

How do you read the Old Testament? How did Jesus read the OT? The OT is often quoted in NT - some 40 or 50 times? Much less often does Jesus quote the OT directly and say, 'that is me!'

I want to look at these cases, asking 'how did he / how should we read the OT'?

**Jn 13:18** He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me

**Ps 49:9** 'Even my close friend in whom I trusted, has lifted his heel against me'

{**Ps 49** – of David. Situation unspecified. (May have been when Son Absalom usurped him and trusted advisor, Ahithophel, defected? (2 Sam 15) In it, David

- 1) Suffering two evils – sickness & treacherous friends (3, 9)
- 2) He confesses sin against the Lord (4)
- 3) He pleads for grace that he may repay (10)}

### Context

1] Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem for the last time for Passover with a triumphal entry (12:12ff)

2] The setting in John's Gospel before the Passover (13:1), accentuates that God is in control of the sacrifice of His Passover lamb (1:29)

**Intro** Bad things – are the divine accidents or is God helpless or are they woven into God's plan for good. Jesus' betrayal – Was it a tragic accident or part of God's plan

### Situation (1)

1] '**Before the feast of Passover**' (1a)

*Nb this accentuates that Jesus, the Passover lamb (1:29) is prepared*

2] '**Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world**' (1b)

*cf I came from the Father and have come into the world and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father (16:28)*

*Nb Jesus knew the timing of his departure He was in control*

3] '**Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end**' (1c)

*Nb Jesus knew who his people were and was totally committed to them.*

### At Supper (2,3)

1] '**The Devil had put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him**' (2)

*Nb Judas thinking about it – didn't decide to act till verse 27 when he was offered the bread dipped in wine and Satan entered him*

2] '**Jesus knowing that His Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God**' (3)

*Nb All things were made through him (1:3) all things into his hand (3:35)*

i.e. a) Who he was - Son of the Father

b) What power he had been given – all things

*cf All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to me (Matt 28:17)*

c) Where his authority lay – he had come from God and was going back to God

*NB Fully equipped and prepared!*

### Foot cleaning (10,11)

1] *Jesus said to (Peter), “The one who has bathed does not need to wash except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean but not everyone of you (10)*

*(Nb clean = forgiven – righteous?)*

2] *For he knew who was to betray Him, that was why he said, not all of you are clean (11a)*

*Nb Jesus knew who his betrayer would be – no hint of this was given to his other disciples*

*Cf one of you will betray me .. the disciples looked at one another uncertain of whom he spoke (22)*

## **Explanation (17-19)**

1] *If you know these things blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all you; I know whom I have chosen (17,18a)*

*Nb God choses His own. ‘He chose us in Him before the foundations of the world’ (Eph 1:4)*

2] *Scripture will be fulfilled– “He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me” (18b; Ps 41:9)*

*Cf These things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled (19:36)*

*\*God’s Word must / is certain to happen\**

*\*Respect the Bible as God’s Word\**

3] *I am tell you this now before it takes place that when it does take place you might believe that I am He (19)*

*Nb ‘I am he’ refers to ‘me’ with echoes of before Abraham was, ‘I AM’?! (8:59)*

*Cf Unless you believe I am he you will die in your sins (8:24)*

*\*Jesus / God knows the future\**

## **Declaration (21,26)**

1] *“Truly, truly I say to you, one of you will betray me” (21)*

*Nb Jesus states clearly what John has asserted (11a)*

*I.e. I know what will happen – I am in control*

2] *‘It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it’ (26a)*

*Nb an isolated act demonstrating the hosts gracious favour*

*cf calling Judas ‘friend’ as he was betraying Him (Mt 26:50)*

3] *So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas...” (26b)*

## **The act (27)**

1] *After he had taken the morsel, Satan entered him (27a)*

*Nb Devil put it in his heart (2) ... Satan entered him (27a)*

*Cf tempted ---- ready to act / sin*

2] *Jesus said to him, “What you are about to do, do it quickly” (27b)*

*Nb Jesus commands – he is in control*

3] *So after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.*

*I.e., Jesus is obeyed by Judas, as did demons elements, sickness etc, - and he pursued evil*

*Cf He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood (Rev 19:13)*

## **Conclusion**

1] Jesus is in complete control of these events / his betrayal

2] God had ordained this, as demonstrated by the Scriptures previously given

3] These Prophecies in Scripture are ‘hidden’ in the context of fallen mankind, and revealed by the Holy Spirit

**MP** *Jesus showed He knew that Scripture foretold, He would be betrayed by one of his companions*

**KV** *“He who ate my bread has lifted up his heel against me” (Jn 13:18 / Ps41:9)*