

Study 75: Isaiah, Part 31 Isaiah 42:1-10 (Defective recording)

In Scripture, prophecy has one fulfillment, not multiple “fulfillments.” It’s like being pregnant. Either you are or you aren’t. There’s no “partially-pregnant” option. The same is true of Bible prophecy. Either it’s fulfilled or it isn’t. These prophecies are also “shadows” of Jesus Christ. It is in His life and work that they find their ultimate realization, even though they may have already been *fulfilled*. This is what Matthew is referring to when he uses the term, “that it might be fulfilled...”

For example, Matt 2:14-15 says: “When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’”

This was not even a prophecy, but an historical reference used by the prophet Hosea:
“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son” (Hosea 11:1).

As you can see, Matthew applies this to Jesus, even though the context refers to the exodus of Israel from Egypt during the time of Moses!

Matthew 2: 17-18 says:
“Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted,
Because they are no more.’”

This was a prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15) that was fulfilled in the Assyrian captivity of Israel. Yet, Matthew applied it to Christ. This is because all Scripture point to Jesus, even those things not specifically prophetic in nature, and even if they are prophecies that have already been *fulfilled*.

Isaiah 42

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations [גוֹיִם goyim, *Gentiles*].
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 [בְּאֶרֶץ b'eretz, *in the land*].
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” [Heb. *For on His law (torah), the islands will wait.*]

5 This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth [אֶרֶץ eretz, *land*] with all that springs from it,
who gives breath [רוּחַ ruach, *spirit*] to its people [לְאָם l'am, *the people*, vs. *the Gentiles*],
and life to those who walk on it:
6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people [אֶם am, *people*]
and a light for the Gentiles [גוֹיִם goyim, *Gentiles*],
7 to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 “I am the Lord [יְהוָה *Yahweh*, and so throughout]; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.”

10 Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the ends of the earth [אֶרֶץ *eretz, land*],
you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,
you islands, and all who live in them.