

Prophet, Priest, and King

God has had an eternal plan for sin.

After the fall of Adam and Eve God let them and Satan know a plan was in place to conquer sin

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel. (Gen. 3:15)

The prophet Micah provides details on the place of birth of the Savior.

But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth from Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From days of eternity. (Micah 5:2)

The prophet Isaiah tells of the specific nature of the Savior.

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. (Isa. 7:14)

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. (Isa. 9:6-7)

God began to fulfill the promise of the birth of the Savior.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. (Mt. 2:1)

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” (Mt. 1:22-23)

Jesus is also the Eternal Prophet

Moses is typified as the great prophet throughout the OT and the NT. There were more prophets to come because Moses would die and there would need to be a man of God rely God's message to God's people.

So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. (Ex. 19:7-9)

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. (Dt. 18:15)

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation (Isa. 52:7)

The promises of a prophet are recognized in the New Testament.

and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed to everything He says to you. (Acts 3:20-22)

And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. (Eph. 2:17-18)

Jesus was not simply a prophet during his time on earth. As the eternal word of God, Jesus is the eternal prophet.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of he only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Whereas the prophet's main job was to interact with God on behalf of the people to receive and relate God's Word; the priest's main job was to present and make the sacrifice offering for the sin of the people.

The priest would take the sin offering and present it before the Lord and sacrifice it, shedding its blood for the forgiveness of sins. This was a constant and ongoing process.

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek. (Ps. 110:4)

Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the Lord, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices. (Zech. 6:13)

Writers of the New Testament, along with Rabbis and teachers of the Law saw the Messiah as filling this role.

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; (Heb. 3:1)

So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”; just as He says also in another passage, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek. (Heb. 5:5-6)

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb. 7:25)

Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. (Heb. 8:1-2)

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:24)

As Jesus is prophet and priest, He is also king. Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully divine and deserving all glory and honor due His name.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

God promised Israel and the world an eternal king who would one day rule without sin and be a permanent display of righteousness and glory.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. (Ps. 118:22)

Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’

Now Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father waiting for the day the Father instructs Him to take His church, both living and dead and bring judgment to the world.

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:9-11)

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood. (Rev. 1:5)

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Rev. 19:16)

Christ has provided you with everything you need to live for God. He has come as prophet and given you God’s Word and initiated the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Christ is the perfect priest fulfilling all the priestly duties. He was not only the priest who presented the sacrifice to the Father, He was the sacrifice. He is our one and only mediator.

There is no need for another. You have direct access to God through Christ.

Christ is King, the eternal King. He deserves all the glory and honor due to Him. As His children we should be honoring Him with our lives.