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All of the Bible points to Jesus

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One Book with One Story about One Person

The Bible is one book telling one story that culminates in One Person: Jesus Christ. The discipline of Biblical Theology helps us see the overarching story of the Bible along with how each piece fits into the whole and testifies of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prepares the way for and points to Christ, while the New Testament reveals and explains who He is. The Old Testament displays a “shadow” of Christ whom we experience in the New Testament (see Colossians 2:16-17).

The goal for seeing how the Old Testament points to Jesus is not merely intellectual—it is to encounter the Lord of Creation and Savior of the world so we may believe in Him and find life in His Name (John 5:39-40; 20:30-31).

Jesus himself shows how the Bible points to him

It's quite appropriate that at the end of Luke's Gospel, he recounts the interaction Jesus had with a couple of his disciples walking along the road to Emmaus. Jesus – the Messiah – has been crucified and the disciples are stupefied, unable to piece it all together. But along comes Jesus disguised as he has been throughout the Scripture and he opens their eyes to see that the whole of Scripture is really about him:

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. (Luke 24:25-27) Luke recounts that their “hearts burned within them” as their minds were opened.

Salvation is rooted in knowing the entire story

Luke reveals to us an important fact: that knowing God's plan and gift of salvation is deeply rooted in knowing the entire story. The good news doesn't just reside in part two of the Bible, the New Testament. The entire story of the Bible is about one person, one plan, one goal. That person is Jesus, that plan is redemption, the goal is the glory of God. It's really a pretty simple story line.

We read the Scripture looking to see how the text, wherever it is, relates or points forward to Christ. In the book *The Ancient Love Song*, Charles Drew (P&R Publishing) notes some of the ways Scripture points us to Christ.

The Law (especially portions of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) anticipates Christ by exposing our hearts and persuading us of our need for a Savior.

At a broader level, the failures of specific Old Testament characters (for example, the repeated failures of God's people to trust him and follow his law) also point indirectly to our need for a Savior.

The promises scattered throughout the Old Testament (especially prophetic books such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel) anticipate Christ by kindling a longing at several levels that only Jesus can ultimately fulfill. For example, God's repeated promise to dwell with his people (Leviticus 26:11-12; Ezekiel 37:26-28) comes most clearly to fruition in the incarnation of God's Son ("The Word became flesh and dwelt among us," John 1:14) and the future kingdom of Christ (Revelation 21:3).

Wisdom literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and so on) compels us to look to Christ for meaning and for the ability to live wisely (see Colossians 2:3).

The psalmists and prophets sometimes spoke with the voice of Christ, anticipating his suffering (the Cross) and exaltation (the Resurrection).

Particular Old Testament offices (prophet, priest, and king) foreshadow Christ's redemptive work. They invite us to look for a prophet who is greater than Moses, a priest who is greater than Aaron, and a king who is greater than David.

Certain Old Testament rituals, such as the Passover (Exodus 12), foreshadow God's redemption of his people through the Cross.

In the New Testament we encounter explicit proclamation of Jesus:

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) introduce us to Jesus Christ and his ministry on earth, culminating in his death, burial, and resurrection.

The Epistles (Romans, 1 Corinthians, and so forth) offer sustained theological reflection on the significance of the person and work of Christ for the church.

Revelation gives us a window into the future glory of Christ as he brings in his heavenly kingdom.

The Bible is an eclectic book. It's filled with books about history, poems, wisdom, songs, prophecy, and in depth narratives. Read any in part, and you miss out on

much that God wants to teach you. Camp out in just your favorite parts and again, you'll miss the fullness of the story. The point, I believe, of such a vast array of perspectives and genres is to engage with a God who is not normal. Nor is he routine. Nor is he interested in simply passing on a list of rules and regulations for us to follow without passion or desire.

He desires to engage with us, to relate with us, to walk with us. And so, we approach the Bible eager to see what God is like. And knowing that God is exactly like Jesus perhaps you can begin to look at the Bible with fresh eyes. When you understand that God has been pointing to Jesus from the very beginning, your study of the Bible becomes a whole new adventure.

The Old Testament

Old Testament Book	Main Revelation	Key Prophecies* / Types of Jesus
Genesis	The Seed of the Woman	Messiah would be born of the seed of a woman (Gen 3:15, Luke 1:34-35) Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Gen 12:3,17:19, 28:14, Luke 3:23-34) Messiah would be a king in the line of Judah (Gen 49:10, John 1:49) <u>Typified in the person of Melchizedek (Gen 14:18)</u> <u>The life of Isaac</u> - the sacrificed son (Gen 22) <u>The life of Joseph</u> - the rejected brother (Gen 37)
Exodus	The Passover Lamb	Typified in <u>the life of Moses</u> - the deliverer <u>The Passover Lamb</u> (Ex 12, John 1:29,36) <u>The Manna from Heaven</u> (Ex 16, John 6) <u>The Rock struck at Horeb</u> (Ex 17, 1 Cor 10:4) <u>The Tabernacle</u> (Brazen Altar, Lampstand, Table of Showbread, Ark of the covenant etc) (Gen 25-30)
Leviticus	The High Priest	Typified in the sacrifices and offerings (Lev 1-7) <u>In the Jewish festivals</u> (Passover, Atonement, Lev 16, 23) <u>In the scapegoat (Lev 16:7-9)</u>

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		<u>In the person and duties of the High Priest</u> (Lev 16)
Numbers	The Cloud and The Fire	Messiah would be a King (Num 24:17) <u>Typified in the bronze serpent</u> (Num 21:8-9) <u>The Water from the Rock</u> (Num 20)
Deuteronomy	The Prophet Like Moses	Messiah will be a prophet (Deut 18:15-19, John 6:14) Messiah would be worshipped by angels (Deut 32:43, Luke 2:13-14) Typified in the cities of refuge (Deut 4:41)
Joshua	The Captain of Our Salvation	Typified in the person of Joshua (our leader into the promised land) In the Promised Land In the Commander of the Army (Josh 5:13-15)
Judges	The Judge And Lawgiver	Typified in the Judges (for He is true Judge of the living and the dead)
Ruth	The Kinsman Redeemer	Messiah would be a descendant of Boaz and Ruth (Ruth 4:12-17) Typified in the life of Boaz - The Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 2:1)
1 & 2 Samuel	The Prophet of The Lord	Messiah exalted by God with power (1 Sam 2:10, Matt 28:18) Messiah would be a descendant of David (2 Sam 7:12-16, Matt 1:1) Messiah would be the 'Rock' (2 Sam 23:2-3, 1 Cor 10:4) Typified in the life of David - The King in Exile (1 Sam 22) The life of Jonathon - the faithful friend (1 Sam 18:1-4)
1 & 2 Kings	The Reigning King	Typified in the life of Solomon (the Millennial Reign) In the life and miracles of the prophet Elisha (multiplying bread 2 Kings 4:42 , healing leper 2 Kings 5)
1 & 2 Chronicles	The Glorious Temple	Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah (1 Chron 5:2, Luke 3:23-32)

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		Typified in Solomon's temple In the Wisdom of Solomon (2 Chron 9:22)
Ezra	The Faithful Scribe	Typified in person of Zerubbabel, the rebuildler of the temple (Ezra 4)
Nehemiah	The Rebuilder of the Walls	Typified in the person of Nehemiah , the rebuildler of the walls of salvation
Esther	Mordecai	Typified in the person of Mordecai
Job	The Dayspring From on High	Typified in the sufferings of Job and the blessings that would follow
Psalms	The Lord Who Is Our Shepherd	<p>Messiah would be the Son of God (Ps 2:7, 12, Matt 17:5)</p> <p>Messiah would be resurrected (Ps 16:8-10, Acts 13:30-37)</p> <p>Messiah would be despised & crucified (Ps 22:6-8, 14, Luke 23:21-23, Matt 27:35)</p> <p>Messiah would be hated without cause (Ps 69:4, Luke 23:13-22)</p> <p>Messiah would be Lord, seated at the right hand of God (Ps 110:1,5, 1 Pet 3:21-22)</p> <p>Messiah would be in the line of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4, Heb 6:17-20)</p> <p>Messiah would be the 'stone' rejected by the Jews (Ps 118:22, Matt 21:42-43)</p> <p>Key Messianic Psalms: Chapters 2, 8, 16, 22, 45, 69, 89, 109, 110, 118</p>
Proverbs & Ecclesiastes	The Wisdom of God	<p>Messiah would be from everlasting (Prov 8:22-23, John 17:5)</p> <p>Messiah would be the Son of God (Prov 30:4, Matt 3:16-17)</p> <p>Typified in the Wisdom of God (Prov 8:22-31)</p>
Song of Solomon	The Lover & Bridegroom	Typified in the Bridegroom's love for, and marriage to, the bride
Isaiah	The Suffering Servant	<p>Messiah would be born of a virgin (Is 7:14, Luke 1:34-35)</p> <p>Messiah would be Immanuel "God with us" (Is 7:14, Matt 1:21-23)</p> <p>Messiah would be God and Man (Is 9:6, John 10:30)</p>

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		<p>Messiah would have the 7-fold Spirit upon Him (<u>Is 11:1-2, Matt 3:16-17</u>)</p> <p>Messiah would heal the blind, lame, deaf (<u>Is 35:5-6, Mark 10:51-52</u>)</p> <p>Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner (<u>Is 40:3, Luke 1:17</u>)</p> <p><u>Messiah would be a light to the gentiles (Is 42:6, John 8:12)</u></p> <p><u>Messiah would be despised by the Jewish nation (Is 49:7, John 10:20, Matt 27:23)</u></p> <p><u>Messiah would be whipped and beaten (Is 50:6, Matt 26:67, 27:26)</u></p> <p><u>Messiah would die as a guilt offering for sin (Is 53:10, John 18:11)</u></p> <p><u>Messiah would be resurrected and live forever (Is 53:10, Mark 16:16)</u></p>
Jeremiah & Lamentations	The Weeping Prophet	<p>Messiah would be God (<u>Jer 23:6, John 13:13</u>)</p> <p>Messiah would be a righteous Branch (<u>Jer 23:5</u>)</p> <p>Messiah would be our righteousness (<u>Jer 23:6, 1 Cor 1:30</u>)</p>
Ezekiel	The Son of Man	<p>Messiah would be a descendant of David (<u>Ez 34:23-24, Matt 1:1</u>)</p>
Daniel	The Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven	<p>Messiah would be 'a son of man' given an everlasting kingdom (<u>Dan 7:13-14, Luke 1:31-34</u>)</p> <p><u>Messiah would come 483 years</u> after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (<u>Dan 9:25, John 12:12-23</u>)</p> <p><u>Messiah would be killed (Dan 9:26, Matt 27:35)</u></p> <p><u>Revealed as the 'stone'</u> (and His kingdom) that smashes the kingdoms of the world (<u>Dan 2:34,44</u>)</p> <p>Typified in the 4th man in the fiery furnace - one like 'the son of gods' (<u>Dan 3:25</u>)</p>
Hosea	The Bridegroom	<p>Typified in Hosea's faithfulness to his adulterous wife (Hos 3)</p>

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Joel	The Baptizer With The Holy Spirit	Messiah will offer salvation to all mankind (Joel 2:32, Rom 10:12-13) Messiah would baptize people with the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-32)
Amos	The Burden Bearer	God would darken the day at noon during Messiah's death (Amos 8:9, Matt 27:45-46)
Obadiah	The Mighty Savior	
Jonah	The Forgiving God	Typified in Jonah being 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a fish (Jon 1:17, Matt 12:40)
Micah	The Messenger With Beautiful Feet	Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Mic 5:2, Matt 2:1-2) Messiah would be from everlasting (Mic 5:2, Rev:1-8)
Nahum	The Avenger of God's Elect	
Habakkuk	The Great Evangelist, Crying For Revival	Messiah would come from Teman at His return , full of glory (Hab 3:3) Typified in the life of Habakkuk (his intercession and prayer for his people)
Zephaniah	The Restorer of the Remnant	
Haggai	The Cleansing Fountain	Messiah would visit the 2nd temple (Hag 2:6-9, Luke 2:27-32)
Zechariah	The Pierced Son	Messiah would be Priest and King (Zech 6:12-13, Heb 8:1) Messiah would be ride into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech 9:9, Matt 21:6-9) Messiah would be God (Zech 11:12-13, John 12:45) Messiah would be pierced (Zech 12:10, John 19:34-37)
Malachi	The Son of Righteousness	Messiah would appear at the temple (Mal 3:1, Mark 11:15-16) Messiah's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah (Mat 4:5, Matt 3:1-2)

The New Testament

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Matthew	The Messiah	The Son of David (Matt 1:1) The King of the Jews (Matt 2:2) The Son of God (Matt 2:15). The Bridegroom (Matt 9:15)
Mark	The Miracle Worker	The Holy One of God (Mark 1:24) The Servant (Mark 10:45) The King of Israel (Mark 15:32)
Luke	The Son of Man	The Horn of Salvation (Luke 1:69) The Consolation of Israel: (Luke 2:25).
John	The Son of God	The Only Begotten Son: (John 1:14,18) The Lamb of God (John 1:29,36) The Bread of life (John 6:35) The Light of the World (John 8:1) The I AM! (John 8:58) The Door of the Sheep: (John 10:7,9) The Good Shepherd (John 10:11) The Resurrection and life (John 11:25) The Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14:6) The True Vine (John 15:1)
Acts	The Ascended Lord	The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15) The Judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42) The Just One (Acts 7:52). The Hope of Israel (Acts 28:20)
Romans	The Justifier	The Rock of Offense (Romans 9:33) The Deliverer (Romans 11:26) The Lord of the dead and the living (Romans 14:9) The Root of Jesse (Romans 15:12)
1 & 2 Corinthians	The Last Adam	The First-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:23) The Last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45)
Galatians	The One Who Sets Us Free	The Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 1:3)

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Ephesians	The Christ of Riches	The Head over All Things (Ephesians 1:22) The Cornerstone: (Ephesians 2:20)
Philippians	The God Who Meets Our Every Need	The Name above all names (Philippians 2:9)
Colossians	The Fullness of The Godhead	The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15) The Head of the body (Colossians 1:18) The Beginning (Colossians 1:18) The Firstborn from the dead (Colossians 1:18) The Hope of Glory (Col 1:27)
1 & 2 Thessalonians	The Soon Coming King	The Lord of Peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16)
1 & 2 Timothy	The Mediator Between God And Man	The King of Ages (1 Timothy 1:17) The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
Titus	The Blessed Hope	The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13) The Great God and Saviour (Titus 2:13)
Philemon	The Friend, Closer Than a Brother	The Lord Jesus Christ (Philemon 3)
Hebrews	The Blood That Washes Away My Sins	The Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2) The Faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17) The Author and Finisher of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
James	The Great Physician	The Lord of Glory (James 2:1) The Judge at the door (James 5:9)
1 & 2 Peter	The Chief Shepherd	The Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4) The Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4)
1 & 2 & 3 John	Everlasting Love	The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2) The Righteous (1 John 2:1)
Jude	The God our Saviour	The Only Wise God our Saviour (Jude 25)
Revelation	The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!	The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: (Revelation 1:17, 22:13) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5) The Word of God (Revelation 19:13).

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		The King of kings and Lord of lords (<u>Revelation 19:16</u>) The Bright Morning Star (<u>Revelation 22:16</u>)