

Ps 22:1: Messiah Forsaken, Fulfilled: Matt 27:46; v. 2: Darkness at the Cross, Fulfilled : Matt 27:45; vv. 4-5: Faith-Rest; vv. 6-8: Messiah Mocked, Fulfilled: Matt 27:39-42

- 8) He was to be forsaken by God. The prophecy is expressed through David's despondency at the discovery of the sacking of Ziklag and the capture of the women and children.

**Psalm 22:1 -** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Far from My deliverance are the words of My screaming.

The fulfillment of the prophecy:

**Matthew 27:46 -** At about three o'clock Jesus screamed with a loud voice and kept on saying, "ἦ λὶ ἦ λὶ λεμὰ σαβαχθάνι, *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

- 9) During the judgment of our sins, fellowship between the true humanity of Christ and God the Father was broken. This prophecy is amplified further in verse 2:

**Psalm 22:2 -** O My God, I scream by daylight [ 9:00 a.m.–noon ] but You do not answer Me. And by night [ supernatural darkness from noon to 3:00 p.m. ], You are silent.

The fulfillment of the prophecy:

**Matthew 27:45 -** Now from the sixth hour [ noon ] until the ninth hour [ 3:00 p.m. ], darkness came over all the land [ the Lord was divinely enshrouded in darkness while being judged for the sins of the world ].

- 10) The next verse is David's recognition of the integrity of God and by application the same was acknowledged by the true humanity of Christ:

**Psalm 22:3 -** You [ God the Father ] are holy [ divine integrity ] and worthy of the praises of Israel.

- 11) Verse 4 is a comment by David as he trusts in the Lord to deliver him as He had done for David's ancestors. God will also deliver Jesus through resurrection following the judgment of the cross.

**Psalm 22:4 -** Our fathers trusted in You [ application of faith-rest, the spiritual *modus operandi* of the dispensation of Israel ]. They trusted and You delivered them [ this would include many of the faith-rest heroes cited in Hebrews 11 ].

- 12) This verse and the one that follows is a plaintive appeal by David to be treated with the same mercy as were the "fathers" before him.

**Psalm 22:5 -** The fathers cried out to You and were delivered. They trusted in You and were not disappointed.

- 13) The Lord knew when His sacrificial work was over He would be delivered. This is affirmed by His proclamations in John 19:30 and Luke 23:46:

**John 19:30a -** Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"

**Luke 23:46** - And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

- 14) Verses 6, 7, and 8 contain the next prophecy – the Messiah was ridiculed, mocked, and despised during His crucifixion:

**Psalm 22:6** - But I [ David in context & Jesus in prophecy ] am a worm [ תולעת *tola'ath*: the *Coccus illicis*, a lowly larva but from which is manufactured scarlet dye, the color of royalty ] and not a man, a reproach of men and despised [ הִזְדָּחַ *bazah* ] by the people.

**v. 7** - All they who see Me, mock laughingly in scorn at Me. They gesture insults. They wag their heads [a Jewish gesture of derision ], saying,

**v. 8** - "He trusted in Jehovah; let Him deliver him since He keeps on having perfect delight in him."

The metaphor of David and Messiah being compared to a worm speaks of David's reversionism and Messiah's vicarious judgment. From the crushing of worms – the *Coccus illicis* – comes the color of royalty. Although David is crushed under the weight of discipline he becomes the King of Israel. Although Messiah is crushed under the weight of our sins He becomes the King of kings.

The despisement of Messiah is also mentioned in:

**Isaiah 53:3** - He was despised and forsaken of men ... He was despised [ הִזְדָּחַ *bazah*: to hold in contempt; to disrespect ] and we esteemed Him not.

Fulfillment of this prophecy is found in:

**Matthew 27:39** - Those who passed by kept on defaming Him, making obscene gestures with their heads

**v. 40** - and saying, "You who can destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down [ καταβαίνω, *katabainō*: indicates the place from which one comes down ] from the cross!"

**Matthew 27:41** - In the same way, the chief priests along with the scribes, and elders were mocking Him, saying repeatedly,

**v. 42** - "He saved others; but He cannot save Himself. If you are the King of Israel, come down [ καταβαίνω, *katabainō* ]! And we will believe!"

These verses indicate that from the citizenry to the religious establishment there was widespread rejection of Jesus as Messiah. Their ignorance of His true identity is illustrated by their ironic command, "Come down from the cross and we will believe."

The words "come down" are the aorist imperative of *katabainō*. This word is used to illustrate that God sent His uniquely born Son *down* to the earth from heaven for the everlasting benefit of mankind. An example is found in John 6:30-33.