

Christ in the Old Testament

It is sometimes said that we should not read back Christ into the OT. I thoroughly agree. We must not put Christ where He is not. However, if we examine the OT carefully we find that Christ is there. If anyone is to be accused of reading Christ into the OT it is the NT who would deserve that accusation. John said, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made, that was made."

NIV "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

Thus we find Jesus Christ right at the beginning of Genesis. By Him the worlds were made. He is the great Creator! In Gen. 3 we find Him as the seed of the woman through whom the serpent's head would be crushed. The NT tells us that He is the Second Adam. He Himself said, Abraham saw my day and was glad. (John 8:56). Exodus presents Him as the Lamb of God. In the journey through the wilderness He was always with His people. Paul said in 1 Cor. 10:4 that when the Israelites were making their way through the wilderness "they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them and that rock was Christ." Deut. predicted him as the great prophet who would be like unto Moses who would come.

Thus Jesus Christ is the great subject of the Pentateuch. In the historical books we find Him active. Right in the beginning of Joshua He is the captain of the Lord's hosts before Joshua bowed. He is the kinsman redeemer. He is present constantly in the Psalms. Psalm One describes the man who is truly blessed, a picture that was fulfilled in the life of Christ. Psalm Two predicts