

“Jesus Christ in the OT”
Luke 24:25-27, 44-45; John 5:39

Introduction

Some 304 have been fulfilled in Jesus at His first coming. The remaining will be fulfilled at his second coming.

The Scriptures contain some 456 O.T. prophecies of the Messiah. There are six in the Pentateuch alone beginning with Gen. 3:15.

Some prophecies are as much as 1200 years old. Prophecy is written history before it happens.

I. Exposition [vv. 25-27]. Two Disciples

v. 25: He called them “fools” and “slow of heart.” They were unwise and dull in the Word, slow to comprehend or stupid.

vv. 26-27: He explained the Scripture to them [expound].

1. Jesus is the theme of every book of the Bible, and in its context for them, in every OT book- From the Law, the prophets, and the Psalms [v. 44].
2. Contained in these books are Scriptures that predict His sufferings, death, and resurrection. He came to save lost people from the slavery of sin and its consequences.
3. Jesus explained the OT Scriptures to them. The only thing that will clear up misunderstanding and confusion is a clear explanation of Scripture.

He confirms what he expounded to the two disciples [v. 27] and the disciples told the apostles [v. 35]. Here we see the 3 main divisions of the OT.

II. Enlightenment [vv. 44-47].

He opened their understanding that they might see “all” the Scriptures not just “some” of the Scriptures [Ps. 119:18; Isa. 29:18-19; 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 3:14-16].

Warren Wiersbe says, “Jesus opened their understanding to comprehend all these Scriptures. In fact, this is a chapter full of opened things: opened tomb (v. 12), opened home (v. 29), opened eyes (v. 31), opened Scriptures (v. 32), opened lips (v. 35), opened understanding (v. 45), and opened heavens (v. 51).”

III. Scriptures.

1. Gen. 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Here we see the Eternal Triune God in the OT- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Elohim is plural. You have the Father, the spirit hovering over the waters, and Jesus who created (vs. 3-4).

Warren Wiersbe states, The Hebrew name for God in Gen.1:1-31 is *Elohim* — the name of God that links Him with creation. The basic root of the name is *El* which means “mighty, strong, prominent.” In Gen. 2:4 we have “LORD God” which is *Jehovah Elohim*. *Jehovah* is the covenant name of God and links Him to His people.

Col. 1:16, For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Here we see the Eternal Godhead or the trinity all involved in creation.

2. Gen. 1:26, And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

“Us” is not angels because we were not created in the image of the angels (Gen. 3:22; 11:7; 18:1; 19:24).

This suggests both communion and consultation among the members of the Trinity. This also signifies perfect agreement and clear purpose in the Godhead.

God is one but in three distinct persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three God with distinct roles and functions (Deut. 6:4; Isaiah 48:12-16).

Notice all three Persons of the Trinity in verse 16—**the Lord BBC says-** “The Lord GOD and His Spirit, **and Me** (i.e., Christ). Here the subject turns almost imperceptibly from Cyrus to his Antitype, the Lord Jesus, who will deliver the nation from their worldwide dispersion at His Second Advent.)

The NT revelation lets us know who “Us” is.

John 1:1-2, 14, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 6:27, “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Heb. 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

John 14:16-17, And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I have shown you 6 OT prophecies of Jesus as God the Messiah and the trinity.

Next week we will begin with Gen 3:15