

# SONGS *of the* Messiah

## JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

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### **I. THE INTERVIEW ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

#### **A. Who were the men on the road?**

1. Followers of Jesus
2. Not apostles

#### **B. What had the recent experiences of these men been?**

1. They had followed Jesus to Jerusalem.
2. They had just experienced the confusion and horror of Jesus' death.
3. Earlier in the day they were with the apostles.
  - a. Heard the report of the women firsthand
  - b. Heard Peter's report firsthand
4. For some reason they left the group and headed to Emmaus.

#### **C. Jesus comes alongside of them on the road.**

1. What are you discussing?

2. The answer - We are discussing our confusion and disappointment concerning Jesus.

#### **D. Jesus speaks.**

1. Their problem was that they did not believe *all* that was written in the Scriptures.
2. Jesus then expounds the things concerning Himself in the Old Testament.
  - a. Predictions of His sufferings
  - b. Assurances of His coming glory

## **II. THE PURPOSE OF PREDICTIVE PROPHECY**

### **A. Isaiah is speaking in chapters 40-48 about the contrast between the true God and the idols (imaginary gods) of men.**

### **B. The true God offers a challenge to the gods and all of their representatives.**

1. God claims that all history is moving His direction and that He will tell them where it is going.
2. If the idols are real gods, let them take control of history and prove it by predicting the future.

### **C. The purpose of predictive prophecy is to confirm to us that the living God has spoken and can be trusted.**

#### **Isaiah 41:21-24**

“Present your case,” the Lord says.  
 “Bring forward your strong arguments,”  
 The King of Jacob says.  
 Let them bring forth and declare to us what  
 is going to take place;  
 As for the former events, declare what they  
 were,  
 That we may consider them and know their  
 outcome.  
 Or announce to us what is coming;  
 Declare the things that are going to come  
 afterward,  
 That we may know that you are gods;  
 Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anx-  
 iously look about us and fear together.  
 Behold, you are of no account,  
 And your work amounts to nothing;  
 He who chooses you is an abomination.

#### **Isaiah 44:6-8**

“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and  
 his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
 ‘I am the first and I am the last,  
 And there is no God besides Me.  
 ‘Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and de-  
 clare it;  
 Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,  
 From the time that I established the  
 ancient nation.  
 And let them declare to them the things  
 that are coming  
 And the events that are going to take place.  
 ‘Do not tremble and do not be afraid;  
 Have I not long since announced it to you  
 and declared it?  
 And you are My witnesses.  
 Is there any God besides Me,  
 Or is there any other Rock?  
 I know of none.”