

THE PROPHECY OF THE BURIAL OF THE SOUL OF JESUS

Psalms 16 is but one of many messianic Psalms: Ps.2, 8, 16, 22, 31, 40, 68, 72, 110, and 113-118. It is one of six [Miktam] Psalms (Ps.16, 56-60) (musical).

The Septuagint title is Stelographia (stela/ graphein) meaning a Psalm worthy to be engraved as an everlasting monument.

Stele refers to a stone pillar bearing an inscription (graphein).

(Job 19:23-25) “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! That with an iron stylus and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth.”

When King David wrote Ps.16, he wrote it as a patriarch and prophet for God and not as a king.

(Acts 2:29-31) “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the **patriarch David** that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because **he was a prophet** and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor His flesh suffer decay.” (2 Sam.7:11-16; Ps.16:8-11; 1 Pet.1:11-12)

This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Prophecy of Burial of Soul of Jesus recorded in Ps.16:8-11.
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1. David wrote these messianic Psalms one thousand years before their fulfillment in Jesus on the First Easter in human race.

This is a reminder of the faithfulness of God to His Word (1 Cor1:9; 1 Thess.5:24).

(Isa.40:8) “The grass withers, the flower fades, but **the word of God** stands forever.” (1 Pet.1:22-25)

When Jesus hung on the cross for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2) and God the Father and God the Holy Spirit forsook Him; God the Son, The Word of God cycled by faith sustained Him in the Plan of God? (Ps.22:1; Matt.26:39; 27:46)

On the cross, Jesus quoted the first half of Ps.22:1. The truth of the Word of God in Him sustained Him (Ps.22:1-21) Prophecy of His suffering for sin (1 Pet.1:18-20).

- **Ps.22:1-21** deals with Christ suffering for sins of world.

(Ps.22:14-15) “I am poured out like water, and all **My bones** are out of joint; **My heart** is like wax; it is melted within Me. **My strength** is dried up like a potsherd, and **My tongue** cleaves to **My jaws**; and **You lay Me in the dust of death.**”

- **Ps.22:22-31** deals with Christ’s resurrection ministry.

(Ps.22:27). “**All the ends of the earth** will remember and turn to the Lord, and **all the families of the nations** will worship before You.” (Ps.22:27; Acts 1:8; Matt.28:18-20)

2. **(Ps.16:8-11) was used also by both Peter and Paul in their first recorded Easter sermons.**

- Peter used it in his Pentecost sermon (Acts 2:1, **25-28**).
- Paul used it in his Pisidian Antioch sermon (Acts 13:14, **28-35**).

In both of these sermons, the resurrection was emphasized as essential to the gospel of grace salvation based on the fulfillment of Ps.16:8-11 (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

In these Easter Sermons, the gospel message of grace salvation was offered to both Jews and Gentiles on the basis of faith.

(Rom.10:12-13) “For there is **no distinction** between Jews and Greeks; for the **same Lord is Lord of all**, abounding riches for ‘all who call on Him; for whoever will call on the name of Lord will be saved.’”
(Joel 2:32)

3. **At the moment of physical death, the trichotomous humanity of Jesus separated according to messianic prophesy (1 Thess.5:23-24).**

- **His spirit departed to God (Ps.31:15; Luke 23:46).**

(Luke 23:46) “And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into Your hands, I commit My spirit.’”

(1 Pet.3:18-19) “Jesus made alive by Holy Spirit went to Sheol.” (Rom.8:11)

- **His soul departed to Sheol (Ps.16:10; Acts 2:27; 13:34-35; 1 Pet.3:19).**

(Acts 13:34-35) “As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead (soul in Sheol), no longer to return to decay (body in tomb), He has spoken in this way: ‘I will give You the holy and sure blessings of David.’ Therefore, He also says in another Psalms, ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.’”

- **His body departed to tomb of Joseph of Arimathea (Isa.53:9; Matt.27:60; John 19:38-42).**

(Isa.53:9) “His grave was assigned with the wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.” (Luke 24:1-8)

4. **A three-day burial of the soul of Jesus was a well-established teaching in the ministry of Jesus (Matt.12:39-40; 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 27:40, 64).**

Jesus was raised from Sheol, the place of the dead.

(Matt.12:40) “For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

(Eph.4:9) “(Now the expression, ‘**He ascended**,’ what does it mean except that he descended into the lower parts of the earth? **He who descended** is Himself also is He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)” (Ps.68:18)

(Acts 2:24) “But God **raised Him up** again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.” (Heb.2:14-15; 2 Tim.1:10; 1 Cor.15:57)

HE HAS RISEN JUST AS HE SAID. GO QUICKLY AND TELL OTHERS!