Monday Night Discipleship: Week 28

Overview:

- 1. Biblical Interpretation: Can a passage in the Bible have more than one meaning? (Part 2)
- 2. Longman Chapter 29 discussion:
 - a. Content: What Is Jonah About?
 - b. Authorship and Date: Who Wrote Jonah and When?
 - c. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Jonah?
 - d. Connections: How Does Jonah Connect to the Gospel?

Biblical Interpretation: Can a passage in the Bible have more than one meaning? (Part 2) When we ask the question, "Can a Bible passage have more than one meaning?", the answer could be yes, ______ the divinely inspired author consciously intended more than one meaning to that passage. If you missed the discussion on part 1, please watch it on our website at https://waialaebaptist.org/discipleship phase 2/.

This week we will be continuing this discussion by covering a challenging passage, and talking about four different approaches to passages that seem to have multiple meanings; specifically, passages of Scripture that NT authors seem to introduce additional meaning beyond the OT author's conscious intent.

Passage	Context in Isaiah's period	Matthew's Usage of Isaiah's Prophecy
Isaiah 7:14 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.	Isaiah was proclaiming God's message, that a child will be born to "the prophetess" -referring to Isaiah's wife; the Hebrew word here is (hā·'al·māh) הַּצְלְהָׁה which means a young woman who is of childbearing age. The Septuagant uses the word παρθένος (parthenos - meaning virgin) which was also used by Matthew's reference to Isaiah 7:14. Therefore, this child that will be born to this young woman will be a sign to Ahaz that soon after he is a few years old, Assyria will defeat Ahaz's adversaries.	Roughly 700 years after Isaiah's prophecy, Matthew uses this passage to speak of its fulfillment in Jesus Christ's birth. Matthew wrote, "22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)."

¹ Matthew 1:23.

Below are four different approaches to understanding this passage.

Eisegesis- Matthew new meaning into this text	This approach claims that Matthew was either incompetently using this text in Isaiah, or he was intentionally deceptive by offering his own meaning that he has forced into the text. This first approach should not be considered valid by Christians.
Sensus Plenior - Matthew was inspired by the Holy Spirit for the meaning of Isaiah 7:14	This approach claims that the Holy Spirit intended there to be an additional hidden meaning behind Isaiah's prophecy that he was not aware of. This approach often becomes confused with typology.
Implication- Matthew intended this to be an implication, not the of the passage	This approach claims that Matthew was conveying the implications of the original meaning of the text. Therefore, in this view, Matthew's reference and usage were not Isaiah's intended meaning, rather they were submeanings of the passage that legitimately fell under Isaiah's conscious intention.
Typology- Matthew was using Isaiah 7:14 typologically	This approach understands Isaiah's prophecy, and its original fulfillment in his day, as a type that foreshadows God's future deliverance in Matthew's day.

Longman Chapter 29 discussion:

- 1. Content: What Is Jonah About?
 - a. Introduction:
 - i. One of the most unique books of prophecy-
 - ii. A memorable story that often overshadows its overall message-

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- i. Jonah's First Commission and Disobedience (Jonah 1-2)
 - 1. Jonah's blatant disobedience (Jonah 1:1-3)-

2. God's Sovereignty Experienced (Jonah 1:4-1:17) -

3. Jonah's Psalm of Deliverance (Jonah 2)

- ii. Jonah's Second Commission and God's Lesson (Jonah 3-4)
 - 1. Jonah's Half-hearted Obedience and Nineveh's Repentance (Jonah 3) -

2. Jonah's Anger, Bitterness, and Need for Repentance (Jonah 4) -

2.	Autho	rship and I	Date: Who Wrote Jonah and When?	
	a.	Author: _	son of Amittai	
	b.	Date: Jon	nah was written sometime between	 BC
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- 3. Genre: What Style of Literature Is Jonah? Minor Prophets-
- 4. Connections: How Does Jonah Connect to the Gospel?
 - a. God's Compassion for Gentiles-

b. Jesus's reference to Jonah-

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Jonah 3:1-10

"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, ^[a] three days' journey in breadth. ^[b] ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached^[G] the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it."²

² The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jonah 3:1-10. All passages of Scripture will come from this translation unless otherwise referenced.

1.	Read aloud together	
2.	Explain by answering the three questions: What does this passage teach us about a. God:	_?
	b. Man:	
	c. Christ:	
3.	Ask- What question/s would help you understand the text more fully?	
4.	P ray- Using some of your observations and questions, write out a prayer to God.	