

The Messianic Prophecies of Christ – Lesson 16

A Ministry of Miracles

Isaiah 35:5-6 / Matthew 9:35

The Text

- **Isaiah 35:5-6** The the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.
- **Matthew 9:35** then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Four Primary Words For Miracles

Semeion, a “sign”, i.e., an evidence of a divine commission; an attestation of a divine message (Matt. 12:38,39; 16:1, 4; Mark 8:11; Luke 11:16; 23:8; John 2:11, 18, 23; Acts 6:8, etc.); a token of the presence and working of God; the seal of a higher power.

Terata, “wonders;” wonder-causing events; producing astonishment in the beholder (Acts 2:19).

Dunameis, “might works;” works of superhuman power (Acts 2:22; Rom. 15:19; 2 Thess. 2:9); of a new and higher power.

Erga, “works;” the works of Him who is “wonderful in working” (John 5:20, 36).

A Miracle Is A Verb

- Matthew 27:51 – 54
- Vs. 51 – And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, and the **earth did quake**, and the rocks rent;
- Vs. 54 – Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, **saw the earthquake**, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Root Meaning of Miracle

- Originates in a word that means to indicate, to make known,
- **John 12:32 - 33** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, **signifying** what death he should die.
- Originates in a word that means a token that distinguish a person or things from all others as it is known
- **John 6:14** – Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.
- **John 10:41** –And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle; but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on him there.

A Miracle Is An Action By God In People, Animals or Plants

- **Matthew 28:2** – there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.
- **Acts 16:26** – and suddenly there was a great earthquake, the foundation of the prison shaken opening the doors and the chains came apart
- **Numbers 22:28** Balaam's donkey speaks
- **Matthew 21:19** Jesus speaks-green fig tree dies
- **Miracles contradict and are contrary to “our” experiences.**

1. A Miracle Can Be Denied But Not Reversed

- **Mark 6:52** – for they considered not the miracle of the loaves, for their heart were hardened.

2. Miracles Are Testimonies

- **John 12:16 – 19** These things understood not the disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold, the world is gone after him.

3. Are You Really Ready For “The” Miracle?

- Revelation 11:19 – And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament; and there were lightning, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail