

# A CHRIST-CENTERED OT (1)

**Luke 24:25** Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe **all** that the prophets have spoken:

**Luke 24:26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **Luke 24:27** And beginning at **Moses** and **all the prophets**, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

**Luke 24:44** And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** **Luke 24:45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **Luke 24:46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Luke 24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24:48** And ye are witnesses of these things.

As a young Christian I struggled with this issue – still do at times. How is the OT Christ-centered / all about Christ?

I grew up on allegorical meanings...

**What should we see?**

## 1. We should see OT prophecies &/ predictions

**Matthew 1:22** Now all this was done, **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Matthew 1:23** Behold, **a virgin (ἡ παρθένος)** shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin (הַעַלְוִיָּה)** shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name **Immanuel (יְהוֹאִיִּם)**.

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Genesis 49:8** **Judah**, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; Thy father's children shall bow down before thee. **Genesis 49:9** **Judah is a lion's whelp**: From the prey, my son, thou art gone up: He stooped down, **he couched as a lion**, And as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? **Genesis 49:10** **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**

**Revelation 5:5** 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.

**Numbers 24:17** I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: **There shall come a Star out of Jacob, And a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel**, And shall smite the corners of Moab, And destroy all the children of Sheth. **Numbers 24:18** And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; And Israel shall do valiantly. **Numbers 24:19** Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, And shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

**Revelation 22:16** I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, **and the bright and morning star.**

This is the **simplest** place to begin. The OT contains prophecies &/ predictions of the coming messiah / messianic figure.

**Matthew 2:3** When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

**Matthew 2:4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. **Matthew 2:5** And they said unto him, **In Beth-lehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, Matthew 2:6** And thou Beth-lehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

**Micah 5:2** But thou, Beth-lehem 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.**

## 2. We should see OT patterns → found in all **God-ordained** institutions, offices, activities, & individuals.

Normally this will be found with **intensification &/ escalation**.

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**Matthew 2:14** When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt (εἰς Αἴγυπτον): **Matthew 2:15** And was there until the death of Herod: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt (Εξ Αιγύπτου) have I called my son.**

**Hosea 11:1** When Israel was a child, then I loved him, And called my son out of Egypt (מִצְרָיִם).

[**Genesis 10:6** And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim (מִצְרָיִם), and Phut, and Canaan.

**Genesis 10:13** And Mizraim (מִצְרָיִם) begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,]

This allows us to see Jesus the Messiah as the final, ultimate, fullest **expression** of what the OT saints longed for!!!

**John 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

**Hebrews 9:12** **Neither** by the blood of goats and calves, **but** by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and **not** the very image of the things, can **never** with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

**Hebrews 10:2** For then would they **not** have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had **no more** conscience of sins. **Hebrews 10:3** **But** in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. **Hebrews 10:4** For it is **not** possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

**1 Corinthians 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:**