

Introduction: Three Functions of Prophecy

1. An Antidote to Doubt (Prophecy Grows your Faith)
 - a. Luke 24:13-34
 - b. Matthew 11:2-5
2. Evangelical Tool
 - a. Paul is using the OT to convince Jews Jesus is the Messiah and OT prophecy is quoted all throughout the NT
3. The imagery of the gospel in the OT teaches us about the transaction that takes place on the cross and our position before God because of it

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe”

Old Testament Prophecy (some major ones)

1. **Isaiah 53 (Suffering Servant)**
2. **Numbers 21 (Snake on the Pole) → How are we saved?**
 - a. Numbers 21:4-9
 - b. John 3:14-15 - Jesus referring to himself as that snake on the pole
 - c. Requires recognition that you have a disease unto death in order to compel you to run in faith to the one lifted up in order to be saved
3. **Leviticus 16 (Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement) → What happened to our sin?**
 - a. Leviticus 16:6-10 (summary of most of the sacrifice)
 - b. Leviticus 16:15-16 (more specific directions for Goat 1)
 - c. Leviticus 16:20-22 (more specific directions for Goat 2)
 - d. Jesus is the union of both goats - his blood is shed and our sins are transferred to Him
4. **Zechariah 3 (The Heavenly Court Room) → What is our standing before God?**
 - a. Zechariah 3:1-9
 - i. Joshua's sin is removed and he is given clean robes (echoes Isaiah 61:10). We wear clean robes! **As a Christian this should dramatically change how you relate to others and yourself.**

- ii. "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness." (Isaiah 61:10a)
- iii. [You are all a sign] (aka you are pointing to something to come) / [will send the Branch] (a Messianic reference) / [remove sin in a single day...]

5. Exodus 12 (The Passover Lamb)

6. Hosea (God's Faithfulness to an Adulterous People)

7. Jonah

8. Psalm 22

9. Genesis 22 (Abraham sacrificing Isaac)
