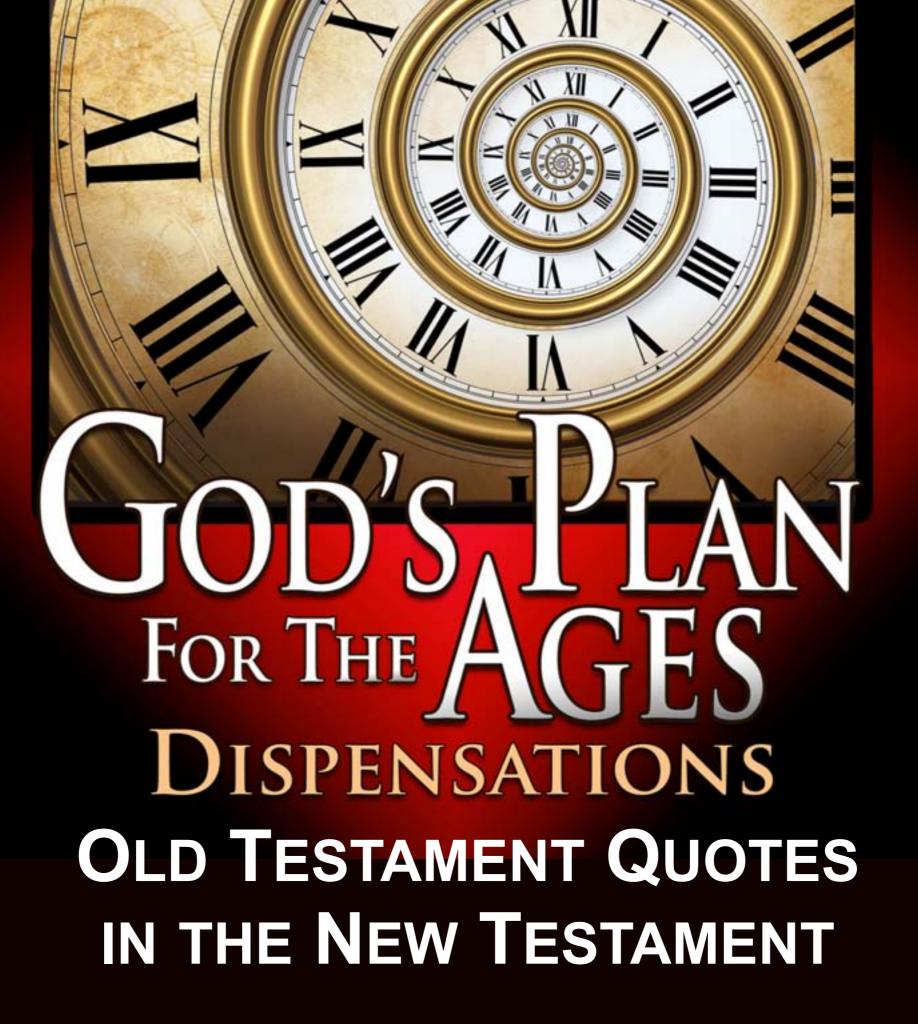
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Hermeneutics

How the New Testament quotes the Old Testament

Direct Fulfillment: Literal prediction and literal direct fulfillment.

Typical Fulfillment: A literal, historical event applied typologically.

Applicational Fulfillment: An historical event is used to draw out an application with reference to a future event.

Summary Fulfillment: No actual event is prophesied, but the fulfillment represents a summation of Old Testament prophecies.

1. Literal Prophecy and Literal Fulfillment.

Matt. 2:5, "And they said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

Matt. 2:6, " 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler, Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " **1. Literal Prophecy and Literal Fulfillment.**

Quote from Micah 5:2

Mic. 5:2, "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity." Isa. 7:14, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Matt. 1:23, "'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'"

Question

Perhaps you can clarify for me the use of a single hermeneutic for Tuesday's class. Let us look at a few examples from the Psalms comparing the original context to how the NT writer uses it.

Ps 40:7, "Then I said, 'Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me...'" Is this David talking about himself here and then the writer of Hebrews

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Ps 41:9, "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trust, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."

We all know that hardly a Davidic Psalm was written without reference to one enemy or another. Under the principle of a single hermeneutic, does this mean that in real time for David this was one of his foes, but then Peter picks it up to refer to the Lord's enemy in Acts 1?

And finally Ps. 22:1, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

In this example it would appear the translators have determined for us that this is strictly prophetic. Does that mean that David was not ascribing this to himself?

Danger of Even a Slight Departure from the Standard

"Zuck chooses the principle of single meaning, but treads on dangerous ground when, in following Elliott Johnson, he adds related implications or 'related submeanings.' To speak of a single meaning on one hand and of related submeanings on the other is contradictory. A passage either has one meaning or it has more than one. No middle ground exists between those two options..."

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"Zuck uses Psalm 78:2 to illustrate related implications or related submeanings. The psalmist Asaph writes, 'I will open my mouth in a parable.' Zuck limits the passage to one meaning, but says the passage has two referents, Asaph and Jesus, who applied the words to Himself in Matthew 13:35. Instead of saying the psalm has two referents, which in essence assigns two meanings to it, to say that the psalm's lone referent is Asaph, thereby limiting the psalm to one meaning, is preferable. Either Psalm 78:2 refers to Asaph or it refers to Jesus. It cannot refer to both. It is proper to say that Psalm 78:2 refers to Asaph, and Matthew 13:35 refers to Jesus. By itself, Psalm 78:2 cannot carry the weight of the latter referent."

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"In defending his double-referent view, Zuck apparently makes this same distinction, though he does not repudiate the double-referent terminology. He discusses **Psalms 8, 16, and 22, noting that David wrote them about** his own experiences, but that the New Testament (NT) applies them to Christ in a sense significantly different from how David used them. His conclusions about these psalms and the NT use of them is accurate, but the psalms themselves cannot have more than one referent, hermeneutically speaking. Such would assign them more than one meaning. Neither the human author David, nor the original readers of the psalms, could have used the principles of grammar and the facts of history to come up with the additional referent or meaning that the NT assigns to the psalms. The source and authority for that additional meaning is the NT, not the OT."

2. Literal plus Typical; that is literal prophecy with an application related to typology.

Matt. 2:15, "and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, 'Out of Egypt did I call My Son.'"

Quoting Hosea 11:1, "When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son." Num. 23:22, "God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox.

Num. 23:23, "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

Num. 23:24, "Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain."

Num. 24:7, "He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

Num. 24:8, "God brings him out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox; He shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones and pierce them with his arrows.

Num. 24:9, "He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you."

Israel serves as a type Messiah King

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Num. 24:9, "He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you." Num. 23:21, "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD <u>his</u> God is with <u>him</u>, And the shout of a King is among *them* [KJV, but BHS has 3rd sg, 'with Him']."

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Matt. 15:7, "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: Matt. 15:8, " 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. Matt. 15:9, " 'And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

Isa. 29:13, "Therefore the Lord said: 'Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,' " John 12:39, "Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

John 12:40, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them."

Isa. 6:10, "Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed." Matt. 21:42, "Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?'"

Psa. 118:22, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Psa. 118:23, "This was the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." John 19:36, "For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, 'Not one of His bones shall be broken.' "

Ex. 12:46, "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof."

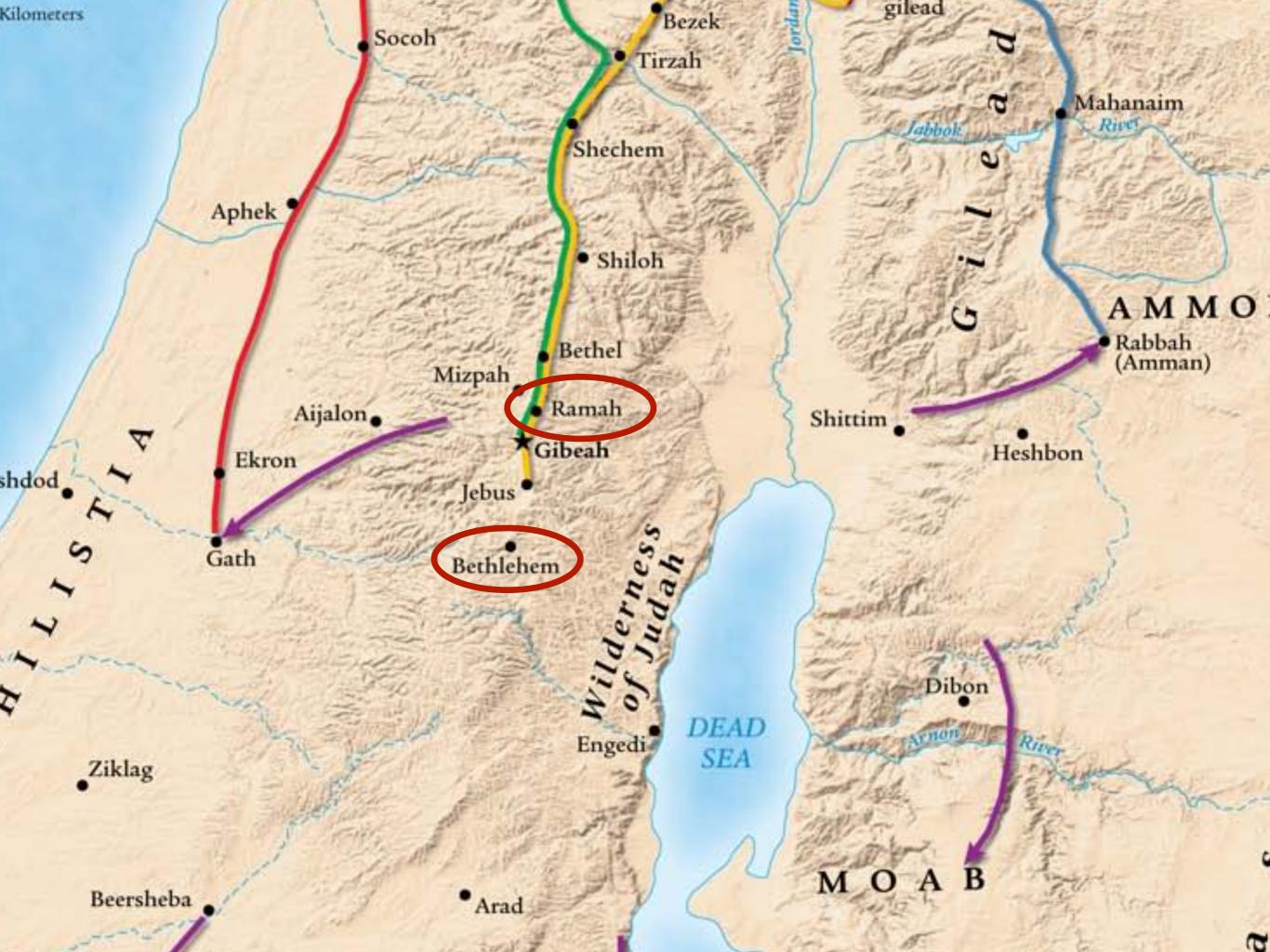
Num. 9:12, "They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it." 3. Literal plus application.

Matt. 2:17, "Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

Matt. 2:18, " 'A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.'"

3. Literal plus application.

Quoting Jer. 31:15, "Thus says the LORD, 'A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.'"



Matt. 8:17, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.'"

Isa. 53:4, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted." Matt. 13:14, "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive;

Matt. 13:15, "'For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'"

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4. Summation or Summary.

Matt. 2:23, "and came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'" lsa. 11:1, "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch [נֶצֶר] Nezer] shall grow out of his roots." Luke 18:31, "Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

Luke 18:32, " 'For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

Luke 18:33, " 'They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.' "