

A CHRIST-CENTERED OT (2)

What should we see?

1. We should see OT prophecies &/ predictions

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

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

There will probably also be a built-in longing for more.

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:**

The OT saints **experienced** Kings, priests, prophets, sacrifices, festivals...all **real** events that were always experienced with a degree of longing for...!

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist (ὁ ἀντίχριστος) shall come, even now are there many antichrists (ἀντίχριστοι πολλοί); whereby we know that it is the last time.

Obviously we find this in the many examples of impossible births → with **intensification & escalation: a virgin birth!**

Genesis 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

Genesis 17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. **Genesis 17:17** Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and **said in his heart**, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Genesis 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **Genesis 18:12** Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? **Genesis 18:13** And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? **Genesis 18:14** Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. **Genesis 18:15** Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, **Nay; but thou didst laugh.**

Genesis 25:20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. **Genesis 25:21** And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, **because she was barren**: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Judges 13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; **and his wife was barren, and bare not.** **Judges 13:3** And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, **Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not**: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

1 Samuel 1:2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, **but Hannah had no children.**

Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. **Luke 1:6** And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. **Luke 1:7** **And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.**

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?**

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:36** **And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.** **Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be impossible. **Luke 1:38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

3. We should see OT experiences

Matthew 2:17 Then was fulfilled that **which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, Matthew 2:18** In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children Refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. **Jeremiah 31:16** Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, And thine eyes from tears: For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; And they shall come again from the land of the enemy. **Jeremiah 31:17** **And there is hope in thine end**, saith the LORD, That thy children shall come again to their own border.

God's people experienced great pain, sorrow and yet also great hope!

This is probably an expansion upon the 2nd concept.

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

Psalm 22:1 **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

4. We should see OT summary / summaries

Matthew 2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

Matthew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, He shall be called a Nazarene.**

This passage has become precious to me.

- **God brought the family back to the land**
- **Joseph knew & was afraid of Archalaus**
- **Joseph avoided Judea & entered Galilee**
- **This fulfilled not what one prophet said / wrote but prophets → plural**
- **He would be called a Nazarene (then we start looking for hidden meaning!)**

Acts 24:5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, **and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:**

John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. John 1:46** And Nathanael said unto him, **Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 7:40 **Many** of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.**

John 7:41 **Others said**, This is the Christ. **But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? John 7:42** **Hath not the scripture said**, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Beth-lehem, where David was? **John 7:43** So there was a division among the people because of him.

John 7:52 They answered and said unto him, **Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.**

Matthew 4:15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, **Galilee of the Gentiles;**

Psalm 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised of the people. **Psalm 22:7** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, **Psalm 22:8** He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: Let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. **Psalm 22:9** But thou art he that took me out of the womb: Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

Psalm 69:8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, And an alien unto my mother's children.

Isaiah 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, **And as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; And when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Matthew 1:1 **THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.**