

The GOSPEL in the PENTATEUCH

**²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luke 24:27

“beginning with Moses” = The Pentateuch

Jesus is not just here or there in this prediction or that prophecy: he is everywhere in the Old Testament. He is the ark of the covenant and the blood on the mercy seat. He is the light on the golden lampstand and the bread of life. He is the prophet who preaches like Moses, the priest who prays like Aaron, and the king after David's heart. We follow his method of interpretation when we see Jesus in the redemption of Ruth by Boaz, the selfless sacrifice of Samson, the kingship of Josiah, the miracles of Elijah, and all the other types and signs and figures of the Old Testament.

What more shall I say? I could preach from the Scriptures every day for the rest of my life and not begin to exhaust everything that is said about Jesus in the Old Testament. On every page his coming is prophesied, his life is prefigured, his sufferings are personified, or his resurrection life is promised. The Old Testament has one central theme, and that theme is Christ.

To say this another way, the Old Testament is not simply background material for the New Testament, but it contains the very message of the gospel. It is so full of Christ that Jesus could prove the good news from any page. He knew that the cross and the empty tomb were the logical deduction, the necessary consequence of everything the Spirit taught from Genesis to Malachi. Rather than pointing to his resurrection body first of all, Jesus pointed to the Scriptures that pointed to himself.”¹

GENESIS

Adam (Gen. 2:7)

... the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

The Seed of Eve (Gen. 3:15)

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.”

The First Sacrifice (Gen. 3:21)

²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The Ark (Gen. 7:1)

⁷ Then the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

The Rainbow (Gen. 9:13)

¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹ Philip Graham Ryken, *Luke*, vol. 2, Reformed Expository Commentary, 651–652.

The Promised Blessing (Gen 12:3)

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."

Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18)

¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

The Everlasting Covenant (Gen. 17)

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

The Ladder (Gen. 28:12)

¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

Joseph

Shiloh (Gen. 49:10)

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

The Burning Bush (Ex. 3:2-3)

² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

I Am (Ex. 3:6,14)

⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ... ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'

The Passover Lamb (Ex. 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.

Redemption (Ex. 13:11-13)

¹¹ "When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹² you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb ...

The Pillar (Ex. 13:21)

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

The Parted Sea (Ex. 14:30)

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Manna (Ex. 16:15)

15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Struck Rock (Ex. 17:6)

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

The Tabernacle

The Ark of Covenant

The Table of the Bread of Presence

The Golden Lampstand

The Bronze Altar

The High Priest

The Holy Garments

The Altar of Incense

The Washbasin

LEVITICUS

The Offerings

Burnt

Grain

Peace

Sin

Guilt

Holiness

⁴⁴For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

Clean and Unclean

Leprosy

The Scapegoat

⁸Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat.

Atoning Blood (Lev. 17:11)

¹¹'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

The Sabbath (Lev. 23:3)

³For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is a sabbath to the Lord in all your dwellings.

The Feasts

Jubilee

The Kinsman Redeemer (Lev. 25:25)

²⁵'If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold.

NUMBERS

The Numbered People

The 3-Fold Blessing (Num. 6:24-26)

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Budded Rod (Num. 17:8) ...

⁸ On the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

The Red Heifer (Num. 19:1-2)

¹⁹ Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ² "This is the statute of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the people of Israel to bring you a red heifer without defect, in which there is no blemish, and on which a yoke has never come.

The Bronze Serpent (Num. 21:8-9)

⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Jacob's Star/Israel's Scepter (Num. 24:17)

¹⁷ I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.

Cities of Refuge (Num. 35:6)

⁶ "The cities that you give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, where you shall permit the manslayer to flee, and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

DEUTERONOMY

The Shema (Deut. 6:4-5)

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Electing Love (Deut. 7:7-8a)

⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you ...

The Prophet (Deut. 18:15)

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

The Curse (Deut. 21:22-23a)

²² "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.

The Circumcised Heart (Deut. 30:6)

⁶ And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live

The Near Word (Deut. 30:14)

¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it ...

