

JESUS IN THE BOOKS OF MOSES

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I spoke last week about the importance of the Old Testament. Although some people today tend to avoid the Old Testament — or even get embarrassed by some of it — but —it's all that the early New Testament Church had. The Apostles preached from it. Paul said to Timothy ... it's able to make us wise unto salvation.

You can't fully understand the New Testament without a reasonable grasp of the Old Testament. There are over 4,000 allusions!

As I mentioned last week ... we can preach Jesus from the Old Testament. It is what Paul ... Peter ... Timothy did!

John 5:39, 46-47

39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Moses wrote about Jesus.

Luke 24:25-27

25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"

26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Moses and all of the prophets wrote about Jesus.

Today ... we're going to look at some of Moses' writings about Jesus.

We will have a look at a sample from 5 books — Genesis to Deuteronomy.

Some are obvious and well-known — others a bit more subtle.

Let's start with:

GENESIS

Genesis 3:15

**15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."**

The woman's seed shall bruise the devil's head. It was Jesus who destroyed the works of the devil (I John 3:8). A clear prophecy.

Consider the destruction of mankind in Noah's day. There was only one way of salvation — the Ark. Only one door. Salvation only to those who entered through the door. A subtle hint of Jesus. Jesus is the only way of salvation. In John 10:7, 9 ... Jesus said "I am the door"!

Genesis 22:1-18

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "**Abraham!**" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "**Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, (Mount Moriah was the site of Solomon's temple) and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.**" (*Very clear 'type' ... "only-begotten" — to die as a sacrifice.*

"Whom you love" [1st mention of love in the Bible])

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 **Then on the third day** Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; **the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.**" (*Abraham counted on a resurrection of his son Isaac from the dead*)

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; (*like Jesus carrying his cross part of the way*) and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And **Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."** (*God will provide a lamb [Future — Talking of Jesus? They found a ram]*) So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And **Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.** (*You have to assume that Isaac went along with this ... voluntarily presenting himself just as Jesus latterly did*)

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But **the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven** and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "**Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.**"

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And **Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide;** as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "**By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son--**

17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. (*Abraham had gone through with this ... mentally*)

18 "**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice."

"Seed" (Singular) ... as in Christ.

Galatians 3:16

16 **Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.**

Genesis 22 is one of the clearest types of Christ. Jesus would almost certainly have referred to this?

About 25% of the Book of Genesis deals with the life of Joseph (we went through that a couple of weeks ago). Joseph is a key figure in Genesis. Joseph is a type of Christ.

- Joseph was prophesied to rule
- Beloved of his father
- Rejected by his brethren
- Sold for 20 pieces of silver (Jesus 30)
- Stripped of his garments
- Garment soaked in blood
- Went to Egypt
- Resisted temptation (Potiphar's wife)
- Falsely accused
- Held captive
- Two criminals nearby (baker/butler) — 2 criminals at the Cross
- One criminal promised deliverance
- Provided Bread of Life and salvation. Jesus also the “Saviour”
- Every knee bowed
- No sin mentioned

And others.

So ... 25% of Genesis if the story of Joseph — who is quite clearly a type of Christ!

EXODUS

Moses' birth a type of Jesus' birth? Boy babies to be killed ... but Moses was hidden. Herod killed the boys in Bethlehem ... but Jesus was hidden.

Later ... Exodus shows the establishment of a Great High Priest — to serve in the tabernacle. To wear a holy crown. To be the Anointed One (Hebrew: Messiah ... Greek: Christ). The high priest represented Jesus and His ministry at the Mercy Seat. Lots of parallels.

The clearest type of Christ:

Exodus 12:1-8, 12-13

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2 "**This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.**
3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: '**On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.**
4 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.
5 '**Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year.** You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. (*the lamb represents the Lord Jesus*)
6 '**Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.**
7 '**And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.**
8 '**Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.**
12 '**For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast;** and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
13 '**Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The Passover! Death of a lamb ... its shed blood for protection.

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 **knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things**, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**
20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Christ ... the Spotless Lamb.

Paul said to the Corinthians that "Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the Feast ...".

Also ... many echoes in the Book of Revelation of the 10 plagues against Egypt. Said to be the Wrath of The Lamb in Revelation 6:16. Jesus Christ both times!

There are many pointers to Jesus throughout Exodus.

LEVITICUS

Leviticus introduces us to the sacrifices and offerings: burnt ... grain ... peace ... sin ... trespass. ALL POINT TO JESUS.

The most explicit for our purposes:

Leviticus 16:1-2

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the LORD, and died;
2 and the LORD said to Moses: "**Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat**

Leviticus 16:4-10

4 "He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on.

5 "And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.

7 "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

8 "**Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the Azazel.**

9 "**And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.**

10 "But the goat on which the lot fell to be the escapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the escapegoat into the wilderness.

Two goats.

Leviticus 16:15-17

15 "**Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.**

16 "**So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins;** and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 "There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

The sin offering — blood on the Mercy Seat for atonement. JESUS!

Hebrews 9:6-14

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

7 **But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;**

8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, **that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.**

9 **It was symbolic for the present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--

10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

11 **But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.**

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but **with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

14 **how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

Jesus' blood brings eternal redemption.

Also in Leviticus ... all of the Holy Days — information about Jesus — His first coming as a sacrifice ... His second coming to establish the Kingdom and bring in God's "Big" end-time Harvests.

NUMBERS

Numbers 20:2-13

2 Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.

3 And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 "Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here?

5 "And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink."

6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

7 Then **the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,**

8 "**Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.**"

9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

10 **And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"**

11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

13 This was the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the LORD, and He was hallowed among them.

Moses struck the rock. God was angry.

He should have just asked for LIFE-GIVING WATER ... picturing salvation (Rivers of Living Water ... John 7).

THE ROCK REPRESENTS JESUS.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,
2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
3 all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Jesus was with them. Pictured by the Rock that produced Waters of Life.

Back in Exodus 17:6 Moses was commanded to smite the rock to produce water (salvation). But the picture is that you can't strike Jesus twice.

He suffered once ... for all mankind. He's not going to suffer and die a second time. Moses seriously messed up the analogy!

Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

“Crucify again” — putting Jesus to shame (public disgrace).

So Jesus is “The Rock” in the Book of Exodus and the book of Numbers.

The next type of Jesus:

Numbers 21:4-9

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."

6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."

9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

This bronze serpent represents Jesus: He said so!

John 3:14-16

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 "For God (in this manner) so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Just like the bronze serpent ... the Son of Man was to be lifted up! To bring healing ... deliverance and salvation.

Even today ... a serpent wrapped around a pole is a symbol of healing (the logo of the American Medical Association ... which appears on nearly all ambulances in the USA).

It is commonly referred to as the Rod of Asclepius (the Greek god of healing). The myths started around the 6th century BC — but probably borrowed from the story of Israel. They worshipped their serpent for centuries.. destroyed by King Hezekiah around 700 BC.

This is often confused with the Caduceus — two serpents on a pole. The staff of Hermes — the god of trade and thieves.

Numbers 24:17

17 "I see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
A Star shall come out of Jacob;
A Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
And batter the brow of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of tumult

A Star shall arise out of Jacob. Who is that? The Lord Jesus Christ.

In Revelation 22:16 Jesus says He is “The Bright and Morning Star”.

DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

15 "**The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren.** Him you shall hear,

16 "according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.'

17 "And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good.

18 '**I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.**

19 'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

Raise up a prophet like Moses. And that Prophet is Jesus!

Acts 3:12-16

12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

13 "**The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.**

14 "**But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,**

15 "**and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.**

16 "**And His name, through faith in His name**, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. **Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

Acts 3:22-26

22 "**For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.**

23 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 "Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

25 "You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, '**And in your seed (Jesus Christ)** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

26 "To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

So Deuteronomy makes explicit reference to Jesus. Also many parallels between the life of Moses and Jesus.

Some scholars say you can find Jesus in every Book of The Bible. I suspect they're right!

This is just a taste ... we've omitted a lot.

So when Jesus opened up the scriptures to those two disciples on the road to Emmaus ... we can see some of what He referred to. As He said to the Pharisees ... "The scriptures testify of Me"!! They surely do!

We should make sure that we spend good time reading through the Old Testament ... and look for Jesus.