



Epistle of 1 Peter

1 Peter 1:10-12, The Witness of Our Salvation

- *1 Peter 1:10 – “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,”*
 - And Christ spoke of this truth!
 - *Matt 11:13 – ‘For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.’*
 - To put this into context let’s read *Matt 11:10-12*.
 - How much do you think the prophets really understood the grace that was to come?
 - Their search is better described as *diligent* or *persevering than careful*.
 - Does *Isaiah 61:1-3*, which in part relates to the sufferings that Peter states, help?
 - Of interest, *that would come to you* is *eis*, not a verb but preposition meaning *unto* – and when?
 - Perhaps what Paul says in *Eph 3:1-5* helps?
 - And for the church then and today!



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- Verses among many that relate to this prophecy: *Gen 49:10; Dan 2:44, 9, 12:5-13; Hab 2:1-4; Hag2:7; Zech 6:12.*
- Did not the prophets themselves experience God's grace?
 - *2 Peter 1:21 - ...prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*
 - More evidence comes from verse 11.

1 Peter 1:11 – “searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”

– *time is kairos or seasons*

- *Wuest - ;The seasons (kairos) represent the critical epoch-making periods when all that has been maturing through long ages comes to a head in grand decisive events which constitute the close of one period and the beginning of another.'*

– *Christ's sufferings were clearly prophesized.*



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- *Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
- *Acts 3:18 - 'But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.'*
- In whom was *the Spirit of Christ*?
 - *John 5:39 – 'You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.'*
 - McCalley – *'He could see God's gracious provision of salvation in dealing with the sin problem totally. This is certainly grace.'*
 - Constable - *'Peter was stressing the Spirit's witness to Christ in the Old Testament rather than the preexistence of Christ.'*
 - Robertson – *'Peter definitely asserts here that the Spirit of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was in the Old Testament prophets, the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of God (Rom 8:9), who spoke to the prophets as he would speak to the apostles (John 16:14).'*
- *indicating (de loo) or to signify is imperfect tense and refers to a continuous action.*



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- *would follow* is *meta*, also a preposition, that also points to a *past continuous action*.
 - And this continuous action relates to *glories of Christ to follow*.
 - McCalley – ‘*The word glory (doxa) is plural - glories. After Christ’s death, He experienced a succession of glories - the Resurrection, the Ascension, the seating at the Father’s right hand. Notice the suffering and glories come in a definite order. It is the glory that should follow the suffering.*’

•1 Peter 1:12 – “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things which angels desire to look into.”

- Thus, the prophets had enough Spirit-led information from



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Christ and God to enlighten us by those who have reached us with the gospel, but without complete knowledge for them.

- *Amos 3:7 - Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.*
- *Dan 12:8,9 - Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end;*
- *Matt 13:16,17 – ‘But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.’*
- *Heb 11:13 - These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
- *Heb 11:39, 40 - And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*



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McCalley - *'Notice in the book of Acts how Old Testament prophecies are related to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:16 relates the day of Pentecost to the prophet Joel; Acts 2:25 relates Christ to Psalm 16; Acts 2:34 relates Christ to Psalm 110; Acts 3:18 shows Christ as the fulfillment of the prophets; Acts 4:25 relates Christ to Psalm 2; Stephen's entire sermon in Acts 7 is a survey of the Old Testament!*

–How do interpret *things which angels desire to look into?*

- *look into* is a diligent and passionate examination.
 - Like Mary at the tomb.
 - » *John 20:11 - But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and **looked into** the tomb.*
- How much understanding did/do angels have?
 - Did Christ die for angels?
 - » *1 Cor 4:9 - For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.*