



LOOKING BACK AT THE OLD TESTAMENT...POINTING FORWARD TO JESUS

Everything in the Old Testament points ahead to Jesus as the Messiah - Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Covenant.

The whole biblical story, beginning to end, Genesis to Revelation, centers around Jesus. Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus and everything in the New Testament flows from Jesus.

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the climax and the center of the biblical story; it is given more literary space than any other topic in the entire Bible. This is the crux of our faith - the whole point of it.

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. You are still in your sins"
"If Christ has not been raised our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:17, 14)

What did Jesus say about himself?

John 5:46

John 5:39-40

Luke 4:21

Luke 4:43

Jesus fulfills every promise of the Old Testament, at every point of biblical history.

CREATION

Jesus is the seed of Eve who crushes Satan's head (Genesis 3:15)

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

ABRAHAM

Jesus is the seed of Abraham who blesses the world (Genesis 12:3)

"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Jesus is the only Son who was sacrificed (Genesis 22)

SINAI

Jesus fulfilled the Law given at Sinai (Matthew 5:17)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them."

Jesus is the Passover Lamb of the New Covenant

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

Jesus took on our curse and became sin for us (Galatians 3:13)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

Jesus' death was a substitute for ours (2 Corinthians 5:21)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

KINGS

Jesus is the promised Davidic King (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.**"*

EXILE

Jesus brings about the “return from exile” in the New Covenant (reconciling our covenant relationship with God through His death and resurrection)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5: 17-19)

Jesus brings us back to “the land” – the true kingdom of God (which is not the land of Israel, but the Church in every nation on earth)

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” (John 18:36)

TEMPLE

Jesus is the living Temple of God (John 2:20-21)

The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Jesus Builds a living Temple - The Church

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

MESSIANIC PROPHECY FULFILLED

"All the promises of God find their YES in Jesus." (2 Corinthians 1:20a)

STUDYING THE NEW TESTAMENT

As we study the New Testament, we will continually look back to the Old Testament for all the ways God foretold the story and how all the promises He made were fulfilled.

Everything we study about the New Testament will center around the Person of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus as the central climactic moment of God's redemption plan to save the world.

