

## The Bible Jesus Read

### Lesson 8

#### Jesus in the Old Testament

In the early church, the phrase “as predicted by the prophets” was one of the most powerful influences in evangelism. O.T. history serves as a preparation for Jesus with the characters contributing a family, an identity, and a race for Jesus to be born into. What did God have in mind with this long story we call the Old Testament? Jesus is what God had in mind.

1. Because of the original sin, God cursed Satan in Genesis 3:14-15. This has also been called by theologians the protevangelium (the first gospel). The traditional interpretation is that it recognizes the essential conflict between Satan and God. This conflict will involve the people of God and the rest of the world in rebellion who unknowingly are pawns of Satan. The seed of the woman in Gen 3:15 is a clear reference to the Messiah who came to destroy the works of the devil. Who does the New Testament present as the seed of the woman? 1 Jn 3:8; Hebrews 2:14.
2. In Genesis 12, God chose Abraham to begin His program of the redemption of mankind. What promise did God make Abraham which involves us in Genesis 22:18? Who did Paul identify specifically as the “seed” in Galatians 3:16?
3. The Gospel of Matthew was written by a Jew to Jews, therefore it was important for him to reveal that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament. Scan the book of Matthew and notice all the O.T. quotations. Where did Micah 5:2 say the Messiah would be born (Matt 2:6)? Did Isaiah 6:9-10 predict Israel would listen to Jesus (Matt 13:14-15)? Did Ps 78:2 predict Jesus would teach in parables according to Matt 13:35? Did Matt 21:5 fulfill Zech 9:9?
4. Read Psalm 22:1 and Matt 27:46. Do they sound similar? Does Ps 22:16-18 sound like the crucifixion (even though it wasn't invented yet)? Matt 27:35.
5. On the Sunday after the crucifixion of Jesus, some of his disciples were walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25). Who began walking with them (Luke 24:15, 31)? What did Jesus tell them in Luke 24:27?

6. What great prophecy did Moses make in Deut 18:15-19? Did Jesus claim that Moses was speaking of him (Jn 5:39, 45-47)? Did the people believe Jesus was the prophet spoken of by Moses (Jn 6:14)? What did they want him to be (Jn 6:15)? What did He come to be (Matt 20:28)?
  
7. What great memorial name did God give for Himself in Exodus 3:14-15? What name did Jesus give to Martha in Jn 11:25? To the disciples in Jn 14:6 and Jn 15:1? Jesus said "I AM" twenty three times alone in John's Gospel. Did his enemies understand what He meant (Jn 10:33, Jn 5:18)?
  
8. Read the story of the transfiguration in Matt 17:1-5 confirmed by Peter in 2 Peter 1:17-19. Compare the words God spoke at the transfiguration to Ps 2:6-7, Isa 49:5-7 and Deut 18:18-19. Do you see Christ's deity, humanity and position as the mediator between man and God in these passages?
  
9. Compare God's promise to David of an eternal descendant who would sit on his throne (2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16) to the angel's announcement to Mary in Luke 1:30-33. What did Jesus do to kick off his ministry in his hometown (Luke 4:16-21)? How did they receive Him (Luke 4:24-29)?
  
10. Both Peter and Paul gave sermons in Acts (2:27, 13:35) quoting Psalm 16:9-10. What great event had David predicted in the Psalms? Read Isa 53 which was written about 700 B.C. about the future suffering servant who "would render Himself as a guilt offering". What would he look like (v 2)? Why was he pierced (v 5)? Why did we need him to do it (v 6)? What did he do for transgressors (v 12)?