventually writes... “Forasmuch as YE know that YE were NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, *as* silver and gold, from YOUR vain conversation *received* by tradition from YOUR fathers; But with the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” **1 Peter 1:18-19**

At the heart of Paul’s gospel was the preaching of Jesus Christ... “...according to the revelation of THE MYSTERY, which was KEPT SECRET SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN, But NOW is made manifest, and BY THE SCRIPTURES OF THE PROPHETS, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to ALL NATIONS for the obedience OF FAITH” **Romans 16:25-26**

What exactly are WE redeemed from and who’s OUR enemy?

Galatians 3:13 CHRIST hath REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Titus 2:14 WHO gave himself for US, that HE MIGHT REDEEM US from ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The LAST ENEMY *that* shall be destroyed *IS* DEATH.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **Romans 10:9-10**