PART TWO

THE RECIPIENTS OF SCRIPTURAL PROMISES
Introduction to Part Two

In the first part of my study, I explored the way that Luke and Justin lay claim to the Jewish scriptures for Christ-believers by describing their authoritative ability to interpret these texts and, in the case of Justin, by asserting that the Jewish scriptures were an authoritative source of truth that rivaled Greco-Roman traditions. In this section of my study, I will compare their attempts to claim the Jewish scriptures for the Christ-believing community by representing this group as the beneficiary of scriptural promises. Such an avenue of inquiry will involve a consideration of their depictions of the scriptural interpretation of Christ-believers as an eschatological gift that fulfills end-time scriptural predictions (Chapter Four) and an evaluation of their portrayal of Christ-believers as recipients of scriptural promises that were originally made to the Jewish people (Chapter Five).