

Theme: Christ is the focus and fulfillment of the entire Old Testament. The major people, places, and events in the Old Testament are types and shadows of the reality that is found in Christ, and through Him all believers inherit the Old Testament promises.

## I. Introduction

### A. Christ: The Focus and Fulfillment of the OT

1. Theme: Christ is the focus and fulfillment of the entire Old Testament, and we should expect to see Him in its pages and to find its fulfillment in Him.
2. Text: John 5:39
3. Reading: Acts 13:32-39

### B. Typology: Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

1. Theme: The major people, events, and institutions of the Old Testament are types and shadows that point forward to and are fulfilled in Christ.
2. Text: Colossians 2:16-17
3. Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

## II. Christ and the Offices of Israel

### A. Christ and the Judges

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the judges, the ones who God sent to deliver His people from bondage and to turn them to Him.
2. Text: Judges 2:10-19
3. Reading: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

### B. Christ and the Priesthood

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the priesthood, He is superior to the old priests, and He has made all of us priests in the new covenant.
2. Text: Hebrews 7:17-28
3. Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

### C. Christ and the Prophets

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the prophetic office, He is superior to the old prophets, and He has given us the Spirit to enable us to speak God's word in the new covenant.
2. Text: Deuteronomy 18:14-22
3. Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16

### D. Christ and the Kingship

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of the kings of Israel, David's Greater Son who rules the people of God and extends the kingdom of God.
2. Text: Psalm 110:1-2
3. Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

### **III. Christ and the Worship of Israel**

#### **A. Christ and the Law**

##### **1. Christ and the Moral Aspect of the Law**

- a. Theme: The moral law finds its focus and fulfillment in Christ, Who perfectly displayed the character of God, delivered us from the curse of the law, and enables us to fulfill the Law by His Spirit.
- b. Text: Matthew 5:17; Romans 3:31
- c. Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

##### **2. Christ and the Ceremonial Aspect of the Law**

- a. Theme: Christ is the focus and fulfillment of the ceremonial aspects of the law, and He enables His people to walk in true holiness.
- b. Text: Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 9:9-10
- c. Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

##### **3. Christ and the Sacrificial Aspect of the Law**

- a. Theme: The sacrificial system finds its focus and fulfillment in Christ, the true Lamb of God, Who cleanses our sin and enables us to offer spiritual sacrifices to God.
- b. Text: John 1:29
- c. Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18

#### **B. Christ and the Temple**

1. Theme: The Temple finds its focus and fulfillment in Christ, Who is the fullness of God and the atoning sacrifice for sin, and Who makes His people to be God's temple.
2. Text: John 2:13-22
3. Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

### **IV. Christ and the Nation of Israel**

#### **A. Christ and the Nation of Israel**

##### **1. Christ: The True Son of God**

- a. Theme: Israel, who was called the son of God, finds its focus and fulfillment in Christ, the True Son of God Who has made us to be God's children.
- b. Text: Mark 1:9-11
- c. Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

##### **2. Christ: The True Seed of Abraham**

- a. Theme: Jesus is the True Seed of Abraham, and all of the promises made to Abraham and his seed find their fulfillment in Christ and the Church.
- b. Text: Galatians 3:16
- c. Reading: Galatians 3:21-29

3. The Church: The Fulfillment of Israel in Christ (Part 1)
  - a. Theme: In Christ, the True Israel, the church is the fulfillment of Old Testament Israel, the people of God.
  - b. Text: Genesis 17:7-11; Romans 2:28-29
  - c. Reading: Galatians 6:12-16

4. The Church: The Fulfillment of Israel in Christ (Part 2)
  - a. Theme: In Christ, the True Israel, the church is the fulfillment of Old Testament Israel, the people of God.
  - b. Text: Galatians 6:16
  - c. Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

## B. Christ and the Promise Land

1. Christ and the Land of Israel (Part 1)
  - a. Theme: In Christ, the church inherits the land promises, which have been expanded to include the whole world.
  - b. Text: Romans 4:13
  - c. Reading: Psalm 37:1-11

2. Christ and the Land of Israel (Part 2)
  - a. Theme: In Christ, the church inherits the land promises, which really pointed to heaven, of which the land of Israel was only a type and shadow.
  - b. Text: Galatians 3:16, 29; Romans 4:13
  - c. Reading: Hebrews 11:11-16
3. Christ and the City of Jerusalem
  - a. Theme: The city of Jerusalem was a type and shadow of the true city of God, the new Jerusalem, which is comprised of all those who have faith in Christ.
  - b. Text: Hebrews 11:8-16
  - c. Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

## C. Christ and the People of Israel

1. Has Jewish Israel Been Utterly Cast Off?
  - a. Theme: God is still at work among the physical Jews, and will call many of them to Christ before He returns.
  - b. Text: Romans 9:1-5; 11:25-32
  - c. Reading: Romans 1:14-17

## 2. The New Covenant: Fulfillment in Christ

- a. Theme: The old covenant of types and shadows has been fulfilled by the new covenant, which brings the reality to which the old covenant pointed.
- b. Text: Hebrews 8:1-13
- c. Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

## V. Christ and Humanity

### A. Christ: The Image of God

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of humanity's call to bear the image of God, and He is forming that image in His people.
2. Text: Genesis 1:26-27
3. Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

### B. Christ: Ruler Over God's Creation

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of humanity's call to rule over God's creation, and He calls His people to exercise that rule in every area of life and creation.
2. Text: Genesis 1:26-28
3. Reading: Hebrews 2:5-9

## C. Christ: The Last Adam

1. Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of everything Adam was called to be, and He exceeds those expectations, bringing eternal life to His people.
2. Text: Genesis 2:7; Romans 5:14; 1 Corinthians 15:45
3. Reading: Romans 5:12-21

## VI. Conclusion: Christ the Reality

- A. Theme: Christ is the focus and fulfillment of the entire Old Testament. The major people, places, and events in the Old Testament are types and shadows of the reality that is found in Christ, and through Him all believers inherit the Old Testament promises.
- B. Text: John 5:36-40
- C. Reading: Psalm 2

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