

Luke 24:27/32:

John 5:46:

“For he [Moses] wrote about Me [Jesus]”

**I thought Moses wrote about:

- 1) The Creator God
- 2) YHWH
- 3) The “Angel” of the LORD
- 4) The Glory that led the Israelites out of Egypt
- 5) The Temple
- 6) Sacrificial offerings, such as the Passover Lamb
- 7) Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
- 8) The Cities of Refuge
- 9) The Goel (Kinsman—Redeemer / Avenger of blood)
- 10) The Priesthood and the High Priest
- 11) The allotment of inheritance/The daughters of Zelophehad
- 12) Jacob’s ladder
- 13) Moses lifting the bronze serpent in the wilderness

Jesus is I AM and THE Revelation of God in the OT:

Whenever God appeared to man, it was Jesus. In general, when God spoke to man, it was Jesus. Jesus is The Revelation of God to mankind. He is the messenger of the Triune God to mankind. He is the Eternal Word, the Spokesman for the Godhead.

John 6:20 (Mark 6:50, Matt 14:27); “And he says to them, ‘I AM; fear not’”

John 8:24; “I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I AM, you will indeed die in your sins.”

John 8:28; “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM...”

John 8:58; “Before Abraham was born, I AM”

John 18:5,6,8; “Jesus says to them, ‘I AM’”

Revelation 1:8: “I AM the Alpha and the Omega...”

Εγω εμι [“I AM”] in “John”: **4:26; 6:20,35,41,48,51; 8:12,18,24,28,58; 10:7,9,11,14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:16; 15:1,5; 18:5,6,8**

Exodus 3:14: “God (Elohim) said to Moses, ‘I AM (ehyeh) WHO I AM (ehyeh)’ Say to the Israelites: I AM (ehyeh) has sent me to you...the LORD (YHWH) has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.”

The name of the Lord:

LORD—YHWH means “HE IS” [Greek is ὄν or κυριος]

“I AM”--ehyeh [Greek is εγω εμι] (see John 8:58, Mt 14:27)

Lord—Adonai: which means “sovereign”; Adon: which means “master”

Jehovah—YHWH, and the vowels for Adonai are interposed; YeHoWaH; this was done
In the Masoretic texts

John 1:18: “No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side has made Him known.

John 6:46: “No one has seen the Father except the One who is from God; only He has seen the Father.”

Some who saw the LORD

Hagar	LORD (Angel of the LORD)	Genesis 16:7-13
Abraham	LORD (Man)	Genesis 18; 19:1; {see Genesis 19:23 (Cp John 5:22)}
Jacob	God (Man)	Genesis 32:28; see Hosea 12:3-5
Moses	LORD	Exodus 33:11
Joshua	LORD (Commander of the LORD’s army)	Joshua 5:13-6:2
Gideon	LORD (The angel of the LORD)	Judges 6:11-23
Manoah and his wife, the parents of Samson	“The angel of the LORD”—God	Judges 13:2-22
Isaiah	LORD Almighty	Isaiah 6:5; John 12:41
Job	LORD	Job 42:5

“The angel of the LORD”

mal’ak...(Hebrew)---angel or messenger. In the NIV, mal’ak is translated 107 times as angel(s) 83 times as messenger(s)

αγγελος...(Septuagint)---angel or messenger

A *messenger* can be: ❶ A man (ex. A prophet) ❷ an angelic being ❸ God Himself

The *context* is key to determining what kind of messenger is described. The text may use “God” or “The LORD” interchangeably with “The angel of the LORD” signifying that the “angel” is Jesus. If the one whom the “angel” appears to worships and is not rebuked, that signifies that the “angel” is Jesus. John is rebuked when he worships an angelic being in Revelation 22:8-9.

More examples of “The angel of The LORD”

Genesis 22:10-15 “The angel of the LORD” speaks to Abraham

(Genesis 31:11-13 “The angel of God” speaks to Jacob)

Genesis 48:15-16 “The angel” is equated with the God of Abraham

Exodus 3:2-21 “The angel of the LORD” appeared to Moses in the bush

****Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19** “The angel of God”/The LORD in a pillar of cloud and fire
Compare to Jude 5; and James 2:1

(Exodus 23:20-21 “The angel”; compare to John 17:11)

Numbers 22:31 “The angel of the LORD” appears to Balaam

Judges 2:1 “The angel of the LORD” that swore a covenant
And led his people up out of Egypt

Zechariah 3:1-4 “The angel of the LORD” has taken away sin

Jesus as Judge

John 5:22-23; “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent Him.”

*The Flood (Genesis 6-8)

*Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:23), “The LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—**from the LORD** out of the heavens.”

Examples of Jesus [YHWH] talking in the OT or equated with YHWH

Zechariah 12:10

“They will look on me, the one they have pierced...”

Zechariah 14:3-4

“Then the LORD will go out...on that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.”

Malachi 3:1

“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come says the LORD Almighty.”

Applications:

- 1) Studying the Trinity will immunize you against heresy. This is a “life and death” issue “Unless you believe that I AM, you will indeed die in your sins.”—John 8:24
80% of people currently in Christian cults used to attend Christian churches
- 2) To know God, you need to understand Him as He is: Triune. And Jesus is the revelation of God to mankind (Col 1:15, John 1:18, II Cor 4:4) Do you want to see the Father? Look at Jesus! (John 14:8-9). It is difficult to know and love someone that you do not objectively know. [give example of me stating that I love my wife, but I don’t know her name or what color hair or eyes she has!] [give example/application of JW or others who may claim Christ but do not know who He is] [give example of how we enjoy a sport’s game more when we know the names of the players, their stats, and their history]
- 3) To be conformed into the likeness of Christ (Rom 8:29), we need to behold Christ and meditate on His glory (I John 3:2-3)
Romans 8:29; “For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...”
I John 3:2-3: “...But we know that when He appears, *we shall be like Him*, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”
We become like what we worship!
“Those who make them [idols] will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.” Psalm 135:18; Psalm 115:8
II Corinthians 3:13-18; 4:6
“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (*II Cor 3:18*)

“A continual view of the glory of Christ will have the blessed effect of changing us more and more into the likeness of Christ. Perhaps other ways and means have failed to make us Christ-like. Let us put this way to the test.”---John Owen.
[See other Owen quotes pp.22-25]
- 4) What we need, what the church needs, is a big intracardiac injection of Jesus. The disciples on the road to Emmaus had their hearts burning within them after seeing Jesus in the OT. At the time, they did not know that the man who was speaking to them was Jesus Himself! Do you want your heart to burn within you for Jesus? Have we forsaken our first love? (Rev 2:4)
- 5) Jesus is The Way to heaven, AND to spiritual life, and there is NO other way. Jesus said that He is God and rose from the dead to confirm it all. And He also said, “I AM the Way, and The Truth, and The Life, no one comes to the Father, except through me.” [John 14:6]. Not only is Jesus The Way to salvation, but He is The Way to spiritual life for the Christian.

Jesus in the Old Testament summary:

- ① **Messianic prophecies (>300)** [Seed: Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3
Messiah King: Genesis 49:10; Numbers 24:17; Deut 18:15-17]
- ② **The Trinity in the OT** (“Shades”: Genesis 1:26, Genesis 1:1)
(Direct: Isaiah 48:9-16; Psalm 110:1; Psalm 2:12; Psalm 45:6-7; Isaiah 9:6) (OT saints believed in Trinity; Manoah, Nathanael, Joseph [Mary’s husband])
- ③ **Jesus is God** [see Proving the Deity of Christ: [word](#) | [pdf](#)]
- ④ **Jesus is “I AM”** (John 8:24; 28; 58; 18:5,6,8; Ex. 3:14)
- ⑤ **Jesus is the God that appeared to, and was the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua, etc. He is the “angel of the LORD” who is God Himself.**
(Gen 48:15-16)
- ⑥ **Jesus is the God that led His people out of Egypt.**
(Jude 5, I Corinthians 10:4)
(Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19, Judges 2:1)
- ⑦ **Jesus is the Judge of the OT**
(John 5:22, Genesis 19:23)
- ⑧ **Jesus is the seed** (Galatians 3:16)
- ⑨ **Y’shua: Jesus’ name in the OT** (Isaiah 62:11; Jonah 2:9)
- ⑩ **Jesus and His life is portrayed in the similitudes of the Old Testament (“Types”)**

John 1:45; “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

John 1:49; Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are *the King of Israel*.”

Zephaniah 3:15; “...The LORD, *the King of Israel*, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.”

Summary:

If Jesus is the God of the OT, then go over salvation of OT Jews and current prayer to “God” with rejection of Jesus

The Seed: Galatians 3:16, “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ.” See EadsHome Ministries Resource on “The Seed”

Jesus and 3rd day resurrection in the OT:

Luke 24:45-46; “Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ...”

Matt 12:39-40; “...But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Hosea 6:1-2

Genesis 22:4

(Exodus 19:11,16)

Typology and Christ:

Introduction: Hosea 12:10; “I spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions, and told **parables (KJV—similitudes; Heb.—damah—compare, resemble, liken)** through them.” (ex. Romans 8:3; “...God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man...”) Christological Typology is the study of people and stories in the Old Testament which represent Jesus Christ and prophetically live out key events in Christ’s life on earth.

[Christological Typology is defended in John’s Gospel:](#)

The Glory of The LORD in the Tabernacle: Numbers 14:10 and John 1:14

Lamb of God: Genesis 22:8 and John 1:29

Jacob’s ladder: Genesis 28:12 and John 1:51

Moses and the serpent in the Wilderness: Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-15

Living water for the sheep: Genesis 29:2 and John 4:13-14

I AM: Exodus 3:14 and John 4:26; 8:58 and more...

“These are the Scriptures that testify about me...” John 5:39

“...for he [Moses] wrote about me [Jesus]” John 5:46

Manna: Exodus 16:14-35 and John 6:32-33,58

The Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22 and John 8:56,58

**Jesus Himself used parables to teach spiritual principals in the NT. Should we expect that the Eternal Word would not also do so in the OT??

Accounts in the OT are ❶ True stories, which are accurate historically ❷ Have wonderful spiritual application for us ❸ Are about Jesus. Example: **Matthew 2:15/ and Hosea 11:1; “Out of Egypt I called my Son”; Exodus out of Egypt and Jesus as a child leaving Egypt

Genesis 22:1-19 (“The offering of Isaac)—see John 8:56 and Hebrews 11:17-19

Offering of Isaac account	Type
Abraham	The Father
Isaac	Jesus
Servant(s)	Holy Spirit
Wood for the offering	The cross of Christ
3 rd Day	Resurrection Day
Ram (adult male sheep)	Jesus
Mountain	Golgotha

Genesis 24

A bride sought for Isaac	Type
Chief Servant Eliezer (Gen 15:2) Eliezer means “God is my helper” see Ex. 18:4	The Holy Spirit
Abraham	The Father
Isaac	Jesus
Rebekah (Bride)	The Church

Genesis 37/39-47

Character in Joseph account	Character in arrest, trial, crucifixion of Jesus
Joseph	Jesus
Joseph’s brothers	The nation of Israel/Judas
“Multi-colored coat”	Royalty garment of Jesus
Ishmaelite merchants	Pharisees
20 shekels of silver	30 “silver coins”/drachmas
Rueben	Peter
The cistern Joseph was thrown in	Cistern Jesus was in at Caiaphas’ house
Potiphar	Pilate
Potiphar’s wife	Pilate’s wife
Pharaoh	Caesar
Egyptian jail Joseph was in	Jesus’ death
Bread baker	Body of Christ / one of the criminals on the cross
Wine server	Blood of Christ / The criminal that “lived”
Joseph when out of jail	Glorified Jesus after His resurrection
Jacob	Jesus’ earthly father, Joseph

Cities of refuge: (Numbers 35:6-28, Deut 19:1-13, Joshua 20-21)

West of the Jordan: Kedesh in Galilee (Naphtali)
 Shechen in Ephraim
 Kiriath Arba [Hebron] in Judah

East of the Jordan: Bezer in Reuben
 Ramoth in Gilead (Gad)
 Golan in Bashan (Manasseh)

Goel [Avenger of blood /Kinsman Redeemer] represents: **Jesus**
 City of Refuge represents: **Jesus**
 High Priest represents: **Jesus**

Daughters of Zelophehad: (Numbers 26:33, 27:1-11, 36:1-13)

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Judah
Perez
Hezron
Ram
Amminadab
Nahshon
Salmon
Boaz
Obed
Jesse
King David



Solomon
Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa
Jehoshaphat
Jehoram
↓
Uzziah
Jotham
Ahaz
Hezekiah
Manasseh
Amon
Josiah

Jehoiachin (See Jeremiah 22:24-30)
Shealtiel
Zerubbabel (See Haggai 2:23)



Joseph



Nathan



Mary



Jesus

Applications:

① I Corinthians 2:2 (Jesus Christ and Him crucified)

Centrality of Jesus and His crucifixion in the Bible...And in our lives!!!

There is an object to our “faith”, and our “beliefs”, There is an object to our “prayers”, There is a Giver of “grace”. Our “religion” is in JESUS!

We don't have “faith”, We have JESUS!

HIS NAME is JESUS

② Without Jesus:

There is nothing worth living for

And there is nothing worth dying for

With Jesus:

I have a reason to live!

And I have a reason to die!

Jesus gives meaning to life...and death!!