

Jesus in the Old Testament

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Jesus never preached from the New Testament, even once. He never even quoted it once. Paul never quoted the New Testament once. Peter never quoted the New Testament once. John never mentioned the New Testament once. Because they were all writing it.

Many Christians are falling into one of the two traps. One is idolizing Israel. Or completely rejecting Israel's role in the Scriptures, thinking that God has replaced Israel with the church. Both are from, obviously, ignorance of the understanding of the Scriptures.

"But you [the Gentiles] are a chosen generation. You are a royal priesthood. You are his own special people. That you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **1 Peter 2:9**

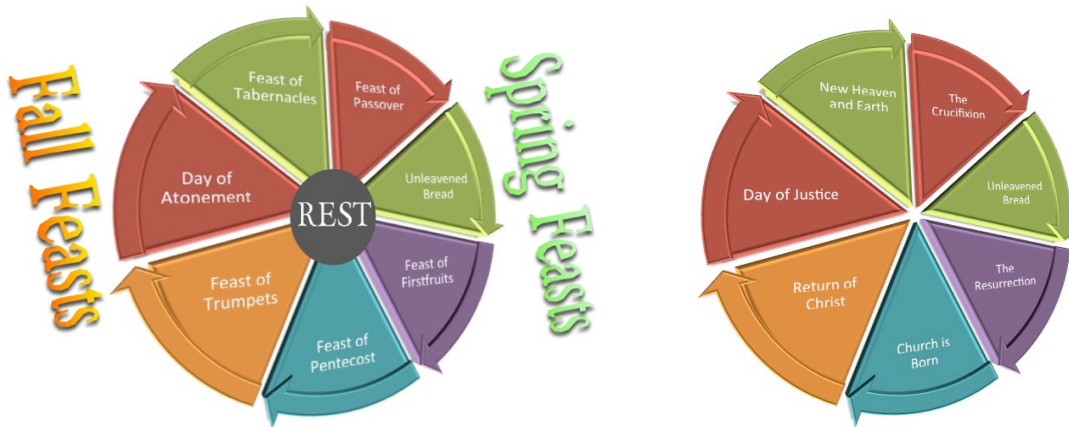
"Now behold two of them [of the disciples] were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. They talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them." One of them, whose name was Cleophas answered, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem? And have you not known the things which happened there in these days?' "Then He said to them, "Oh, foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken of. Ought not the Messiah to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory? Then beginning at Moses and the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures..." "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you. That all things [say that together with me loud and clear] "must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms concerning me must be fulfilled."

Jesus did not come to fulfill part, half. He is not half the Messiah.

And men shall be blessed in him and all nations shall call him blessed." He was the Light of the world before the sun was there. Psalm 72:17

And because in his Word it says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge."

If you need to take the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge or the Tree of Life? That means He is not enough. And you cannot offend God more than that.



These are called "Theophanies". Theophany is the appearance, the revelation of God Himself. God is "Theos", to reveal oneself is "Phaneia", so Theophany. And we see that He appears as the Son of Man.

We see that Jacob named that place of struggle, "Peniel", the face of God. The meaning of the story is that Jacob believed he had been face to face with God. That nameless stranger was Jesus himself. If that is not enough, the Angel of the Lord that appeared before Gideon.

And he said to him, "Peace, do not be afraid." The Lord said to him, "You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there. And called it "the Lord is Peace". He speaks to the Lord; The Lord is before him.

"For unto us a Child is born; Unto us a Son is given. His name will be Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

So you see Jesus is everywhere. And if that is not enough,

Zechariah 12:10, when we talk about the return of Christ, "And Israel will mourn and cry". The Babylonian Talmud, which was completed 500 years after Jesus, offered a commentary on Zechariah 12:10. The verse reads, "They will look on me, the one whom they have pierced. And they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child. And grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son." And the Targum, the Jewish rabbinical translation, says, "What is the cause of that mourning?" And the answer, "It is well according to Him who explains that the cause is the slaying of Messiah, the son of Joseph."