



FINDING CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jesus in the Old Testament

Reading Guide

Jesus was born a little over 2,000 years ago, right? But did he exist before then? In Colossians 1:16, Paul states that "by Him all things were created," so he certainly existed before His human arrival in Bethlehem.

In this reading guide, we will look for Jesus in the Old Testament. Does He appear there? Do other people, events, or objects point to Him?

When speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus said, "You diligently study the Scriptures [*Old Testament*] because you think that by them you possess eternal life. **These are the Scriptures that testify about me**". Our desire is to discover those scriptures that testify about Jesus with a goal of deepening our understanding and worship of Jesus!

	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Day 3</i>	<i>Day 4</i>
	Christophanies: Appearance of a non-physical manifestation of a pre-incarnate Jesus. Many times noted as the "angel of the Lord". <i>As you hear Jesus speaking in these passages, what do you discover about Him?</i>			
Week of 2/7	Abraham Pleads Genesis 18	Jacob Wrestles Genesis 32:22-32	Moses Awed Exodus 3	Israelites Journey Exodus 23:20-23, 24:9-11
	Illustrations: People who are analogies or parallels to the person of Jesus in some way (but not referenced in the New Testament). <i>How do the lives and activities of these individuals point forward to Jesus and His ministry?</i>			
Week of 2/14	Isaac's Example Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19	Boaz's Redemption Ruth 3-4	David's Victory I Samuel 17	David's Kingdom II Samuel 7
	Symbols: Objects that are analogies to the person of Jesus in some way (but not referenced in the New Testament). <i>How do these inanimate objects represent Jesus to you?</i>			
Week of 2/21	The Ark Genesis 5:28-8:22	The Bread and Water Exodus 16:1-17:7	The Tabernacle Exodus 36-40	The Scapegoat Leviticus 16
	Types: People or objects that are directly related and connected to Jesus in New Testament passages. <i>In these verses, observe the connection between Old Testament and New Testament references to the same things or people and observe Jesus in both places!</i>			
Week of 2/28	Adam (OT) Genesis 2-3	Adam (NT) Rom 5:12-21; I Cor 15:22-45	Melchizedek (OT) Genesis 14	Melchizedek (NT) Hebrews 7
Week of 3/7	Moses (OT) Exodus 18:15-22; 32:30-33	Moses (NT) Acts 3:17-23; Heb 3:1-5	Jonah (OT) Jonah 1-3	Jonah (NT) Matthew 12:38-42
Week of 3/14	Bronze Serpent (OT) Numbers 21:6-9	Bronze Serpent (NT) John 3:9-21	Passover Lamb (OT) Exodus 12	Passover Lamb (NT) I Cor 5:6-8; I Peter 1:17-21
	Prophecies: Direct and specific predictions that were fulfilled by the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. <i>Take note of the many different ways that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus were spoken of hundreds of years before He came to earth as a baby.</i>			
Week of 3/21	Redemption from the Fall Genesis 3:14-16	Preceded by a Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5; Malachi 4:5-6	The Anointed One Isaiah 61:1-6	The Suffering Servant Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Week of 3/28	Despised and Mocked Isaiah 50:6; Psalm 22:6-8	The Crucifixion Ps 22:16-18, 34:20, 69:21	Overcomes the Grave Psalm 16:10, 49:15	New Testament Account Luke 23-24