

Christ in the Old Testament, Class #1

Christ in the Torah



I. Introduction

What set of words come to mind when you think about the Old Testament? How about the New Testament? Are the sets of words different? Should they be?

"Y'all should be mindful of this devout thesis

All of the Bible is about _____.

The Old Testament? Jesus Christ _____.

The New Testament? Jesus Christ _____."

II. The New Testament Witnesses

a. The Witness of Jesus

John 5:39-47

You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet **they testify about me**. But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life...I have come in my Father's name, and yet you don't accept me....Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because **he wrote about me**. But if you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe my words?"

Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them **the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures**.

He told them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—**that everything written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, **"This is what is written:** The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, 47 and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

b. The Witness of the Apostle Paul

Acts 17:1-3

After they passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As usual, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days

reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and rise from the dead: “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah.”

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins ***according to the Scriptures***, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day ***according to the Scriptures***...

2 Timothy 3:14-15

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known ***the sacred Scriptures***, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation ***through faith in Christ Jesus***.

III. **How We See Christ in the Old Testament**

a. **Prophecies**

2 Peter 1:20-21

“We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

b. **Promises (Covenants, Blessings, Warnings, etc.)**

2 Cor. 1:20

“For every one of God’s promises is “Yes” in him. Therefore, through him we also say “Amen” to the glory of God.”

c. **Prefigurements (Shadows and Types)**

Hebrews 8:5

“These serve as a ***copy and shadow*** of the heavenly things, as Moses was warned when he was about to complete the tabernacle. For God said, Be careful that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain.”

Type: *A special example, symbol, or picture that God designed beforehand, and that He placed in history at an earlier point in time in order to point forward to a later, larger fulfillment. (ESV Study Bible)*

This could include things like animal sacrifices, the tabernacle/ temple, The OT, priesthood, etc. It could also include people (Rom. 5:14)

IV. **Christ in the Torah**

a. Genesis

The First Gospel (Gen. 3:15)

The Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12, 15, Gal. 3:7-9)

Isaac (Gen. 22)

Joseph (50:20, Acts 2:23)

b. Exodus

Passover (ch. 12, 1 Cor. 5:7, John 19:36)

God's People (ch. 19, 1 Pet. 2:9)

"Outside the camp" (ch. 29:14 Heb. 13:11)

c. Leviticus

Mediator (ch. 1:1-2)

The Whole Sacrifice (ch. 1:9, Heb. 10:5-10)

Day of Atonement (Ch. 23, Heb. 9:7-14)

d. Numbers

Priesthood- (3:12)

Look to the Serpent (21:9, John 3:14-16)

Daily Offerings (28:3- Heb. 10:1-10)

e. Deuteronomy

Israel light to the nations Ch. 4:6; Is. 42:6; Jn 1:4-9)

Heart Circumcision- (10:16, Col. 2:11)

Blessings and Curses (ch.21:23; 27: 26- Gal. 3:10-14

Upcoming Classes

Christ in the Historical Books (12/8)

Christ in the Psalms (12/15)

Christ in the Prophets (12/22)

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