

Jesus in the Old Testament

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We need to change the way we view the OT

- It is often ignored because it was written to different people at a different time.
- It is neglected because it seems too hard to understand and unnecessary.

How does the NT see the OT?

- 2 Tim 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

How does the NT see the OT?

- 1 Peter 1:10-12 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

ALL of the Scripture is about Jesus (but not in the same way)

- Luke 24:13-27 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

- And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

- Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

ALL of the OT is about Jesus

- The Overall Story
- Types not allegories
- Direct prophecies

The Overall Story

- Big Picture
- Metanarrative of Salvation History
- Messianic Expectation

The Overall Story

- Gen 3:14,15 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The Overall Story

- Adam and Eve (Gen 4:25 with Seth)
- Lamech at Noah's birth (Gen 5:29)
- Abraham (Gen 12,15,17) => All of the world will be affected by this Messiah
- The whole OT is filled with Messianic Expectations waiting for the "fullness of time" Gal 4:4//Eph 1:10

Types Not Allegories

- We have to follow the road signs.
- Moses (Deut 17, 18)
- Joshua (Joshua 1,3 // Hebrews 4:8)
- David the anointed

Direct Prophecies

- Over 300 (maybe 354)
- God is sovereignly in control of human history that he can bring about every prophecy.
- Often fulfilled twice - Matt 2:15 // Hosea 11:1

Grace and Wrath

- All of the Bible is about the same God.
- There is grace upon grace in the Old Testament (Deut 6,7). After all, this is where Jesus gets all that "love stuff" from.

Grace and Wrath

- Deut 7:6-9 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Grace and Wrath

- We see more wrath in the New Testament than the OT.
- God passed over sins in the OT only to be paid out on Jesus (Rom 3:21-26)
- Jesus became our sin and was condemned by the Father (Rom 8:3// 2Cor 5:21)

Resurrection from the Old Testament

- John 11:24
- Students of the Old Testament knew there would be a resurrection

Resurrection from the Old Testament

- Isaiah 26:19 Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.
- Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Resurrection from the Old Testament

- Job 19:25-26 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

Resurrection from the Old Testament

- Acts 24:11-15 You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.