

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Three

Day One

TYPES OF CHRIST

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1)



Unlocking the Mystery

It is such a mystery that images of Christ can be found in the Old Testament. This scripture refers to Jesus as the Word and clearly states He was with God from the beginning of time. Since He was there in the beginning, maybe it shouldn't be so mysterious that we can catch glimpses of Him throughout the Old Testament. In today's lesson, you will be able to recite several examples of “Types of Christ” in the Old Testament.



Understanding the Word

“Types of Christ? I thought there was only one Jesus Christ.” My response to that is yes, there is only one Jesus Christ, but we get to see Him in the Old Testament using the New Testament as a light on the subject. I remember the first time I taught this, and one person in particular thought I was absolutely off my rocker. I promise you, if you stick with me and dig into the Word, you will see it for yourself and know that the Trinity of God really is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Types of Christ- These are persons, events and things in the Old Testament that prefigure or foreshadow in some way Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Two principles apply: One, the historic event, figure, or object was used in history as a means of redemption by God, and Two, during the Old Testament time, the event, figure, or object was just a matter of historic relevance; no one realized it pointed to Christ until it was pointed out in the New Testament, often by Christ Himself.

We will look at four categories that Types of Christ fall into.

1. **PROPHECY**- an Old Testament passage of Scripture quoted in the New Testament showing that it was fulfilled by Christ.
2. **ALLUSIONS**- New Testament passages that, without actually quoting a specific text, refer to Old Testament persons, events, or things as prophetic of Christ.
3. **THEOPHANY**- Old Testament sightings of a manifestation of God.
4. **SYMBOLISM**- Old Testament persons, events, or things that focus on the theme of redemption in a similar way that Christ did.

It isn't really important to remember these specific titles as it is to remember that Jesus Christ was alluded to and spoken of in the Old Testament before He came to earth. It is important to remember that Jesus Christ is fully God. He was with the Father from the beginning of existence and will be with Him until the very end. It is important to remember that Jesus Christ is the center of God's redemptive purpose for all man-kind.

In the charts below, I have provided examples of each of the "Types of Christ" mentioned above. I have provided space for you to write down **in your own words a brief description** of the event. Don't try to write all the Scriptures out. This is for you to **see** Jesus in the Old Testament, not to study in-depth of these great truths.

PROPHECY- an Old Testament passage of Scripture quoted in the New Testament showing that it was fulfilled by Christ.

WHAT DETAIL WAS SPOKEN OF IN BOTH SCRIPTURES? THAT DETAIL IS THE PROPHECY AND FULFILMENT.

New Testament	Old Testament	The prophecy spoken
Matthew 1:23	Isaiah 7:14	<i>A virgin will give birth to a son and call Him Immanuel</i>
Matthew 2:6	Micah 5:2	
Mark 1:2-3	Isaiah 40:3	
Matthew 21:1-5	Zechariah 9:9	
John 19:23-24	Psalms 22:18	
Acts 2:25-32	Psalms 16:8-11	

ALLUSIONS- New Testament passages that, without actually quoting a specific text, refer to Old Testament persons, events, or things as prophetic of Christ.

WHAT WAS MENTIONED OR HAPPENING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT WAS SPOKEN OF IN THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES?

New Testament	Old Testament	The allusion
Romans 16:20 1 John 3:8	Genesis 3:15	
John 1:29, 36	Isaiah 53:7	
1 Corinthians 5:7	Exodus 12:1-14	
John 3:14	Numbers 21:4-9	
John 1:1-3 Hebrews 1:3	Psalms 33:6	<i>By the word of God the universe was made. Jesus is God's Word and through Him the universe was made.</i>
Matthew 12:40	Jonah 1:17	

THEOPHANY- Old Testament sightings of a manifestation of God.

WHAT PHYSICAL BEING INTERACTED WITH THE BIBLE CHARACTER MENTIONED IN THIS SCRIPTURE?

Old Testament	The sighting
Genesis 18:17-33	
Genesis 32:24-30	
Genesis 16:13	
Exodus 33:18-23	
Judges 6:11-24	<i>An angel of the LORD visits Gideon to encourage him.</i>
Joshua 5:13-15	

SYMBOLISM- Old Testament persons, events, or things that focus on the theme of redemption in a similar way that Christ did.

Israel’s exodus from Egypt in the Old Testament is viewed as the greatest redemptive event under the old covenant. The event foreshadows Christ and the redemption He brings under the new covenant.

FROM THE SCRIPTURES LISTED WHAT DESCRIPTION CAN WE GIVE JESUS? “JESUS IS...”

Exodus	The symbol	How it represents Christ
Read Acts 7:20-38 (V. 37 refers to Jesus) Deuteronomy 18:15	Moses	
Exodus 12:12-13	The Passover	
Exodus 16 (V.4) John 6:25-51	Manna	
Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:7-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-5	Water from rock	<i>Jesus is the living water and the spiritual rock.</i>
Exodus 15-40 Hebrews 9:1-15 See notes from week one	Tabernacle	
Leviticus 9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Hebrews 9:11-10:14	High Priest	



Scripture states that Jesus was the Word of God. That means He is the One that came to earth to walk out and be the voice of God or rather God’s words. God wants us to understand what He requires of us, and He wants us to know that He understands us because He has been here and experienced life on earth. When we desire to know God’s will or desires, we must look to Jesus.

Another reality for many people is that through Scripture, we find that Jesus was here from the beginning of time. Remember our study on Genesis... during the creation of this world you find that the Word says, “We will make man in OUR image.” Jesus, in Revelation, says that He was the Alpha and Omega which means beginning and end (Greek alphabet). He was with God in the beginning of time and will be with God through the very end.

He wants you to know that He is with you from the beginning of your life until the very end. He wants you to know that He will never leave you nor forsake you. He wants you to know that He understands you, and He wants you to grow and understand Him.