

The Complete Gospel Part 2 Gospel of Christ in the Old Testament



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Summary: Could you discuss Yeshua/Jesus using just the Old Testament scriptures? Jesus did. Early apostles did. We should SEE Jesus throughout the Old Testament. The gospel was preached from Adam onwards, to Abraham, Israel and the prophets. Learn how the Christ/Messiah is the CORE of the complete true gospel, as He is the Way into the Kingdom of God. Also check my recent blog on Messiah and sermon on the Forbidden Chapter Isa 53 and Psalm 22.

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Hello brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

If all you had were the Old Testament scriptures – called the Tanakh by Jews – would you be able to explain the Gospel of God, the GOOD NEWS? Let's say you have no New Testament available to you.

Please study my part 1 sermon on the True Complete Gospel first, before hearing this one. I try to teach *the whole counsel of God* on subjects giving all sides and showing all relevant scriptures, and not just those that make my case I'm presenting. For example, a sermon on "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God" will often show just scriptures to support that premise. A booklet like that won't talk much about the Gospel's core being about Jesus Christ, but just about what they call a coming Kingdom (though God's Kingdom has always existed, and exists now in heaven).

On the other hand, many protestant teachers speak of the Gospel of Christ a lot, but not the gospel of the Kingdom of God – which kingdom we are to seek first (**Matthew 6:33**) and **Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom** must be preached throughout the world as a witness before the end would

come (**Matt. 24:14**). Sabbath keeping groups usually do a decent job of the Kingdom of God message but preach too little about Jesus as the CORE of any good news happening! We need to repent, accept our Savior and be saved.

Again, please study my part 1 to this sermon carefully as I show in there scripture after scripture of what the early apostles actually preached the most.

The core of the true gospel SURELY has to be about Jesus. Paul said that's all he wanted to know and talk about – “Christ and him crucified” (**1 Cor. 2:2**).

Today I want to show the Complete Gospel (Good news) this time mostly from the Old Testament. This gospel message includes the promised Messiah/Savior, the favor and Grace of God to cleanse us from all sin, God's righteousness imputed to us by faith, God's kingdom which exists NOW in heaven, and always has and is coming soon to this earth, and what happens when we die, and the resurrections and on and on – and IF the Old Testament is all you had, could you DISCUSS all those issues using only the Hebrew scriptures, the Old Testament?

There are so many Old Testament scriptures about the kingdom of God being ruled from Jerusalem on earth after Messiah comes, such as Isa 2, Micah 4, Isa 7, 9, 11, 35, Malachi 3 and 4, and so many, many other chapters. We do cover a lot of those at God's Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) in case I'm rushed at the end today.

Understand the New Testament quotes directly from Tanakh (Old Testament) over 200 times! And over 1000 times if you include references to the Tanakh. Really praying more Jews will have their eyes opened to Yeshua.

But why should this even matter? Because God's Good news centers on the One who is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE into eternal life and God's kingdom and who saves us from sin and death. Look how Paul begins Romans. If we don't clearly see this in the Hebrew Tanakh or Old Testament scriptures, we could miss the promised Messiah and Savior in scripture – and when He comes. Here's what the formerly orthodox Jew (Pharisee) Paul taught:

Romans 1:1-4

“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated to the GOSPEL of GOD** 2 *which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures*, 3 **concerning His SON Jesus Christ our Lord**, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Again, listen to Part 1 carefully. The TOTAL gospel absolutely *must* include repentance and having a changed life as we seek the Kingdom of God, but that's possible only through Yeshua, the Son of God.

No Jesus Christ = no grace to be forgiven of all our sins. **No Jesus = no eternal life, given only to those who believe in HIM.** **No Jesus = no kingdom** of God coming to earth.

Yes, I want to also talk about God's kingdom, but first we must focus on the WAY into that kingdom, and there's only one Way, one door, one name, one life, one being that makes it all possible: and that's the name of Jesus, the **ONLY** name by which we are saved (**Acts 4:12**).

After all we're not saved by our own works – though we're rewarded by our works – but we are saved by Grace through faith in Christ (**Eph 2:8-10**) FOR good works (v 10).

*I'm very excited about this message today about the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of the Grace of God by which we also can be part of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. **The Gospel is all of that and more!***

I will be using the Hebrew name for Jesus – Yeshua – more than usual because I'm focusing on the good news that HE brings, using the Old Testament, the Tanakh.

We know the apostles and early brethren went everywhere preaching Christ (**Acts 8:5, 12**) AND they also preached the Kingdom of God. They were commanded to preach the gospel and if you listen to part 1, the last 1/3 of that sermon, I show what they mostly preached was Christ, because he's the WAY into the kingdom. He's the one who brings grace and truth (**John 1:17**).

A true complete rendition of what the full gospel message is includes everything said about it. One booklet I reviewed lately quotes Acts 20:25 for example, but skips verse 24 and its description of the Gospel.

Acts 20:24-25

“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, **to testify to the GOSPEL of the GRACE OF GOD.**

25 **“And** indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.”

I hope you'll come to KNOW your Savior better by the end of this message. That's what **Paul wanted most: "That I may know him..." (Phil 3:8-11, especially verse 10)**. So I'm very excited. God's word wants us to know He's been at the CENTER of the Plan of God From Adam onwards!

Do we realize the Gospel was preached way back then, from the day Adam and Eve were created, to Noah's day, to Abraham's day, to the Israelites and the prophets? I'll show you all that today, as follow-up to Part 1.

But before I go to the Old Testament, I want to show that Jesus basically said so much of scripture was really about HIM. This is a central point to grasp.

Notice Jesus' wording to the 2 disciples on the **road to Emmaus** after his resurrection. The 2 unnamed disciples were very upset that their hero Messiah had been crucified. They didn't recognize Jesus. Notice Jesus' words:

Luke 24:25-27

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.**"

The phrase "gospel of the kingdom" is used only four times. It's the good news of, or about, God's kingdom. The phrase "gospel of Christ" – the good news also of, or about, Christ – is used 12 times. Jesus certainly spoke often of himself, his mission and purpose, especially in the book of John.

Jews wanted to understand eternal life. So that's what the discussion was with **Nicodemus** in John 3. And the **rich young ruler asked Jesus**, "Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life" (**Luke 18:18**). They studied the Hebrew scriptures they had, *but didn't recognize their Messiah in those same scriptures, so they missed HIM, the WAY into eternal LIFE.*

John 5:37-40

"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, **because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.**

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

40 But you are not willing to come to ME that you may have life."

Then in vs 45-47:

"Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you — Moses, in whom you trust.

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?"

Luke 24:44-49

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms CONCERNING ME**". 45 *And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.*"

Yeshua is basically saying that the core of the good news in the Old Testament Tanakh certainly was focused on him. Jesus should also be our focus as well. But Jews in his day didn't see it and many don't today. Pray like verse 45 says, for God to open their understanding.

True Complete Gospel

I summarize the core of the full gospel close to what Paul said in **1 Cor. 2:2** and **15:1-8**:

"The True gospel is Jesus Christ – the One Name and the Way - crucified for our sins to be forgiven and resurrected for our new creation eternal life in him, by which we are saved to be a real part of the good news of the Kingdom of God".

That's why Paul said he wanted to know nothing but Christ and him crucified (**1 Cor. 2:2**). Me too. *But the full complete true gospel must include the good news, the wonderful news also about the Kingdom of God.* But there's no entrance into it without Christ, as HE is the WAY, the truth and the Life (John 14:6)

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the wonderful spirit Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50).

The bulk of the early preaching in the book of Acts when you honestly put all the scriptures together, was preaching Christ. I cover this heavily in my

part 1 on the Gospel. **Peter** focused on Jesus in his Pentecost sermon **Acts 2**. **Philip** preached Christ in Samaria (**Acts 8:5**) *and* the kingdom of God (v.12).

Preaching Christ was Saul's (Paul) first sermon (Acts 9:20) after his conversion in **Damascus**, showing Jesus was the Son of God and our Savior. That remained his continued focus for the rest of his life. The many examples of preaching Christ are in Part 1. There can be no Kingdom of God without Christ, remember.

Apostle Paul's focus (who was a Pharisee, orthodox Jew)

- He was willing to give up everything “that I may KNOW HIM (Yeshua) and the power of HIS resurrection...” – Phil 3:8-11
- Here's how he summarized all his focus:
1 Cor. 1:23 – “...for we preach Christ crucified...”

1 Corinthians 2:2

“For I determined *not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified*”.

- **In 1 Cor. 15:1-8** Paul recounts for them what the gospel was that he preached, -please read it yourself as I'll display it here. It was all about the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, for salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

So I define the GOSPEL – the Good News – the same way: Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected for me so I'm redeemed and forgiven. He was resurrected to be MY LIFE in him, so I can stand pure and righteous before God IN Christ, who is my life and my righteousness now.

And later in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul discusses the kingdom of God and our own resurrection to spirit bodies for “flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God” (1 Cor. 15:50). So we have to have spirit, immortal bodies.

Thus, because of Jesus, I am confident I will be in the Kingdom of God and helping set it up throughout the world. *The Kingdom of God is a vital part of the full wonderful gospel, good news -- finally giving peace to a tired, sick, violent world.*

Was the Gospel preached in the Old Testament?

- **Hebrews 4:1-2** says the gospel was preached to us as well as to Israel.
- **Gal. 3:7-9** says the gospel was preached to Abraham and Jesus himself said Abraham “rejoiced to see my day”. So let’s go to the very beginning.

Everything pointed to Messiah Yeshua, Jesus Christ.

Gen 2- the creation of Adam. Romans 5:14 says Adam “was a TYPE of him who was to come.” So Adam was a picture of the One who would be the first one resurrected as God’s son as a life-giving spirit (**1 Cor. 15:45**).

Adam was the first fleshly man; Jesus is the first to be declared God’s son (**Romans 1:3-4**) by his resurrection from the dead. And remember we’re told that Yeshua/Jesus is the first among many brethren (Romans 8:29).

Romans 8:29

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of ***His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.***”

LET’S START FROM The VERY BEGINNING

We’ve already shown Adam was a type of Him to come (**Rom 5:14**).

I believe even the **Tree of LIFE** was a huge part of the gospel in the Old Testament pointing to Yeshua the Messiah! WHY and how was it pointing to Christ? He said HE is the LIFE (**John 14:6 – the Way, the truth and the Life**). Also John 1:4; John 6:33, 51, 57, etc.)

The first recorded spoken good news was the Promise of victory over Satan the serpent, spoken by God against him, after Adam sinned.

Genesis 3:15 NIV

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

This is the first mention of the Gospel of Christ, fulfilled four thousand years later. God’s promise happened as Yeshua died for us on **Golgotha** – the place of the SKULL. “He will crush your head”. Remember that? Yeshua’s crucifixion crushed Satan’s plans – at the place of the skull, Golgotha (**Mark 15:33**).

It took a while, four thousand years -- but God is not bound by our clock and calendar. When He gives a promise, it is a sure thing. But even then, God gave Adam and Eve wonderful, good news and hope. Before expelling them out of Eden, God Elohim did something so beautiful.

God sacrificed an innocent sheep perhaps, and so they saw innocent blood spilled for the first time, and God covered them with the skin of that animal. This pointed to the Lamb of God who will take away the sin of the world by dying for our sins for us, and his body would be our covering. **Psalm 32:1** says blessed is the man whose sin is forgiven and covered. The Gospel again!

Genesis 3:22 Legacy Bible

“Then Yahweh God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them.”

I have no doubt Genesis 3:22 is a verse Yeshua used to explain his calling to the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus, which remember was all about HIM.

Noah’s ARK

In Genesis 6 we read of Noah’s Ark. It was the only way to be saved from the global flood. If you weren’t in that massive ship, you were going to die! **The ARK was a picture of Christ. It had only ONE DOOR (Gen.6:16)** to get you inside to save you from the worldwide flood and all the other things that were happening.

WHO is that one door? Jesus. “I am the DOOR” to the sheepfold (John 10:9), He said. There’s NO other name given under heaven by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). The ark pictured the one way.

Abraham

When we come to Abram – later Abraham – Jesus said this about him: **“Abraham rejoiced to see my day” – John 8:56**. This sounds to me like Yeshua explained his future mission to Abraham. God appeared to Abraham several times and this of course had to, again, be Jesus appearing as YHVH.

Because NO one has seen God MOST High, the Father --but MANY have seen YHVH the Word. (John 1:18; 6:46; 1 John 4:12). Abraham saw the LORD.

YHVH *appeared* to Abram in **Gen 12:7**, and again in **Genesis 17:1 when Abraham was 99 years old, and 18:1**. This could not have been God the Father or God Most High, again- as no one has seen the Father Most High (John 6:46; 1:18). The YHVH that Abraham SAW, had to be the Word who was with God and was also God. **John 1:1-3**.

There are several times when Jesus appeared in the Old Testament in other forms – called “**theophanies**”, meaning visible manifestations of God to humankind. One of those times was as Melchizedek.

GEN 14 MELCHIZEDEK appeared. He was the High Priest of God MOST High. This was Jesus Christ coming to welcome Abram after God gave him victory over the five kings. Melchizedek presented symbols of Messiah’s MISSION: *bread and wine, which is at the core of the gospel.*

Jesus said he was “the BREAD from heaven” (John 6:32,33) and at Passover he reminded them, this “bread is MY BODY, *given for you, eat of it...*” (Luke 22:19). And his cup of wine – “is the New Covenant in my blood”. (Luke 22:20). *There’s more on Melchizedek in Hebrews 5:5-11 and chapter 7.*

Genesis 14:18-19

“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth....”

King of Salem. “Salem” means peace, where we also get the root word for shalom. It’s a picture of God’s Good News for the one and only Jerusalem (Psalm 76:2). God loves Jerusalem. Melchizedek was a theophany, a king and priest with no father or mother and who lives forever.

Right after that YHVH appeared to Abram again in a vision this time and explained that He would not accept Ishmael as the promised Seed. So Gen 15:6 is also a huge part of the gospel of the Grace of God (Acts 20:24):

Genesis 15:6

“And he [Abram] believed in YHVH and He accounted it to him for righteousness”.

Now go read on your own study **Romans 4:18-25**. Gen. 15:6 was not just for Abram but for all of us who believe in *Jesus, that his righteousness will be*

credited to us also! We don't have to live in a life feeling defeated, feeling unworthy. HE is worthy. Jesus is our LIFE (Col 3:3-4). Jesus' goodness is our righteousness, changing us, allowing us confidence into the Kingdom of God.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming," says YHVH,
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:
The LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Praise you, Master, praise you our King!

Then YHVH again appeared to Abram in Genesis 17:1 and 18:1.

Genesis 18:1-2 LEGACY Bible and verse 2 with NASB

"Then **Yahweh appeared to him** by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day".

"When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and **when he SAW them**, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth,

But remember, we're told at least three times that **no human has ever seen God the Father (John 1:18; 6:46; 1 John 4:12)**. But Abraham did see this YHVH. So this proves the Word of God – Yeshua – was also called YHVH and was also God. God Most High is YHVH never seen but the Word was seen.

So this YHVH whom Abraham SAW and had dinner with, was the future Jesus, who is also GOD. But God the Father is also YHVH and is God MOST High; **there's only one GOD KIND. And the members of the God Kind are not all equal. God MOST High is "most High"**. The Word of God became flesh (John 1:14) and Jesus said God his Father is GREATER than he is (**John 14:28**).

In fact, God Most High is the **GOD OF** Jesus (**Eph 1:3, 17; John 20:17**). I don't often hear that preached, because it totally destroys the Trinitarian teaching of 3 persons in ONE, all equal. They are definitely not equal.

Ephesians 1:17a

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“that **the GOD of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory...**”

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No doubt in the various times YHVH appeared to Abraham, God must have taught him about the role the coming Savior would play. No doubt in the near-sacrifice of ISAAC this could have been explained.

John 8:56-58

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

The next verse shows the Jews of his day understood his “I am” to mean he was claiming to be God, so they began to pick up stones to try to kill him.

ISAAC

The story of nearly sacrificing Isaac is in Genesis 22. *This clearly is a prophetic picture of the Gospel of Christ.* The big points that pointed to the gospel of Christ in Isaac’s story – the good news of/about Jesus – are these:

- Isaac was the only son of Abraham who counted – as John 3:16 says God also gave HIS only begotten son for us.
- Isaac was not a child anymore, but between 20-33 years old, plus/minus
- **Isaac “carried the wood” (Gen 22:6) as Jesus carried his cross.** To carry all the wood needed up a mountain/hill for a burnt offering indicates he was not a young child, as often depicted. Josephus the historian says he was 25. Commentator Jamieson/Fausset/Brown says he was over 20 years old. Adam Clarke – says 33 years old. So Isaac certainly was not a young boy – but was a young, strong man who willingly submitted to, and had absolute trust in his father.

Genesis 22:5-8 NKJV

“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.**”

As an important sidebar, this is the FIRST time the word “Worship” is mentioned in scripture. The “Law of First Mention” tells us the first time a word is used in the Bible, it often gives us profound insight. **Worship.** Here *there was no choir, no group singing, no P.A. system, no stage, no fancy lights or video or screens* – just a 120+ year old man and his 20+ year old son – who wanted to go and give to God everything he required: the life of Abraham’s one and only son, whom he loved, in obedience to God. Worship

means to bow your head down low and humbly give your all to God. Worship is us submitting everything to Yah with a bowed head and heart.

This is a prophecy for the Messiah, the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But in this case, God had no Plan B. There was no ram in the bush for God's son – just his beloved SON, his perfect SON, in severe pain on the cross, dying for you and for me, paying our own death penalty. And Father gave us HIS Son to be our redemption, our forgiveness, our righteousness and our new creation life in him. Hallelujah. What good news! It's all here, somewhat in code, **in Genesis 22.**

Praise you Father, for your amazing love for all of us humans. Praise you.

Continuing in Gen 22:6-8

"So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; 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." So the two of them went together.

Genesis 22:11-12

11 But the Angel of YHVH 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.***"

(Sounds like John 3:16 – "God so loved the world, that ***He gave his one and only son...***") Then this is repeated in verses 15-17, then the good news message is spelled out in verse 18 as God tells Abraham:

Genesis 22:18

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

Apostle Paul explains that this "SEED" pointed to Yeshua (**Galatians 3:16**), the Savior – who will bless all nations by his death and resurrection for us, of all who will repent, make huge changes in their lives and accept him as Lord.

The Passover Lamb was Yeshua

Next, as we skip ahead to the book of EXODUS – we find more. Moses was a type of Messiah as prophet, Judge, Mediator and more.

Then we come to Exodus 12:5-11, another prophetic picture of Jesus in the Passover Lamb or kid of the goats. Israelites were to keep the PERFECT lamb without blemish for four days, just as believers had to wait 4,000 years for the Messiah to fulfill His role as the Passover Lamb of God.

Then the lambs were slain, and their blood smeared on the top lintel and 2 side posts of every door to every Israelite home. When the angel of death came through the land at midnight, it would Pass Over the homes that were protected by the blood of the Lamb – which pictured Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God (**John 1:29**) *without blemish* (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**). Those Passover lambs pictured the Gospel of Christ, good news that our sins are passed over by God when we come under His blood.

“WHEN I SEE The BLOOD – I will PASS OVER you”

Exodus 12:5-11

“Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 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. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire – its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. **11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.”**

Now let's continue....

Exodus 12:12-13

“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 YHVH.

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.”

What a perfect picture for the perfect Son of God, the Lamb of God, slain for us as our Passover. (1 Cor. 5:7b). This fulfilled perfectly **Isaiah 53:7** – like a sheep going for its slaughter. And **Isa 53:6** – “God laid on HIM the iniquities of us all”. Indeed, worthy is the Lamb. What wonderful good news for us.

**Moses, plus the Rock, the sacrifices and the animals,
the tabernacle – all pointed to the Gospel of Christ**

Now later, **MOSES prophesied a great prophet like himself** would come to Israel – **Deut. 18:15-19. Jesus was that prophesied prophet. If not him, who else could it be?**

The ROCK that was struck and gushed water was a part of the gospel in the Old Testament – pointing to the Savior (1 Cor. 10:4). He was to be struck just once, then was supposed to be spoken to. Christ will not be crucified twice. Ponder that one. (**Exodus 17:5-6; Hebrews 6:4-6**)

ALL the sacrificial animals – all of them – were part of the gospel of Christ, as they all pointed to Yeshua, to Jesus. The Bull, the sheep and their lambs, the goat, and dove– all pictured the Son of God and various aspects of his ministry and sacrifice. That’s worthy of a Bible study by itself.

The **FIVE SACRIFICES** also all pictured Christ. We could go on and on.

You see, the gospel is not just the kingdom of God, but starts with the good news of Christ Jesus, pictured by these sacrifices and the sacrificial animals.

The Tabernacle itself, everything in it – every aspect of everything – pictured Jesus and his life and purpose. The one door, the altar of sacrifice, the bronze laver for washing, the menorah, the table of shewbread, the altar of incense, the VEIL into the holy of holies, the Ark itself and the mercy Seat above the law 10 commandments etc.

All of it was pointing to the good news of Jesus. Praise you, hallelujah.

BRONZE SERPENT

Later in the wilderness, Israel complained about having no water again and that they were tired of “this worthless bread” (Num 21:5). So this angered God – whom Paul said was really Christ (1 Corinthians 10:9) who sent in very

poisonous snakes, as most translations put it. The snake bite apparently was hot and fiery. Look how this pointed to the crucified Christ.

Numbers 21:6-9

“So YHVH 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 YHVH and against you; pray to YHVH that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then YHVH 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.”

Notice something very important here. *All they had to do to be healed was to -- LOOK. Simply look. Look to the serpent on the pole. Yeshua later said this was picturing HIM, who ‘became sin for us that we may be the righteousness of God in Him’ (2 Corinthians 5:21). This was a picture of faith and believing in Jesus, trusting in Him totally for our spiritual and physical healing.*

John 3:13-15

“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

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.”

Then comes **John 3:16 – how God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son – and as long as we look to him, believing, we are saved.** Yes, even when he is depicting the serpent himself! Just GAZE upon Yeshua, in loving repentance, and you will be healed spiritually and physically.

This all spoke of the crucifixion and **becoming sin for us as 2 Cor. 5:21** says. This spoke of how God’s grace/favor is his GIFT to us, if we just believe and look to Jesus. This in turn, crushes the serpent’s head.

MOSES pictured Jesus drawing us out of spiritual Egypt. Moses was also their leader, prophet, judge and mediator – all pointing to Yeshua.

JOSHUA certainly pictured Yeshua. His full Hebrew name was Yehoshua – which gives us our English Joshua – who saves us and leads us

into the Promised Land as Jesus/Yeshua leads us into the kingdom now. There's no clearer depiction of Yeshua and his good news than this!

There are SO many more scriptures, dozens of places pinpointing the Messiah.

- **The virgin birth.**

Some faiths ridicule the idea of a virgin giving birth. If you feel this is a New Testament idea... no it isn't. It comes straight from the Hebrew scriptures, the Tanakh – in the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the LORD *himself* will give you a sign: **The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son**, and will call him Immanuel”.

(**The Jewish Tanakh** says, “... behold *the young woman is with child*, she shall bear a son, and she shall call his name Immanuel.”)

Virgin or young woman, in any case this was going to be a *sign* from the Eternal, and the little one to be born would be **Immanuel, “GOD with us.”** This was to be not just anybody, but “*GOD* with us” – the meaning of “Immanuel”. Get that. GOD with us. This also was fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:26-35

“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of **Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a VIRGIN** betrothed to a man whose name was **Joseph, of the house of David**. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, **that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.**”

HERE ARE more – fulfilled by Yeshua. If not him, who has?

- The Messiah/Savior would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- He'd have a forerunner come preparing the way before him (Isa. 40:3)
- Yeshua's ministry would begin in Galilee of the Gentiles. (Matt 4:12-17)
It was the backwoods area of Judea. Despised, looked down on.

Isaiah 9:1-2

“Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed,
As when at first He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward more heavily oppressed her,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
In Galilee of the Gentiles.

**2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.”**

There are SCORES MORE prophecies fulfilled in and by Yeshua. If Yeshua was not the promised Messiah, who is? Nobody else has fulfilled all the scriptures.

Just as Joshua pictured Yehoshua or Yeshua – so did the name of his betrayer picture what was really happening: Jesus was despised and rejected by his own TRIBE Judah. His betrayer's Hebrew name was YEHUDAH or Judah. Judas is the Greek form of the name Judah. His betrayer was Judah.

The wounds between his arms were given to him “when I was wounded in the house of my friends” (Zech 13:6). *Oh God, we pray for our brothers and sisters of Judah – that you will remove the veil that covers their eyes* from seeing who Jesus is, Yeshua haMashiach is – their Savior and Messiah.

ISAIAH 53 Death of the righteous suffering Servant of God

In this chapter, we have described for us the Righteous Servant who dies for us all. It was perfectly fulfilled by Jesus the Christ, as God's anointed one for us.

This passage clearly shows the Messiah was supposed to die when he came the first time. SUPPOSED to – according to the Jews' Hebrew scriptures.

If Isaiah 53 wasn't fulfilled by Jesus, who ELSE could Isaiah 53 be talking about? I wrote a BLOG on “the forbidden chapter” – Isa 53 is never read in the synagogues. Never. Nor is Psalm 22. See blog.

JEWS – please avail yourself of Isa 53 and read it by yourself.

If Isaiah 53 isn't talking about Yeshua, who IS it talking about? And this chapter also shows us there must be TWO COMINGS of the Jewish Messiah, the anointed one. The first time, he came as a humble servant who dies. SO the prophecies about setting up a kingdom – must be the 2nd coming.

In my same blog about “the Forbidden Chapter”, I also discuss in more detail Psalm 22 – which describes and foretells how he would be crucified; written 1,000 years before there were such things as a crucifixion.

PSALMS 22 CRUCIFIXION prophesied

It mentions his hands and feet are pierced; casting lots for his clothing; spitting on him and cursing him while on the cross. It starts with his pitiful cry to Father, “My God, my God, WHY have you forsaken me.” Be sure to read this chapter on your knees as you praise God.

You can add Isaiah 50: 6 to the prophecies of Psalm 22 about the Messiah.

Isaiah 50:6

**“I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.”**

RESURRECTION

Psalms 16:8-10

“I have set YHVH always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.

**10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, [the grave]
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”**

Indeed, Yeshua was resurrected on the 3rd day.

There's SO MUCH more about the Gospel/good news of Yeshua, the Son of God. And again, don't forget, especially in the book of John, chapter after Chapter, **Yeshua elucidated on himself – he is our life, he is the Bread** from Heaven, the Good Shepherd, the way, the truth and the life, the Door and the Vine. We hear his voice and he gives us life more abundantly.

And he is going to be the King of Kings coming again – this time to set up the kingdom of God on earth and rule from Jerusalem. But it boils down to even

the Kingdom of God is about the RULERSHIP, ruling with justice, love, mercy and fairness. Come Yeshua, COME!

Daniel 7:13-15

"I was watching in the night visions,
**And behold, One like the SON OF MAN, [Tanakh: one like a man]
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.**

14 Then **to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.**
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed."

2nd coming is when Isa 2 and Micah 4 will be fulfilled.
Zech 9:9 AND verse 10 – which happens when he RETURNS.

Zechariah 9:9-10

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
**He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.**

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
**He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'**

We'll end it with that. The gospel – the good news of the son of God coming as a man to save mankind, to live a perfect life and die for us all, and be resurrected to be our righteous new creation life in him, by faith. Praise God.

His promises truly are GOOD NEWS ... and then He'll set up the kingdom that will rule the earth in righteousness and peace at His second coming.