Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

(Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures) *by Pastor Vincent Sawyer*

Part 1 – Introduction: The N.T. Claim of Christ in the O.T.

The purpose of this message is to lay the foundation or framework demonstrating that Jesus Christ appears throughout the O.T. or Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis to Malachi) and that He is the Theme of the entire Bible.

Any good book has a theme, a focus, a major point, or a "moral of the story."
The Theme of the Bible is singular: **Jesus Christ and His Glory**!

Christ's O.T. Bible Study to the Emmaus Disciples (Luke 24:13-35)

The O.T. reveals forshadowings of Christ or types of Christ.

"The Scriptures … testify of Me" (Jn. 5:39).

Christ is in the O.T. in the form of Types:

- **ADAM – A STUDY OF TYPE BY CONTRAST**
  (1 Cor. 15:21,22,45-50)
- **MELCHIZEDEK – A STUDY OF TYPE BY COMPARISON**
  Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 110:4; Heb. Chs. 5,7.
- **ISAAC – A TYPE OF CHRIST BY COMPARISON**
  (Genesis Chs. 21-27)
- **JOSEPH – A TYPE OF CHRIST**
  (Gen. Chs. 37-50)
- **THE PASSOVER (Lamb) A Type of Christ**
  (Exod. Ch. 12; 1 Cor. 5:7)

1. Christ is the Fulfillment of O.T. Prophecy!

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
Matthew 26:56 But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

2. Christ is the O.T. Revealer of God, The Father

John 1:18 - No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

3. Christ is testified about in the Hebrew Scriptures

John 5:39 - Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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4. Christ is written about by Moses in the Pentateuch

John 5:46 - For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

5. Christ Was Seen by Abraham

John 8:56 - Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

6. Christ was Prophesied by Isaiah

John 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

7. Christ was Seen by Isaiah

John 12:41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. (Cp. Isaiah 6)

8. Christ is Boldly Preached as the Fulfillment of the O.T. Scriptures

Acts 17:2, 3 - And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 18:24, 28 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus…he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, <u>shewing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ</u> (Messiah).

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Conclusion:

Since Christ is the theme of the Bible, whenever you read your Bible, always go looking for Him. By seeing His glory you will be transformed into His image!
2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Part 2 – Jesus, The Creator of Everything!

(Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Isaiah 44:24; John 1:1-3; Col.1:15-16; Heb.1:2)

Genesis 1:1
The beginning of the five basic scientific realities (in a physical universe) are mentioned in Gen. 1:1

1. Time = In the beginning
2. Space = The heavens
3. Matter = The earth
4. Force = The Spirit of God
5. Motion = moved (F.H. Capron, cited by Thomas, p. 31)

1. The Plural name <u>ELOHIM</u> allows for the claim that Jesus Christ took part in Creation (Genesis 1:1)

2. The Plural Pronouns "<u>Us…Our</u>" allow for the claim that Jesus Christ took part in Creation (Genesis 1:26-27)

3. The References to Plurality in the Creation Account must be reconciled with the claim that <u>God alone Created all things</u>.

Isaiah 44:24 "Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, **I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens <u>alone</u>; that spreadeth abroad the earth <u>by myself</u>"**

4. Several different N.T. writers give the answer to the mystery of the creation account

a. The Testimony of John

John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made**.

b. The Testimony of the writer of Hebrews

Heb. 1:2 – God…Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**;

c. The Testimony of the Apostle Paul

Col. 1:15-16 - Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Since Jesus made it all, then I am RESPONSIBLE to Glorify and Trust my Creator, Jesus Christ!

I am His by virtue of Creation, and by virtue of Salvation

Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

If a Creator exists, these are some of the resultant consequences:

1) I am known by the Creator.
2) I am inferior to the superior Creator.
3) I am responsible to the Creator.
4) I will be judged (held accountable) by the Creator.
5) I should live for the glory and purpose of the Creator.
6) I am not the master of my life. *Therefore, I cannot live any way I please; I must do His will.*

If Jesus made it all, He has power over all, authority over all, sovereignty over all, dominance over all, and preeminence over all.

Part 3 – Jesus, The Promised Seed

Introduction:
Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. ***He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ****.*

**** God Promised A Particular Seed to Accomplish the Greatest Conquests and Victories in Human History!***

I. The Seed of a Woman will accomplish the Defeat of Satan

Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between thee (the Serpent; Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy (Satan's) head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Colossians 2:15 - And having spoiled principalities and powers (The Devil and his Demons), he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (the Cross).

Romans 16:20 - And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

II. The Seed of Abraham will provide Global Blessing

Genesis 22:18 And **in thy seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

> Gal. 3:8, 16 – And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

III. The Seed of David will Reign Forever in His Kingdom
(2 Sam. 7:12-15)

This Seed of David stems back to Jacob and his son, Judah
Isaiah 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

1 Chronicles 17:11-15

11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that **I will raise up thy seed after thee**, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish **his throne for ever**.

14 But **I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore**.

This Davidic Covenant Prophesy was to be Fulfilled by Christ!

Luke 1:30-35

The Lord Jesus Christ is not only a descendent of David, He is also Lord of David! Psalm 110:1)

This Kingdom has not come yet, but will be inaugurated at the Return of Jesus Christ! ***See Isaiah 55:3,11,13***

Proofs for the literal establishment of the Messianic Rule of Christ:

a. The Scriptures teach it (Rev. 20:1-7)
b. God detailed it (Is. 11, etc.)
c. Christ promised it (Mt. 26:29)
d. The Apostles expected it (Acts 1:6-7)
e. Creation awaits it (Rom. 8:19-22)
f. We are expected to pray for it to come (implying that it hasn't come yet Mt. 6:10)

[Important Note: The Millennium (1,000 year Kingdom) will be the first phase of Christ's eternal kingdom - Dan. 2:44; Ezek. 37:24-28.]

Part 4 – Jesus, The Messenger of Yahweh

Introduction:
Not only did Christ pre-exist before all living creatures, but at certain times, He chose to visibly manifest Himself (even prior to His incarnation).

Jesus is the revealer of God:
Christ mysteriously appears in the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures:

All Old Testament references to someone seeing "God" (Elohim) or "the LORD" (Jehovah), must refer to God the Son.
Why? The reason is simple. The Bible states that no one (that is, no mortal human being) has ever seen God the Father (Ex. 33:20; Jn. 1:18, 6:46).

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
"declared" - εξηγεομαι (exegeomai) – We derive our term "exegesis" from this word. Exegesis is the science of unmining the hidden gems of Scripture and leading these truths out of the Sacred Text so that we can understand the deep things of God.

Such appearances of Christ are specifically called "Christophanies" or appearances of Christ.

In an excellent book: "Christ in the Old Testament" by James A. Borland, page 33-34, it is observed that these appearances of Christ were:

1) **Actual Occurrences** (Not imaginary, hallucinatory experiences)
2) **Initiated by God** (He revealed Himself as He willed; Not at the whims & wishes of people)
3) **Revelatory** (Each served a purpose of giving promises, warnings, or instruction.
4) **For individuals** rather than for multitudes.
5) **Intermittent** (no predictability)
6) **Temporal** (transitory and fleeting, often lasting for only a few minutes; unlike Christ's incarnation when He became a man for 33 ½ years)
7) **Audible and visible** (Not people "seeing and hearing things" in the recesses of their own mind, but actual appearances perceptible to conscious, thinking people)

I. The LORD Jesus appears at <u>the Tower of Babel</u> (Genesis 11:6-7)

Genesis 11:5
"the LORD came down" – Whenever the Lord appeared on earth, it was always a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ

v. 7 - **"Come, let us go down"**

II. The LORD Jesus appears to Hagar the Egyptian maid-servant Genesis 16:1-16

"The angel of the LORD" – lit. the messenger of Yahweh. A pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ (a Christophany).
Cp. Gen. 16:7-14; 21:17-21; 22:11-18; 31:11, 13; Exod. 3:2; Jud. 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; II Sam. 24:16; Is. 63:9; Zech. 1:12; 3:1; 12:8.

"The Angel of the Lord" (Lit. "the messenger of Yahweh").
The word Angel" means messenger and does not always refer to an angelic being.
Malachi 3:1
Behold, I will send my messenger (malak) – (John the Baptist), and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger (malak) – (Jesus) of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

v. 13 - "Thou God seest me" – lit. El Roi.

III. The LORD Jesus appears to the patriarch, Abraham

Jesus was manifested to Abraham
John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Genesis 12:7 - And **the LORD appeared unto Abram**, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Genesis 18:1-8 - An Incredible VISIT
The LORD visits Abraham's Tent

Genesis 19:24
"The LORD . . . from the LORD" – two different references to *Yahweh*. Two distinct persons are in view. The Lord Jesus is the first reference; God the Father is the second.

Conclusion:
Why would the LORD (JEHOVAH) make these mysterious appearances in the O.T.? Why in particular would Jesus appear throughout the O.T.?
Answer:
1. To prepare the Hebrew people for His first physical coming (i.e. His miracle birth & incarnation)
2. To prepare His people for His future return (His second coming) for judgment.

As believers, what lessons can we learn from Christ's periodic appearances in the O.T.?
1. He can be present even when we don't recognize His company.
2. We (as believers) need to live our lives with the awareness of Christ's presence!

Part 5 – Jesus Appears to the Patriarchs

- Jesus said: "Abraham rejoiced to see my day" (Jn. 8:56; cp. with Gen. 17:22, 18:22, 19:27).
- Jesus said: "Before Abraham was, I am" (Jn. 8:58)

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IV. The LORD Jesus appears to <u>Abraham on Mount Moriah</u> Genesis 22:1-18

A. Christ would become the fulfillment of the sacrifice (Isaac's sacrifice serves as a type of Christ's sacrifice) (v.1-10).

v. 8
"God <u>will provide</u> himself a lamb" – In the immediate sense, Abraham could see God providing the sacrifice for Himself; in the ultimate sense (although he had no way of comprehending all of the details that would be involved), Abraham could see God providing the ultimate Lamb for Himself ("the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – Jn. 1:29).
Abraham here speaks mysteriously and prophetically of God's future provision of an atoning sacrifice for sin.

"God will provide <u>himself</u>" – With no help from anyone, God (*Jehovah Jirah* – v. 14) would provide His own sacrifice.

v. 9
"The place which God had told him of" - Mt. Moriah.
Abraham would have climbed to the highest peak for this sacrifice. Presently, this peak is the area known as Gordon's Calvary, where General Gordon discovered a skull-shaped quarried mountain, where it is believed Jesus was crucified.

Mount Moriah – God's place of Sacrifice
1. Moriah was the mountain God told Abraham to offer His son, Isaac. (Genesis 22)
2. Moriah was the mountain God told David to Build an Altar to stop the Death Angel from destroying the Israelites (II Samuel 24:18-f)
3. Moriah was the mountain God chose to put His name there and to build the Temple for sacrifices (Deut.12:5,11,14,18; 16:6; II Chron 3:1; II Sam.24:16-24)
4. Moriah was the Mountain God chose to sacrifice His Son upon for the sin of the world (John 19:17)

B. Christ appears to Abraham as "The messenger of Yahweh"
(v.11-12; 15-18)
v. 11
This **"angel (messenger) of the LORD"** is a theophany (an appearance of God's Son).
The evidence is as follows:

1. He <u>speaks</u> as God (note v. 12 – "from Me");

2. He <u>identifies</u> Himself as God (note v. 15-16)

3. He claims the <u>prerogatives</u> of God (v. 17)

v. 14
"Jehovah-Jireh" – "The Lord will see to it" or "The Lord will provide." And He did so, when Christ died on this very Mount Moriah.

V. The LORD Jesus appears to <u>Isaac</u>

A. He "appeared" to Isaac and <u>directed</u> him (Gen. 26:2-5).
v. 2
"The LORD (Yahweh) appeared unto him" – Christ appeared.
v. 5
"Because Abraham obeyed My voice" – Isaac and his family enjoyed the blessing of God because Abraham was obedient

B. He "appeared" to Isaac and gave <u>assurance of blessing</u> (Gen.26:24-25).
v. 24
"The LORD appeared unto him" – Christ appears to Isaac again.
"Fear not, for I am with thee"

VI. The LORD Jesus appears to <u>Jacob</u>

A. He spoke to Jacob in a <u>dream</u> as the "Angel of <u>God</u>" (Gen. 31:11) and as God Himself (31:13).

B. He <u>wrestled</u> with Jacob in the form of a man (Gen. 32:24-30) (This One who wrestled with Jacob is called "the Angel" of God in Hosea 12:3-5).

C. He <u>redeemed</u> Jacob (Gen. 48:15, 16).

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Part 6 – Jesus, The King-Priest Melchizedek

(Genesis 14 & Hebrews 7)

The mysterious historical appearance of Melchizedek - Genesis 14:1-24
In Genesis 14, the reality of war comes home to Lot and the cities he dwelt in.
v. 14 - Abraham did not go to battle to deliver Sodom (for they were wicked – 13:13), but to deliver his nephew Lot. This conquest by Abraham is a strong testimonial to God's faithful promise to make Abraham great and to bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him (Gen. 12:3).
v. 18-22 - Clearly the emphasis is not on Abraham but rather on **"the most High God"** (a title for God repeated four times in this context – v. 18, 19, 20, 22). "The Most High God" = El Elyon (vv.18,19,20,22)
Abram's victory over the Amorite Coalition:
v. 17
Abraham is about to be lauded as the hero by the king of Sodom, until the mysterious appearance of one named Melchizedek appears on the scene and revealed El Elyon as the real Hero.
v. 18
"Melchizedek" – *Melchi (Meleck)* = "King"; *Zedek* = "righteousness"

Who is this one named Melchizedek?
Many theologians view him as a type of Christ (just as the Passover Lamb serves as a picture of Christ or just as Abraham's offering of Isaac on Mt. Moriah serves as a type of Christ's sacrifice).

Other theologians view him as a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ Himself.
Support for this view includes:

1) **His mysterious appearance** (He quickly and abruptly comes and goes – Just as Christ often does as He made frequent brief appearances as The Messenger of Yahweh etc.).

2) **His name means: "King of Righteousness" and He was the "King of Peace"** (only Christ is king of both).

3) **He is called the King of Salem** (Not specifically Jerusalem) (v.18a). Jesus is predicted by Isaiah as the "Prince of Peace" (Is. 9:6).

4) **He brought bread and wine** (as Christ did at the Last Supper). (v.18).

5) **He held the offices of both King and Priest** (No one in Israel was to hold these two offices together, except "Joshua" (Jesus) (v.18).

6) **He had the authority to bless Abram** (making Him superior to Abraham) (v.19).

7) **He receives tithes from Abram**

8) **He had no genealogy** (Heb. 7:3); Christ would come from Heaven with no genealogy in regards to His Divine Nature.

Whether Melchizedek is a type of Christ or Christ himself. The lessons still remain regarding Christ.
See: Psalm 110 (A Messianic Psalm showing Adonai as David's Lord who will one day conquer and rule)
Psalm 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

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See: Hebrews 7

Having shown Christ to be superior to the Old Testament prophets, Moses, angels, and priests, the writer now shows Christ's supremacy over the Old Testament Levitical order of the priesthood. Since Jesus Christ was not from the line of Levi but from Judah (7:14), He would not qualify to be a Jewish priest, unless He could be linked to another order of priesthood. To the Jews, who were big on tracing the genealogical pedigree to see who could qualify to be a priest, Christ could never qualify were it not for "the Melchisedec factor."

Jesus Christ was not of the tribe of Levi, but Judah; therefore, He could not be a Levitical priest. He is in a superior order of priests -- namely, *"the order of Melchisedec"* (5:10, 6:20; 7:17, 21b)

***Notice how great Jesus Christ is by comparing Him with Melchisedec.**

Jesus Christ, being a priest in the order of Melchisedec, is in the greatest order of priests because of. . .

1. Melchizedek was both King and Priest (v. 1)

2. Melchizedek's Names are both "King of Righteousness" and "King of Peace" (v. 2)

"Tenth" - a tithe; 10% of all the plundered goods.

Melchisedec's name means: "King of Righteousness."

"Melchi" from *Melek* = King "Sedec" from *Sedeq* = Righteousness

3. Melchizedek had no earthly, priestly, Levitical, written genealogy (v. 3)

"Without father...mother...descent...neither beginning of days nor end of life" - ie. no recorded genealogical records of father, mother, descent, nor birth or death dates.

Melchisedec was sort of a man who "dropped out of nowhere." "Now you see him, now you don't" as far as the written record is concerned. Just three brief historical verses describing him (Gen. 14:18-20).

"Since there is no account of Melchisedec's death as far as the record is concerned, it seems that Melchisedec is still serving as a priest and king.

4. Melchizedek didn't give tithes, but received them (v. 4-6a; 8-10)

5. Melchizedek was the "Blesser", and therefore was greater than the one He blessed

6. Melchizedek not bring carnal commands but the power of an endless life (v. 11-19)

7. Melchizedek was not ordained by men on earth, but by God in Heaven (v. 20-21)

In light of Hebrews 7 . . .

1) Any human priesthood today is an abomination to God (a violation of Christ's exclusive right as mediator).
2) We should not look to man for atonement (to satisfy God), but to Christ.
3) We have One who makes intercession for us (Rom. 8:34).
4) We have eternal security in Jesus (Heb. 7:25).

Part 7 – Joseph's Rejection – A Type of Christ

(Genesis 37-50; Acts 7:9-19)

See Acts 7 (The Sermon of Stephen)
Stephen, a man filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:5; 6:10, 15; 7:55), preaches one of the boldest sermons recorded in the Bible. His Theme: "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your father did, so do ye." (Acts 7:51)

NOTE: **Joseph (7:9-19)**, Moses (7:20-43), and Jesus ("the Just One" - v. 52) all have this in common (and Stephen points it out) -- they were all rejected by Israel!

- Joseph - sold into slavery by his brothers (v. 9)
- Moses - misunderstood (v. 25), rejected (v. 27)
- Jesus - betrayed and murdered (v. 52)

Summary of the Story of Joseph (The one rejected would become the one received):
Joseph's Rejection (37-40)

Joseph's Promotion (41-44)

Joseph's Reception (45-50)

JOSEPH – A TYPE OF CHRIST (Gen. Chs. 37-50)

Joseph's life has many parallels (comparisons) to be found in Christ:

Parallels in Relation to the Fathers

Joseph	Jesus
• Loved by his father (Gen. 37:3) • Sent to his brethren (37:13)	• My Beloved Son (Matt. 3:17) • I will send my Beloved Son (Luke 20:13)

Parallels in his Rejection by the Brothers

Joseph	Jesus
• Hated by his brethren (Gen. 37:4-5) • Not believed (Gen. 37:5) • Shalt thou indeed reign over us? (Gen. 37:8) • Envied (Gen. 37:11) Conspired against him (Gen. 37:18) • Stripped (Gen. 37:23) • Twenty pieces of silver (Gen. 37:28)	• Hated without a cause (Jn. 15:25) • Neither did His brethren believe in Him (Jn. 7:5) • We will not have this man (Luke 9:14) • Delivered for envy (Mk. 15:10) • Took counsel against Him (Matt. 27:1; Jn. 11:53) • They stripped Him (Matt. 27:28) • Thirty pieces of silver (Matt. 26:15; 27:9)

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Parallels in his Reception by the Egyptians

Joseph	Jesus
• Into Egypt (Gen. 37:36) • The Lord with Joseph (Gen. 39:2,21) • The Lord made all to prosper in his hand (Gen. 39:3) • All put into His hand (Gen. 39:4,8) • A man in whom the Spirit of God is (Gen. 41:38) • Bow the knee (Gen. 41:43) • Thirty years old (Gen. 41:46)	• Out of Egypt…called my Son (Matt.2:14-15) • The Father is with Me. (John 16:32) • The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand (Isa. 53:10) • Hath given all things into His hand (John 3:35) • Anointed with the Holy Spirit and power (Acts 10:38) • That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow (Phil. 2:10) • About thirty years of age (Luke 3:23)

Why would anyone reject Jesus Christ?

Why would anyone reject the one who:

- **Lived a consistently perfect life?** (Heb. 7:26)
- **Is meek and lowly and offers rest to your soul?** (Mt. 11:29)
- **Loves you and is not willing that anyone perish?** (2 Pet. 3:9)
- **Promises blessing to all who trust in Him?** (Ps. 34:8)
- **Genuinely cares for you and has your best interest in mind?** (1 Pet. 5:7)
- **Offers only good things and withholds nothing good from us?** (Ps. 84:11)
- **Gives peace and not calamity?** (Jer. 29:11)

Parallels in his Restoration to his Family

Joseph	Jesus
• They knew him not (Gen. 42:8) • Joseph made himself known (Gen. 45:1) • At the second time he made himself known (Acts 7:13) • I am Joseph your brother whom ye sold (Gen. 45:4) • Not you … but God (Gen. 45:8) • God meant it unto good … to save much people alive (Gen. 50:20)	• The world knew Him not … His own received Him not (Jn. 1:10-11) • Their eyes were opened, and they knew Him (Luke 24:31) • They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced (Zech. 12:10) • I am Jesus whom thou persecutest (Acts 9:5) • By the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23) • In bringing many sons unto glory (Heb. 2:10)

Part 8 – The Lion of Judah & Shiloh to come

(Genesis 49:8-12)

Gen. 49:1 – This "blessing" of his sons was more than an extended wish for them.
It was a prophetic statement which foretold their future.
Note the last line of verse 1 – "That I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days."

I. As the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Jesus will <u>Conquer in Power</u>
(Genesis 49:8-9)
v. 8
"Judah" - means "praised"
Judah would become the praised leader of the twelve tribes.
The Messiah Jesus would come from this tribe (Matt. 1:2-3)

v. 8
Although the <u>immediate</u> reference is to Jacob's fourth son, Judah, the <u>ultimate</u> reference is to the Messiah. How do we know this?
1) Judah was not praised **(v. 8a**), but Jesus has been and will be by all of humanity (Phil. 2:11)
2) Judah as a man never had his hand "in the neck of" his enemies **(v. 8b**), but Jesus will rule and reign with a rod of iron (Psalm 2:9; Rev. 2:27, 12:5, 19:15)
3) Judah never had his brothers bow to him **(v. 8c),** but Jesus will have every knee bow to Him (Is. 45:23; Ro. 14:11)

v. 9
"Judah is a lion's whelp" – a lion's young, strong offspring.
"Thou art gone up" - a lion is pictured as a strong young lion that has eaten his prey and has stood up after supper.
Then in the next line, the lion is pictured as an old, mature lion stooped down in its crouched position. Who would dare rouse him up.

Who is the Lion of Judah ultimately referring to?
Rev. 5:5 gives the answer. It is a reference to Jesus Christ.
Rev. 5:4-5 - And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Why is the Lord Jesus referred to as a Lion?
--As the Lion is the King of the jungle, Jesus is the King of kings
--As the Lion is to be feared, Christ is to be feared. He will bring judgment upon the earth in the Day of the Lord, and will ultimately rule.

Lesson: Jesus is to be honored and fears (with respect and reverence). Even demons trembled in His presence!

Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

(Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures) *by Pastor Vincent Sawyer*

II. As Shiloh to Come, Jesus will <u>Reign in Peace</u>
(Genesis 49:10-12)
v. 10
"The scepter shall not depart from Judah" –

A **"scepter"** refers to an imperial ruling staff commonly held by kings and monarchs.





"A lawgiver from between his feet" – i.e. There will constantly be a ruler in Judah until "Shiloh" comes

"Shiloh" – the one to whom belongs <u>peace</u>; the one who brings <u>tranquility</u>.
The word "Shiloh" is akin to the word "shalom" (peace).
The word is also related to the city of Shiloh, located in the Ephraim hill country. Shiloh was the capital of Israel for 300 years until Jerusalem (City of Peace) became its capital.

In Shiloh:
1) The tabernacle was erected (and Israelites assembled here for worship) (Josh 18:1)
2) The ark of the covenant also rested here during that time

Interesting note:
There is a deliberate divinely established connected between Shiloh and God's provision for peace.
The ancient Israelites assembled at the Tabernacle for sacrifice and worship at Shiloh, so that they could have <u>peace</u> with God.
We now have peace with God because Shiloh has come and has died for us at Calvary – located in the City of Peace (Jerusalem)

Rom. 5:1 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Phil. 4:6-7 - Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the **<u>peace of God</u>**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds **through Christ Jesus**.

Hymn: "All your anxieties, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there.
Never a burden He cannot bear, Never a friend like Jesus."

Jesus is the "prince of peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

"Unto him shall the gathering of the people be" – At Shiloh the people gathered around the Tabernacle for worship.

Our Shiloh (Jesus Christ):

1) **People were gathered to hear Him teach and preach (though some refused His attempt to gather them (Matthew 23:37**)

2) **The resurrected saints will one day be gathered around Christ at the Rapture** (**Luke 17:36-37**)

3) **But the gathering that fits the context of verses 11 -12 refers to God's people being gathered around Christ during the Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3; Isaiah 11:10-12)**

Part 9 – Jesus, The Great "I AM"

(Exodus 3:14, John 8:58, 18:6 and Selected Scriptures)



The years in Midian (Ex 2:15-22; Ac 7:29b)

The call of Moses at the Burning Bush (Ex 2:23-3:10; Heb 11:24-27; Ac 7:23-29a)



"The Angel of YHWH" (3:2) – is the messenger of Yahweh who had appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This powerful person is none other than the LORD (Jehovah) and God (Elohim).

Note the context of Exodus 3:

1) **<u>The Angel of the LORD appears</u>** to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a burning bush. (Exodus 3:2)

2) Moses sees this unusual bush all ablaze and yet was not consumed. So he turns back to take a closer look. As he does so "**<u>The LORD</u>** saw he turned aside to see, **<u>God</u>** called unto him out of the midst of the bush…" (v.4)

3) Moses is told to remove his shoes. "For the **<u>place whereon thou standest is holy ground</u>**" (v.5) Why was it holy ground? It is because the LORD was there. He was present and speaking out of the burning bush.

4) He identifies Himself as **<u>God</u>** (v.6) and says "**<u>I am come down</u>** to deliver them (the Israelites) out of the hand of the Egyptians" (v.8)

5) In doing so he claims **<u>omnipotence</u>** (v.8) to bring deliverance; He claims **<u>omniscience</u>** (v.9) to know the oppression Israel was experiencing. Note: "The cry of the children of Israel is come unto me"

6) After Moses excuse "Who am I" the LORD promises **<u>His presence</u>** (v.12).

7) Anticipating the children of Israel's response of inquiring about the name of the God who appeared to Moses, The Lord says **<u>my name is "I AM"</u>**

8) With this authority Moses is told to "Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The **LORD God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, **appeared unto me**…" (v.16)

The objections of Moses to the call of YHWH

Moses' Objections	YHWH's Reply to Moses
No authority (3:11) ["Who am I…?"]	YHWH's presence (3:12) ["I will be with you."]
No message (3:13) ["What shall I say?"]	YHWH's name (3:14) ["I AM has sent you."]
No credibility (4:1) ["They will not believe me."]	YHWH's power (4:1-9) ["What is that in your hand?"]
No eloquence (4:10) ["I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."]	YHWH's enablement (4:11,12, 14-16) ["Aaron shall be your spokesman!"]

The phrase "I AM" was the equivalent to the word Yahweh or Jehovah.

YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) - "Self Existent One"

The term signifies existence/ that which is real (as opposed to idols).

The source of God's existence is wholly within Himself. He depends upon nothing external to Himself for His existence.

"The inner meaning of Yahweh – "I am the One who is" – emphasizes God's dynamic and active self-existence" (Ryrie note)

Who is this great "I AM"?

Considering the fact of John 1:18 that "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him". This "angel of the LORD" or "Messenger of YAHWEH" is none other than a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ!

1. Jesus said "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58) See John 8:51-59 (*v.58)

For Jesus to make the claims that He did about Himself, He must be either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord!

Only the Eternal One could promise Deathlessness to those who keep His word (v.51-52)

Only the Eternal One would receive the Highest Honor & Glory from God, the Father (v.53-55)

Only the Eternal One could infinitely Pre-date Abraham and the Prophets (v.56-58a)

v. 58
"Verily, verily" = truly, truly. This is an absolute fact worthy of complete trust.

"Before Abraham was, I am" - Before Abraham lived, I am alive.

It is interesting to note that the most grammatically correct way of stating pre-existence would be to say, "Before Abraham lived, I lived" or "Before Abraham was, I was."

But Jesus did not intend that His hearers miss His loaded point. His point is this: Not only did I exist before Abraham, but I am the eternal "I AM" – the God who appeared to Moses at the burning bush (SEE Exod. 3:13-14).

2. When Jesus said "I AM…they went backward, and fell to the ground" (John 18:6) See John 18:1-6

v. 6
John, in keeping with His purpose to present the deity of Christ, adds a detail that the other Gospel writers did not record. This added significant detail was the initial reaction to Jesus words, "I AM."

As soon as the words "I AM" came out of His mouth, the whole band of hundreds of armed soldiers was blown backwards and helplessly fell down to the ground. The force of His identification of Himself as the "I AM" hit them like a hurricane wind
Here Jesus fulfills Psalm 27:2 -
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Conclusion:
Unless people acknowledge the deity of Christ, they have no salvation abiding in them.
John 8:24
I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am** *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

Part 10 – Jesus, The Passover Lamb

(Exodus 12; 1 Cor.5:7 and Selected Scriptures)

THE PASSOVER (Lamb) A Type of Christ (Exod. Ch. 12; 1 Cor. 5:7)
In Gen. 22:8 The Lamb is Typified
In Isa. 53:7 The Lamb is Prophesied
In John 1:29 The Lamb is Identified
In 1 Cor. 5:7 The Lamb is Sacrificed
In Rev. 5:9 The Lamb is Magnified
In Rev. 22:1 The Lamb is Glorified

I. The Lamb was Identified & Selected on the 10th of Abib (Nisan) (Exod. 12:3);
Christ was Identifed & Selected on "Palm Sunday" the 10th of Abib (John12:12-13)

II. The Lamb was an innocent, unblemished male (Exod. 12:5);
Christ was an innocent, unblemished man (John 18:38; 19:4,6)

III. The Lamb was sacrificed on the 14th of Abib (Nisan) (Exod.12:6a);
Christ was sacrificed on the 14th of Abib (Passover) (Mt. 26:2; Mk.14:1)

The 14th of Abib would correspond to Thursday, April 6th 30 AD

(See: U.S. Navy Astronomical Department Calculations of the Lunar Calendar)

13th of Abib	14th of Abib		15th of Abib		16th of Abib		17th of Abib
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY
April 5, 30 AD	April 6		April 7		April 8		April 9
Preparation for the Passover	THE PASSOVER		"High Day" (Sabbath)		Normal Sabbath		First Day of the Week
	After 6:00 pm Wednesday (the Jewish start of Thursday): 1) The Last Supper Meal 2) The Arrest/Mocking	6:00 a.m. Roman Time- Jesus brought to Pilate 9:00 am– Crucifixion 12:00 pm -Dark 3:00 – Death Burial (before 6:00 sundown)					*1 Cor 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:*
		Night 1	Day 1	Night 2	Day 2	Night 3	Day 3

*Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was **three days and three nights** in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.*

IV. **The Lamb was killed by the whole assembly** (Exod.12:6b)
Christ was killed by the whole assembly (Mt.27:25)

V. **The Lamb's blood formed a cross (sprinkled on the door posts and lintel)** (Exod.12:7)
Christ died on a cross

VI. **The Lamb was roasted in fire** (Exod.12:9)
Christ endured the hot indigation of divine wrath (Is.53:5-7)

VII. **The Lamb's bones were not to be broken** (Exod.12:46)
Christ's bones were not broken (John 19:36)

VIII. **The Lamb's blood saved from judgment and death** (Exod.12:13)
Christ's blood saves from eternal judgment and eternal death (Romans 5:8-9)

Note: God said to Israel **"stay in the house!"** (Exod.12:22)
You are safe only if you are **"in Christ"**
Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**

IX. **The Lamb was to be eaten (internalized)** (Exod.12:8)
Christ must be "eaten" (internalized by faith) (John 6:51-54)

X. **The Lamb had to be eaten in a hurry** ("in haste") (Exod.12:11)
Christ must be believed on in a hurry (without delay!) (2 Cor.6:2)

Trust Christ in haste! Don't delay!

1 Cor 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Part 11 – Jesus, The ROCK Who Provides Water

(Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:4)

Read Exodus 17:1-7

In the Bible, Jesus Christ is continually likened unto a Rock.
--He is called a stone of stumbling and Rock of offense.
--He is called a chief cornerstone
--He is called a foundation (stone) upon which the Church is built.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

See: I Corinthians 10:1-4

**1 Corinthians 10:4 - "And (Israel) did all drink the same spiritual drink:
for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."**

1. Christ was the Supplying ROCK
(Jesus is among us, providing the needs of His people)
"They did all drink..." (1 Cor. 10:4a)

2. Christ was the Spiritual ROCK
(Jesus is among us, working in the invisible realm with His people)
"They drank of that Spiritual Rock" (1 Cor. 10:4b)

3. Christ was the Sojourning ROCK
(Jesus is among us, traveling with His people)
"...Rock that followed (accompanied) them..." (1 Cor.10:4c)

Jesus said that Moses "wrote of Me" (Jn. 5:46).
Here is another example!

I. Moses was told to "Strike the ROCK" and Christ would provide Life-giving Water
(Exodus 17:1-7; *v.6)
17:6
"I will stand. . . upon the Rock" - Invisibly Christ would (in pre-incarnate form) stand on the Rock in Horeb

Note: If Yahweh could stand on a Rock, why would it seem so incredulous that He could also stand on the earth in the person of Jesus Christ? Again, such expressions allow a sort of Theology 101 for Israel to accept the incarnation of Christ.

II. **Moses was told to "<u>Speak to the ROCK</u>"** and Christ would provide Life-giving Water (Numbers 20:1-13)

1) At Marah, where the waters were bitter and undrinkable (SEE: Exod. 15:22-25).
2) At Rephidim where the Rock was smitten
3) At Kadesh (on the edge of the Promised land) (SEE Numbers 20:1-13)

There are two primary references to the Rock and its provision of water:

At Rephidim Moses was told to <u>smite</u> the Rock; and at Kadesh, he was told to <u>speak</u> to the Rock.

1) At Christ's first coming, He was <u>smitten</u> to provide our redemption.

2) At Christ's second coming, He will be <u>summoned</u> (spoken to with tears of repentance).
SEE: Zech. 12:10;
SEE: Zech. 13:6-9

Zech. 13:7 - "<u>Smite</u> the Shepherd'
Zech. 13:9 - "They shall <u>call</u> on My name"

Conclusion:

Jesus is the source of living water!

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
Revelation 21:6

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
Revelation 22:1 (KJV)

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
Revelation 22:17 (KJV)

Part 12 – Jesus and the Brass Serpent

(Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-15**)**

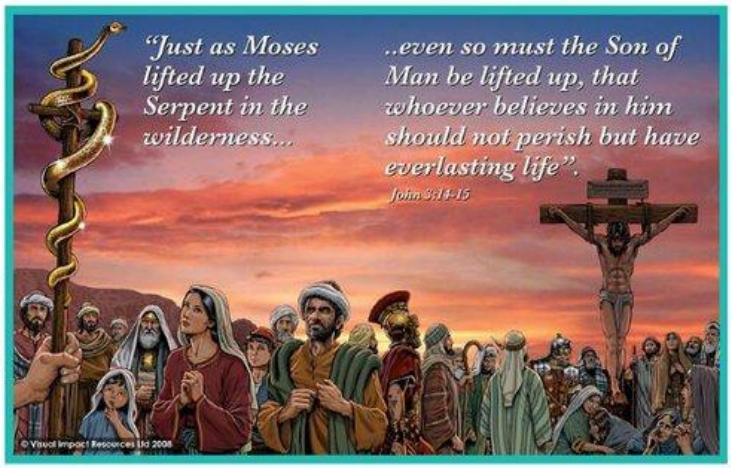


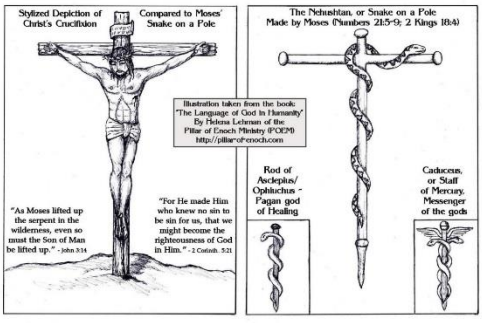
Numbers 21:4-9:
v.4 – "They journeyed from mount Hor"
"Much discouraged because of the way" – Israel was extremely frustrated and grieved by having to make the long journey around the land of Edom.
v.5 – "The people spake against God, and against Moses"
v.6 – "The LORD sent fiery serpents" – Venomous snakes with a hot, burning, lethal bite.

God sent vipers among the gripers!



John 3:14- And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever <u>believeth</u> in him should not perish, but have eternal life.





Note the parallels between the brazen serpent and the Lord Jesus Christ:

1) **Just as the serpent was placed on a wooden pole, so Jesus would be placed on a wooden cross**

2) Just as the serpent was made of brass, Jesus is described as appearing as brass.
Prophecy: Daniel 10:6 Fulfillment: Revelation 1:15

3) Just as the serpent was lifted up on a pole between earth and Heaven for people to see, so the cross was lifted up on Golgotha

John 12:32-33

4) Just as the serpent was a symbol of a curse (Gen. 3:14), so the Lord Jesus became a curse for our sin when He died (Gal. 3:13) on the cross

The Serpent was Cursed	Christ was Cursed
Genesis 3:14-15 *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field…* .	***Galatians 3:13*** *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

5) Just as the serpent had to be looked to in order for people to live, so the Lord Jesus must be looked to for eternal life.
Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

2 Kings 18:4 "He (King Hezekiah) removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan."

Part 13 – Jesus - The Prophet Like Unto Moses

(Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Acts 3:22, 7:37)

Introduction:
"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me, for he wrote of Me" (Jn. 5:46).

The <u>Prediction:</u> Deuteronomy 18:15
The <u>Expectation:</u> John 6:14
The <u>Fulfillment:</u> *Acts 3:22 Acts 7:37*

This predicted "prophet" like unto Moses would be…

1. Appointed by God (Not self-appointed)
"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee…" (Deut. 18:15a)

2. Singular (One in particular; Not many)
"…A Prophet" (Deut. 18:15b)

3. Jewish (Not a Gentile)
"…A Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren…" (Deut. 18:15c)

4. Similar to Moses (in many respects)
"Like unto me" (Deut.18:15d)
Similarities between Moses & Christ:

a. Both were **<u>called out of Egypt</u>**

b. Both had the **<u>quality of meekness</u>**

c. Both knew God – **<u>"Face to Face"</u>** (Deut. 34:10)

d. Both faced hardship, opposition, & **<u>rejection from their own people</u>**

e. Both could **<u>predict the future</u>**

f. Both could be considered the **<u>greatest leaders to ever live</u>**

g. Both had God's **<u>very words on his mouth</u>**

5. Authoritative
"unto him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18:15e)

6. Visible (One who could be looked upon) (Deut. 18:16-18a)

7. Uttering the very Words of God (Deut. 18:18b, 20-22)

However, Jesus was <u>NOT</u> a mere prophet (as Islam and other cults teach)
He held three offices: <u>prophet</u>, <u>priest</u>, & <u>king</u>

Jesus was "like unto Moses" yet He was superior to Moses!

See: Hebrews 3:1-6
Christ is superior to Moses, as a <u>BUILDER</u> is superior to a <u>BUILDING</u> (v.3-4)

Christ is superior to Moses, as a <u>SON</u> is superior to a <u>SERVANT</u> (v.5-6a)

If Jesus was God's special prophet, what should our response be to Him?

- **We should <u>listen to His Word</u>**
  John 10:27 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them…"

- **We should <u>follow His Lead</u>**
  "…and they follow me."

Part 14 – Jesus - The Captain of the LORD's Host

(Joshua 5:13-15 and Selected Scriptures)

Introduction: **See: Joshua 5:13 - 6:2**
Joshua 5:13 – Here Jesus makes one of His many mysterious appearances in the O.T.
Why is Joshua confronted by a Christophany?
--To show Joshua that he was an "underling" and that Christ was the Holy Commander-in-Chief (cp. I Pet. 5:4).
v.15 – "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy." Why is Joshua told to remove his shoe? Because he was standing on holy ground. Why was it holy ground? It is because the LORD was there.
6:2 - The Captain of the Lord's Armies is now identified as "the LORD (Yahweh)."
Note: Joshua was justified in conquering the nations of Canaan for three reasons: See Deut. 9:4-5

1. Because it was God's battle; Joshua and Israel were simply God's instrument to do His will (Deut. 9:4, 5 - "The LORD doth drive them out")
2. Because of the wickedness of the nations (Deut. 9:4-5)
   --Sexual perversion of every type (Lev. 18:1-30; *v. 24-25, 27)
3. Because the land actually belonged to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Deut. 9:5b) Gen. 12:1; Gen. 13:15;

The Captain of the Lord's Host is the Messenger (Angel) of the LORD (Exod. 23:20-23) (Is. 63:9 - The Messenger "of His presence") ***He fought for Joshua**

1) **The Lord would accompany Joshua and promote him**
Joshua 6:27

2) **Victory at Ai**
Joshua 8:1

3) **Victory over Adoni-zedek and the kings of the Amorite coalition of Southern Canaan**

Joshua 10:8; Joshua 10:12-14

4) **Victory over the kings of Northern Canaan** (Josh. 11:6, 8)

5) **Joshua took the whole land** *Joshua 11:23*

6) **The LORD gave them rest** *Joshua 21:44-45*

7) **Joshua's final words of admonition** (Josh. 23:8-11)
***He fought for the Judges** (Samson, Gideon, Jephthah)
***He fought for David & Jonathan** (1 Sam. 14:6)
***He fought for Jehosaphat** - "The battle is the Lord's" (2 Chron. 20:15)
***He fought for Paul** - "The Lord stood with me."
***The last battle will be fought and won by Jesus Christ!** Rev. 19:11-21; cp. Is. 63:5-6

*Let Jesus fight your battles!

Part 15 – The Promised Birth of the Messiah

(Daniel 9:25; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7)

I. God Predicted <u>WHEN</u> the Messiah would be in the world:
483 YEARS after Artaxerxes' degree to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan.9:25; Neh.2:5)
Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (sevens), and threescore and two weeks (sevens)… 7-7's = 49 62-7's = 434 49+434 = 483 years

II. God Predicted <u>WHERE</u> the Messiah would be born:
<u>BETHLEHEM</u> (Micah 5:2)
But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2

III. God Predicted <u>HOW</u> the Messiah would be born:
Of a <u>VIRGIN</u> (Is.7:14; Mt.1:23)
Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

IV. God Predicted <u>WHY</u> the Messiah would be born:
To <u>RULE</u> and <u>REIGN</u> as King upon the throne of David (Isaiah 9:6-7)
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7

A. Jesus will reign as the "Wonderful Counsellor"

B. Jesus will reign as the "Mighty God"

C. Jesus will reign as the "Everlasting Father"

D. Jesus will reign as the "Prince of Peace"

Part 16 – Jesus, The Messenger of Yahweh in Judges

(Judges 2:1-7; 6:11-24; 13:3-25)

I. **He appeared to bring His <u>SALVATION</u> to Israel** (Judges 2:1)
(Jesus Saves us as well!)

II. **He appeared to give His <u>REBUKE</u> to Israel** (Judges 2:2-7)
(Jesus <u>Corrects</u> us as well!)

III. **He appeared to declare His <u>PRESENCE</u> to Gideon** (Judges 6:11-24)
(Jesus <u>Abides with</u> us as well!)

IV. **He appeared to make His <u>PROMISE</u> to Manoah and His Wife** (Judges 13:3-25)
(Jesus <u>Speaks the Truth</u> to us as well!)

Part 17 – Jesus, The Redeemer

(Job 19:25-27; Isaiah 44:6)

Background to Job: Job's Character - 1:1-5
Job's Calamity - 1:6 - 2:8

What beliefs enabled Job to endure to the end?

1. Job believed: God is fair and just to all (1:21, 2:10)
2. Job believed: God is in full control over all (12:9-25, 14:5, etc.)
3. Job believed: "God is worthy of my trust." *(13:15-16) (14:14-15)*
4. Job believed: God has a good purpose (23:10)
5. **Job believed that there was more to life than this life! (See: Job 19:23-27)**

Job had a Redeemer! Redemption DEFINED:

The word "redemption" basically refers to the price that was paid to free or bring deliverance to someone. "Gaal" - to free by the payment of a price (*the emphasis is on the price that is paid) Literal example: the Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 3:9; 4:4, 6)

Job 19:23-24 – Job recognized that the words he was about to utter were so important, so vital, so necessary for all generations to read and hear that he says: "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!"

Observe Job's confidence in his Redeemer!

I. Job's Redeemer was Personal (v.25)
("My Redeemer")

II. Job's Redeemer was Eternal (v.25b)
("Liveth (now)…Latter day (future) upon the earth")

III. Job's Redeemer would one day Stand upon the Earth (v.25c)
("He shall stand…upon the earth (dust)")

IV. Job's Redeemer would be God manifested in visible form (v.26)
("In my flesh shall I see God")

V. Job's Redeemer would bring him Resurrected Life (v.26-27)
("In my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself")

Who is this Redeemer?
He is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ! See: Isaiah 44:6

Part 18 – Jesus, The Messiah of Psalm 2

(Psalm 2)

* Why Rebel against the Messiah of Psalm Two?

Observe the folly & futility of fighting against Jesus, the Messiah:

I. Why rebel against the Messiah who is in sovereign control over all things? (v.1-5)

II. Why rebel against the Messiah who is going to judge and rule the whole earth? (v.6-9)

III. Why rebel against the Messiah who is worthy of our reverence and trust? (v.10-12)

Part 19 – Jesus, The Messiah in Psalms

(Selected Scriptures in the Psalms)

Lk. 24:44-45 – "…These are the words…in the psalms, concerning me."

The Psalms predict Christ (in types and foreshadows)…

I. Christ's LIFE

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Worshipped	worship him, all ye gods	Ps. 97:7	Heb. 1:6
Incarnated	Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me…	Psa. 40:7	Heb. 10:7
Dedicated	I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart	Ps. 40:8	Heb. 10:7
Scorned and Ridiculed	For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me	Ps.69:9	Jn.2:17 Rom. 15:3
Rejected	The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner	Ps.118:22-23	Mt. 21:42
Praised	Save now…Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD	Ps. 118:24-26	Mt.21:9
Betrayed	mine own familiar friend…which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me	Psalm 41:9	Jn. 13:18

II. Christ's DEATH

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Forsaken	My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?	Ps. 22:1	Mt.27:46
Taunted	He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him…	Psa. 22:8	Mt.27:43
Crucified	they pierced my hands and my feet	Psa. 22:16	Jn.20:25
Stared Upon	they look and stare upon me	Ps.22:17	Mt.27:36
Parted His Garments	They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture	Ps.22:18	Mt.27:35
Offered Bitter & Sour Drink	They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink	Ps.69:21	Mt.27:34
Entrusted to the Father	Into thine hand I commit my spirit	Ps. 31:5	Luke 23:46

III. Christ's RESURRECTION

	Old Testament Statement	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Raised	neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption	Ps.16:8-10	Acts 2:30-31

Part 20 – "What is His Son's Name?"

(Proverbs 30:1-6)

Should it seem incredible to you, that God has a Son?

I. God's Nature and Ways escape our Human Reasoning (v.1-3)

II. God's Sovereign Powers flow from His Triune Being (v.4)

III. God's Pure Word should be Trusted Not Added To (v.5-6)

"What is His Son's name?" -
The word "son" is the Hebrew word "*ben*" (EX: Benjamin = son of my right hand)
--The "Son" here is singular
(there is only one "only begotten" son)
--The "Son" here is closely associated with God ("Yahweh)
("His Son")
--The "Son" here is significant
(not any son, but one Son, who implicitly is connected to the great works described in verse 4)

The significance of the Son's name is found in the question itself.
To ask a question and to not give the answer only emphasizes the question.
This phenomenon of inquiring regarding the name of someone and not getting a response should remind the Hebrew reader of Jacob's question -

And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
Genesis 32:29

And also of Samson's parents' question -And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret? *Judges 13:18*

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him. *Psalms 2:12*

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.
Daniel 3:25

Jesus Christ in the Book of Isaiah

Part 21 – "Isaiah Saw His Glory!"

(Isaiah 6:1-10 & John 12:41)

Introduction: **See: John 12:32-43**

- **John 12:38 -** "Esaias" = Isaiah 6:10 & 53:1 - **"The arm of the Lord" – is a reference to Jesus Christ**!
- **John 12:41 - These things said Esaias, when <u>he saw his glory</u> (Isaiah 6), and spake of him.*****

Christ is the "arm of the Lord." He is the Lord, high and lifted up to whom the angels cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. . ."

See Isaiah 6:

I. Isaiah sees Jesus Christ for Who He is (v.1-4)

1) Jesus is the God of <u>Majestic Holiness</u> (v.1)

a) He is an <u>eternal</u> King
(Uzziah died; The KING of KINGS never changes)
"I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne…" – the must be a reference to Jesus Christ since no one has ever seen God, the Father.
John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

b) He is an <u>exalted</u> King
("Lord" = Adonay - Master or Ruler; It was <u>Jesus</u> Isaiah saw (Jn.12:41)
Note: The One who is called Adonay in verse 1 is the same One who is called YAHWEH in verses 3 & 5.

2) Jesus is the God of <u>Moral Holiness</u> (v.2-4)

a) The seraphim's eyes are not worthy to <u>see</u>
b) The seraphim's feet are not worthy to <u>serve</u>

Three-fold repetition of ***"holy, holy, holy"*** is:
1) for <u>emphasis</u> (primary attribute)
2) an implied reference to the <u>Trinity</u> (Note: v.8 "who will go for **<u>us</u>**?")

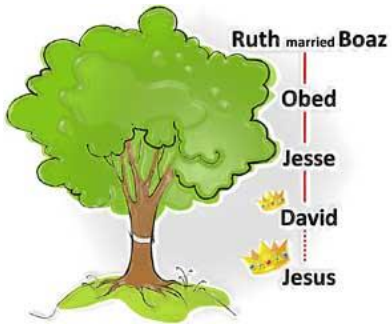
Jesus is the "Holy One" (Mk.1:24; Acts 2:27, 3:14; Lk.1:35, 4:34)

II. After seeing Christ, Isaiah sees himself for who he is (v.5-7)

III. Isaiah is now ready and willing to serve Jesus Christ (v.8)

Part 22 - "The BRANCH"

(Isaiah 4:2, 11:1-5 and selected Scriptures)



4 Great Predictions regarding the rule of the One, who is called: "The Branch"

I. **Messiah, the Branch** *(tsemach)* **will Rule with <u>Beauty & Glory</u>** (Isaiah 4:2)

II. **Messiah, the Branch** *(tsemach)* **will Rule with <u>Righteousness</u>** (Jeremiah 23:5 & 33:15)

III. **Messiah, the Branch** *(tsemach)* **will Rule in <u>Peace as King & Priest</u>** (Zech.3:8-9; 6:11-13)

IV. **Messiah, the Branch** *(natzar)* **will Rule with <u>the Holy Spirit's Power & Integrity</u>** (Isaiah 11:1-5, 10)

Part 23 – "The ARM of the LORD"

(Isaiah 53:1 and Selected Scriptures in Isaiah)

Introduction: **John 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath <u>the arm of the Lord</u> been revealed?**

I. Jesus is the ARM of the LORD <u>REVEALED</u>

*Isa 52:10 The LORD hath made bare **<u>his holy arm</u>** in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*
*Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is **<u>the arm of the LORD</u>** revealed?*

II. Jesus is the ARM of the LORD <u>TRUSTED</u>

*Isa 51:5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and **<u>on mine arm shall they trust</u>**.*

III. Jesus is the ARM of the LORD <u>RULING WITH EQUITY</u>
See Isaiah 40:1-11

*Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and **<u>his arm shall rule for him</u>**: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.*
Rev. 22:12 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

IV. Jesus is the ARM of the LORD <u>VICTORIOUS IN SALVATION</u>

*Isaiah 59:16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore **<u>his arm brought salvation</u>** unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.*

Part 24 - "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT"

Isaiah 42:1-9

INTRODUCTION: **See: Matthew 12:14-24**

Isaiah 42:1 - *"Behold my Servant"* - These words were spoken by God the Father of His Son.

Jesus is frequently called *"servant"* in the Bible:

Is. 52:13 - *"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high."*

Zech. 3:8 - *"Hear now, o Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH."*

***Seriously look at Christ's example of servanthood and copy that pattern.**

I. He was <u>PLEASING</u> to the Father (V. 1)

II. He was <u>EMPOWERED</u> by the Spirit (v. 1b)

III. He was <u>PROMOTED</u> by Humility (v. 2)

IV. He was <u>CHARACTERIZED</u> by Gentleness (v. 3)

V. He was <u>CONCERNED</u> for all Nations (v. 1c, 4, 6)

Part 25 - Jesus – The Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:1-12

***Over 700 years before Christ was crucified, Isaiah predicted five spiritual benefits that we would have because of His suffering and death.**

I. **Messiah would suffer so that our <u>SIN DEBT</u> could be <u>PAID</u>** (v. 4-5a, 6)
(His sacrifice <u>VICARIOUSLY</u> <u>PAID</u> the price we owed)

II. **Messiah would suffer so that we could have <u>PEACE</u> with God** (v. 5b)
(His sacrifice <u>PROVIDED RECONCILIATION</u> between sinful man and a holy God)

III. **Messiah would suffer so that we could have <u>SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS</u> for life and eternity** (v. 5c)
(His sacrifice <u>PROVIDED HEALING</u> for the "sin-sick soul")

IV. **Messiah would suffer so that His righteous demands against sin could be <u>SATISFIED</u>** (v. 10-11a)
(His sacrifice <u>FULLY SATISFIED</u> His righteousness)

V. **Messiah would suffer so that sinful people could be viewed and treated <u>JUST AS IF THEY HAD NEVER SINNED</u>** (v. 11b)
(His sacrifice <u>JUSTIFIES</u> the unjust)

Part 26 – "The Mission of the Spirit Anointed Messiah"

(Isaiah 61:1-2 and Selected Scriptures)

Introduction: Isaiah 61:1 - ***"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me"*** **-** The Trinity in one clause
When invited to read the Scriptures in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus opened to Isaiah 61:1-2a and claimed to be the fulfillment of it. SEE Luke 4:14-30

The Messiah was anointed for a purpose. What was Jesus' mission as the Messiah? What would He set out to accomplish?

I. ***Messiah was anointed to:*** **preach good tidings unto the meek** (v.1a)

II. ***Messiah was anointed to:*** **bind up the brokenhearted** (v.1b)

III. ***Messiah was anointed to:*** **proclaim liberty to the captives** (v.1c)

IV. ***Messiah was anointed to:*** **open the prison to them that are bound** (v.1d)

V. ***Messiah was anointed to:*** **proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord** (v.2a)

Conclusion: *Matthew 11:4-6*

Jesus Christ in the Major Prophets

Part 27 – "Jesus in Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Daniel"

(Selected Scriptures from Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel)

Introduction:

We can learn much of the nature, character and works of the Messiah, by seeing predictions made about Him in the Major Prophets.

Review: In Isaiah we saw Christ repeatedly!

I. ***In <u>Jeremiah</u>, The Messiah appears as…***

A. **The Branch** (Jer. 23:5)

B. **The LORD our Righteousness** (Jer. 23:6-8; Jer. 33:15-16)

II. ***In <u>Ezekiel</u>, The Messiah appears as…***

A. **The True Shepherd** (Ezek. 34:22-26)

B. **The Resuscitator and Resurrection** (Ezek. 37:12-14)

C. **The One King** (Ezek. 37:21-28)

D. **The Conquering Judge** (Ezek. 39:17-22, 29; cp. Rev. 19)

E. **The Glory of the LORD** (Ezek. 43:1-7)

III. ***In <u>Daniel</u>, The Messiah appears as…***

A. **The Stone Cut Out without Hands** (Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45)

B. **The Son of God in the Fiery Furnace** (Dan. 3:25)

C. **The Ruling Son of Man** (Daniel 7:13-14)

D. **Messiah the Prince** (Dan. 9:25-26)

E. **The Awe-Inspiring Divine Revealer** (Dan. 10:5-9)

Jesus Christ in the Minor Prophets

Part 28 – "Jesus in Micah, Zechariah, & Malachi"

(Selected Scriptures from Micah, Zechariah, & Malachi)

Introduction:

We can learn much of the nature, character and works of the Messiah, by seeing predictions made about Him in the Minor Prophets.

I. ***In Micah, The Messiah appears as…***
Born in Bethlehem yet Living Eternally (Micah 5:1-4)

II. ***In Zechariah, The Messiah appears as…***

A. **My Servant, the Branch** (Zech. 3:8; 6:12)

B. **The Humble King Riding on a Donkey** (Zech. 9:9-10)

C. **The Rejected Shepherd (Sold for 30 Pieces of Silver)** (Zech. 11:12-13)

D. **The One Looked Upon and Pierced** (Zech. 12:9-10)

E. **The Smitten Shepherd Abandoned by His Sheep** (Zech. 13:7)

F. **The Returning LORD Standing on the Mount of Olives** (Zech. 14:3-9)

III. ***In Malachi, The Messiah appears as…***
The Messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1-3)

Part 29 - Jesus Christ Fulfills Old Testament Scriptures which Apply to Jehovah God.

The following parallels between the Old Testament and New Testament prove that Jesus is Jehovah:

1. "Creator"
Jehovah is Creator (Is. 44:24; Prov. 16:4 cp.Gen. 1:26, 27).
Jesus is Creator. (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16)

2. "First and Last"
Jehovah is the First and the Last. (Is. 44:6)
Jesus is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8,17,18; 22:12, 13).

3. "Highest Glory"
Jehovah has the highest glory (Is. 42:8).
Jesus has the highest glory (Jn. 17:5; II Pet. 3:18).

4. "Forgiver"
Jehovah alone can forgive sin (Is. 43:25).
Jesus forgives sin (Mk. 2:7-10).

5. "Holy One"
Jehovah is the Holy One (Is. 43:3, 14).
Jesus is the Holy One (Acts 3:14).

6. "The One coming"
Jehovah is coming with His reward (Is. 40:10)
Jesus is coming with His reward (Rev. 22:12)

7. "Shepherd"
Jehovah is the Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).
Jesus is the Shepherd (Jn. 10; Heb. 13:20, 21; II Pet. 5:4).

8. "King"
Jehovah is King (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is King (Rev. 19:16).

9. "I Am"
Jehovah is the "I Am" (Ex. 3:14).
Jesus is the "I Am" (Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:5-8).

10. "Worshipped and Served"
Jehovah is the One to be worshipped and served
(Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be worshipped and served (Mt. 14:33; Jn. 9:38; Heb. 1:6; Ro. 1:1; Ja. 1:1).

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(Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures) *by Pastor Vincent Sawyer*

11. "One God"
Jehovah is the only true God. (Is. 43:10)
Jesus is the true God. (I Jn. 5:20)

12. "The only Savior"
Jehovah is the only Savior. (Is. 43:11)
Jesus is the only Savior (Mt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:3, 4).

13. "The Changeless One"
Jehovah is the Changeless One (Mal. 3:6).
Jesus is the Changeless One (Heb. 13:8).

14. "The One to be loved"
Jehovah is the One to be loved (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be loved (I Cor. 16:22).

15. "The One Lord"
Jehovah is the one Lord (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is the one Lord (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

16. "The Redeemer"
Jehovah is the Redeemer. (Is. 49:26)
Jesus is the Redeemer (Titus 2:13-14).

17. "The Fountain of life and light"
Jehovah is the Fountain of life and light (Ps. 36:9).
Jesus is the Fountain of life and light (Jn. 1:4; 4:14).

18. "The One who refreshes the thirsty"
Jehovah is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Is. 44:3).
Jesus is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Jn. 7:37, 38).

19. "The One who swallows up death"
Jehovah is the One who swallows up death (Is. 25:8).
Jesus is the One who swallows up death (II Tim. 1:10).

20. "The One to be looked to for salvation"
Jehovah is the One to be looked to for salvation. (Is. 45:22)
Jesus is the One to be looked to for salvation (Jn.1:29; 6:40; Acts 4:12)

21. "The Holy Lord of Glory"
Jehovah is the Holy Lord of Glory (Is. 6:1, 3, 10).
Jesus is the Holy Lord of Glory (Jn. 12:37-41 *v.41).

22. "The Light of New Jerusalem"
Jehovah is the Light of New Jerusalem (Is. 60:19).
Jesus is the Light of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23).

23. "The only One to be prayed to"
Jehovah is the One to be prayed to (Mt. 6:9;
cp. Is. 45:20; 44:17, 18).
Jesus is the One to be prayed to (Jn.14:14; Acts 7:59-60)

24. "The One who calms the sea"
Jehovah is the One who calms the Sea (Ps. 107:29).
Jesus is the One who calms the Sea (Mt. 8:26).

25. "The One who cleanses sin"
Jehovah is the One who cleanses sin. (Is. 43:25)
Jesus is the One who cleanses sin. (I Jn. 1:7)

26. "The One who chastens (disciplines)"
Jehovah is the One who chastens (Prov. 3:12).
Jesus is the One who chastens (Rev. 3:19).

27. "The Rock"
Jehovah is the Rock (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 78:19, 20, 35).
Jesus is the Rock (I Pet. 2:6-8; Acts 4:11, 12; I Cor. 10:4).
Compare: Exod. 17:5-6 with I Cor.10:4.

28. "The Judge of the Earth"
Jehovah is the Judge of the earth (Gen. 18:25).
Jesus is the Judge of the earth (II Cor. 5:10).

29. "The One whom Israel tested in the wilderness"
Jehovah was tested by Israel (Num.21:5-7)
Jesus was tested by Israel (I Cor.10:9)

The list of parallels on the previous pages is by no means exhaustive. Many more can be discovered. The parallels between Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament clearly identify Jesus with Jehovah! Jesus is Jehovah! No wonder He will one day be called "The LORD (Jehovah) our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

NOTE: By calling Jesus Jehovah, we are not denying the fact that the Father is Jehovah and that the Holy Spirit is Jehovah. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are together the eternal Jehovah God, as the Scriptures clearly teach. The evidence for Jesus' deity is conclusive. Those who deny it dishonor the Father (Jn. 5:23) and face eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:24).

"Thus saith the Lord:
You call me Light and You see me not.
You call me the Way and You follow me not.
You call me Truth and You believe me not.
You call me Just and You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and You honor me not.
You call me Rich and You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and You praise me not.
You call me eternal and You seek me not.
You call me Master and You obey me not.
When you force me to condemn you, blame me not.
Jesus is God Almighty!"

Conclusion:

Since Christ is the theme of the Bible, whenever you read your Bible, always go looking for Him. By seeing His glory you will be transformed into His image!
2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

"Beholding as in a glass" – We don't see the Lord's glory face to face (as Moses did – Exod. 34:29-35), but we see a reflection of His glory (looking as it were in a mirror – cp. 1 Cor. 13:12).

Every time we look into God's Word and see God's glory, we are changed by the glory we see.
2 Cor. 4:6 – For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Recommended Books on Christ in the O.T.

Some books that I have found useful on this great subject include:

- Christ in the Old Testament (James A. Borland)
- Seeing Christ in the Old Testament (Ervin N. Hershberger)
- The View from Mount Calvary (John Phillips)
- The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament (Edmund P. Clowney)
- All the messianic Prophecies of the Bible (Herbert Lockyer)
- Jesus the Messiah (Herbert W. Bateman IV, Darrell L. Bock; Gordon H. Johnston)
- Preaching Christ from the Old Testament (Sidney Greidanus)
- Discovering the Mystery of the Unity of God (John B. Metzger)
- Messianic Christology (Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum)
- Christology in the O.T. (E.W. Hengstenberg)