



Who's Afraid Of The Old Testament?

Finding Christ In The Old Testament

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Law, Prophets, and Psalms (shorthand for the Old Testament)

Law

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Prophets

Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

Psalms

Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 & 2 Chronicles

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Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for
so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah,

are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the
clans of Judah, from you shall come
forth for me one who is to be ruler in
Israel, whose coming forth is from of
old, from ancient days.

Matthew 2:13-15

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, **“Out of Egypt I called my son.”**

Hosea 11:1-4

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and **out of Egypt I called my son**. The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Not only is Jesus in Matthew's view the founder of a new community of the people of God but he also himself embodies it not only as Israel's leader but himself the true Israel. Some of the most potent Old Testament models for Jesus' mission in this gospel are drawn from passages which in their original context spoke of Israel as a nation.

– R. T. France



In its context, every passage possesses one or more of four redemptive foci. Every text is predictive of the work of Christ, preparatory for the work of Christ, reflective of the work of Christ, and/or resultant of the work of Christ.

– Bryan Chapell



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Genesis 3:15

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."

Genesis 3:21

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them

Genesis 6:13-14

And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

Genesis 22:13

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Exodus 12:13

The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Deuteronomy 18:15

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen

Remove Christ from the Scriptures
and there is nothing left.
– Martin Luther

