

D5: The Hermeneutic (NT use of the OT - an introduction)

I. Example 1(a-b): Isaiah 11, 59 and Ephesians 6:14-17

Where did this imagery of armor come from for Paul (Ephesians 6:10-20)?

Paul's illustration moves not from the lesser to the greater, but from the greater to the lesser.

Consider the context and influence of Isaiah 11:1-5 on Paul's thinking in Ephesians 6:14.

Consider the context surrounding Isaiah 59:17 and its influence on Paul's thinking in Ephesians 6:14, 17.

The big question: How might Paul be using these OT texts?

The possible answers! In Ephesians 6:14, 17, the Holy Spirit offers:

1. The direct _____ of an OT Scripture.
2. An _____ of an OT Scripture.
3. NEW _____ and truth that was unknowable up to that point the NT writer wrote.

What are the implications of #3?

What difference does this make on the context of Ephesians 6:10-20?

II. Example 2(a-b): Psalm 68 and Ephesians 4:8

What is the focal point of the context in Ephesians 4:7ff?

What has influenced Paul to focus on this theme (Messiah's victory)?

Consider the context of Psalm 68:18.

How might Paul be using Psalm 68:18 in Ephesians 4:8?

How are members of the body of Christ to view the foundational gifts of the church in relation to Psalm 68:18?

What difference does this make in Ephesians 4?

Under the inspiration of the HS, Paul now wishes to show something different here with the gifts in Christ's victorious ascension:

Christ _____ gifts, NOT _____ gifts from the spoils of His victory.

How then are Psalm 68:18 and Ephesians 4:8 related to each other in Scripture?