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# CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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## Introduction

Luke 24 is the key New Testament passage to clue us into Christ's prevalence throughout all the sections of the Old Testament.

- Luke 24:27—"Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures."
- Luke 24:44—"Now He said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.'"

## Prophecies about His Birth

- Genesis 22:18—the seed of Abraham (compare with Gal. 3:16; Acts 3:25; Heb. 2:16)
- Jeremiah 31:15—Israel's moms weeping for their children who are no more (compare with Matt. 2:18)
- Micah 5:2—an eternal one born in Bethlehem (compare with Matt. 2:6)
- Isaiah 7:14—a virgin will give birth to God with Us (compare with Matt. 1:23)
- Isaiah 9:6—the child will be the Mighty God and the father of eternity

## Prophecies about His Life

- Hosea 11:1b—called out of Egypt (compare with Matt. 2:15)
- Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6—a forerunner to prepare His way (compare with Luke 3:3-6; 7:24, 27; Matt. 3:3; 11:13-14; Mark 1:2)
- Isaiah 61:1-2a—anoined by God to free captives (compare with Luke 4:17-20)
- Isaiah 53:4—healing the sick (compare with Matt. 8:17)
- Psalm 78:2—teaching in parables (compare with Matt. 13:34-35)
- Zechariah 9:9—Israel's King coming to them, meek and sitting on a donkey (compare with Matt. 21:5 and John 12:15)
- Psalm 118:26—"Hosanna to the Son of David" (compare with Matt. 21:9)
- Psalm 8:2—children shouting praise to Him (compare with Matt. 21:16)
- Psalm 69:4—hated without a cause (compare with John 15:25)
- Isaiah 53:9—no wrongdoing (compare with 1 Pet. 2:22)

## Prophecies about His Betrayal

- Psalm 109:4-13—repaid evil for His good (compare with Acts 1:16-20)
- Psalm 41:9—betrayed by a friend who ate bread with Him (compare with John 13:18; Matt. 26:23-25)
- Zechariah 11:12-13—valued at 30 pieces of silver (compare with Matt. 26:15; 27:9-10)
- Zechariah 13:7—sheep scattered when the Shepherd struck (compare with Matt. 26:31)

## Prophecies about His Trial

- Psalm 2:1-2—the earth's rulers take their stand against the Messiah (compare with Acts 4:25-28)
- Isaiah 53:3—despised and rejected by men
- Isaiah 53:7—did not open His mouth (compare with Mark 15:4-5)

## Prophecies about His Beatings

- Isaiah 50:6—beard plucked, back struck, spit upon (compare with Matt. 26:67-68)
- Isaiah 52:14—appearance marred
- Isaiah 53:5—scourging (compare with 1 Pet. 2:24)

## Prophecies about His Death

- Daniel 9:26—the Messiah will be cut off
- Isaiah 53:12—numbered with transgressors (compare with Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37)
- Psalm 22:15—feet and hands pierced (compare with Luke 24:40)
- Psalm 34:20—none of His bones broken (compare with Exo. 12:46; John 19:33, 36)
- Psalm 22:1—"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (compare with Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34)
- Isaiah 53:10—made intercession for the transgressors (compare with Luke 23:34)
- Psalm 22:18—cast lots for His clothing (compare with Matt. 27:35; John 19:23-24)
- Psalm 69:21—gall to drink (compare with John 19:28-29)

## Prophecies about His Burial

- Isaiah 53:9—with the rich (compare with John 19:38-42 and Matt. 27:57)

## Prophecies about His Resurrection

- Psalm 16:10 (compare with Acts 2:22-32; 13:29-30, 34-37)
- Psalm 2:7 (compare with Acts 13:33)
- Isaiah 53:10—"He will see His offspring; He will prolong His days"

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## Prophecies about His Ascension and Exaltation

- Psalm 68:18—ascended on high (compare with Eph. 4:8)
- Psalm 110:1—sitting at God’s right hand (compare with Acts 2:34-35; Heb. 1:3; 10:13)
- Daniel 7:13—the Son of Man coming up to the Ancient of Days (compare with Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:69)

- Isaiah 16:5—a Judge who seeks justice
- Isaiah 19:20—a Saviour and Champion who will deliver Egypt
- Isaiah 33 (especially v. 17)—we will see the King in His beauty
- Isaiah 32:1—a King who will reign righteously
- Isaiah 55:4—a Leader and Commander of the peoples (compare with Acts 13:34)
- Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15-16—the Lord our righteousness will be King
- Daniel 7:13-14—the Son of Man will be given dominion
- Micah 5:4-5a—He will be great to the ends of the earth

## Prophecies about His Future Rule

- Genesis 49:10—the nations will obey the Ruler from the tribe of Judah to whom the scepter belongs
- Numbers 24:16-19—the star from Jacob
- 2 Samuel 7:12-16—David’s descendant will rule forever (compare with Luke 1:32-33 and Heb. 1:5)
- Isaiah 9:6—the government will be upon His shoulders

## Prophecies about Future Restoration

- Zechariah 12:10-11—one day Israel will look on the One they pierced

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## TYPES OF **CHRIST** IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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### The Passover Lamb

- Compare Exo. 12 with 1 Cor. 5:7, John 1:29, 36, and 1 Pet. 1:19
- The entire sacrificial system pointed to Christ, our High Priest, who would offer a once-for-all-time sacrifice for sin. Christ fulfilled the entire Old Covenant and inaugurated the New Covenant. See Hebrews 9, especially vv. 9, 24 (symbol, copy).

### The Serpent in the Wilderness

- See John 3:14-15

### The Manna from God

- See the bread of life discourse in John 6:41-58

### Prophet, Priest, King

The failures and inadequacies of the Old Testament prophets, priests, and kings were intended to stir a longing for a perfect Prophet, Priest, and King.

- See Luke 11:31-32; Heb. 7:11 (also see Heb. 4:15; 5:6)

### The Rock in the Wilderness

- See 1 Cor. 10:4

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# NAMES FOR **CHRIST** IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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## The Prophet

- Deuteronomy 18:15, 19 (compare with Acts 3:22-23)

## God's Servant

- Isaiah 42:1-9 (compare with Matt. 12:18-21)
- Isaiah 49:1-12
- Isaiah 50:4-11
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (compare with Matt 8:17; Luke 22:37; John 12:37-38; Acts 8:32-33; 1 Pet. 2:22-24)

## The Branch

- Isaiah 4:2
- Isaiah 11:2—a shoot from Jesse's stem (in v. 10 He is called "the root of Jesse")
- Zechariah 3:8
- Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15-16

## The Cornerstone

- Isaiah 28:16 (compare with Rom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet. 1:6)

## The First and the Last

- Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12 (compare with Rev. 2:8; 22:13)

## A Light to the Nations

- Isaiah 42:6; 49:6 (compare with Luke 2:32)

## The Despised One

- Isaiah 49:7

## Redeemer

- Isaiah 48:16-17—the Trinity is found in v. 16

## Deliverer

- Isaiah 59:20 (compare with Rom. 11:26)

## The Seed of the Woman

- Genesis 3:15

## The Messenger of the Covenant

- Malachi 3:1-4

## The Angel (Messenger) of Yahweh

- Genesis 16:7, 13
- Genesis 22:15-16
- Genesis 31:11-13
- Exodus 3:2, 6, 11
- Judges 6:21-24
- Judges 13:21-22

## The Messiah (Anointed One/Christ)

- Psalm 2:2 (compare with Acts 4:25-26)
- Daniel 9:25-26

## I AM

- Exodus 3:14 (compare with John 8:58)

## Yahweh

- Isaiah 40:3 (compare with Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23)
- Isaiah 6:1-3—Yahweh of Hosts (compare with John 12:41)

## God

- Isaiah 9:6—the Mighty God
- Isaiah 45:22-23 (compare with Phil. 2:10)

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## MESSIANIC PSALMS

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- Psalm 2 (compare with Acts 4:25-26; Heb. 1:5; 5:5; Rev. 2:7)
- Psalm 8 (compare vv. 2, 6 with Matt. 21:16; 1 Cor. 15:25-27; Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:5-10)
- Psalm 16 (compare vv. 8-11 with Acts 2:22-32; 13:29-30, 34-37)
- Psalm 22 (compare with Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34; John 19:24; Heb. 2:12)
- Psalm 40 (compare vv. 6-8 with Heb. 10:5-7)
- Psalm 45 (compare vv. 6-7 with Heb. 1:8-9)
- Psalm 69 (compare v. 9 with Rom. 15:3; compare v. 21 with John 19:28-29)
- Psalm 102 (compare vv. 25-27 with Heb. 1:10-12)
- Psalm 109 (compare vv. 6-10 with Acts 1:16-20)
- Psalm 110 (compare v. 1 with Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42; Acts 2:33-34; Heb. 1:13; 10:13; compare v. 4 with Heb. 5:6; 7:17, 21)
- Psalm 118 (compare v. 22 with Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11)
- 1 Pet. 2:7; compare v. 26 with Matt. 21:9)

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For further help, see *Beginning at Moses: A Guide to Finding Christ in the Old Testament* by Michael Barrett, and *Selah: Harmony Commentary of the Four Gospels* by Randy Pike, pp. 1008-1016.