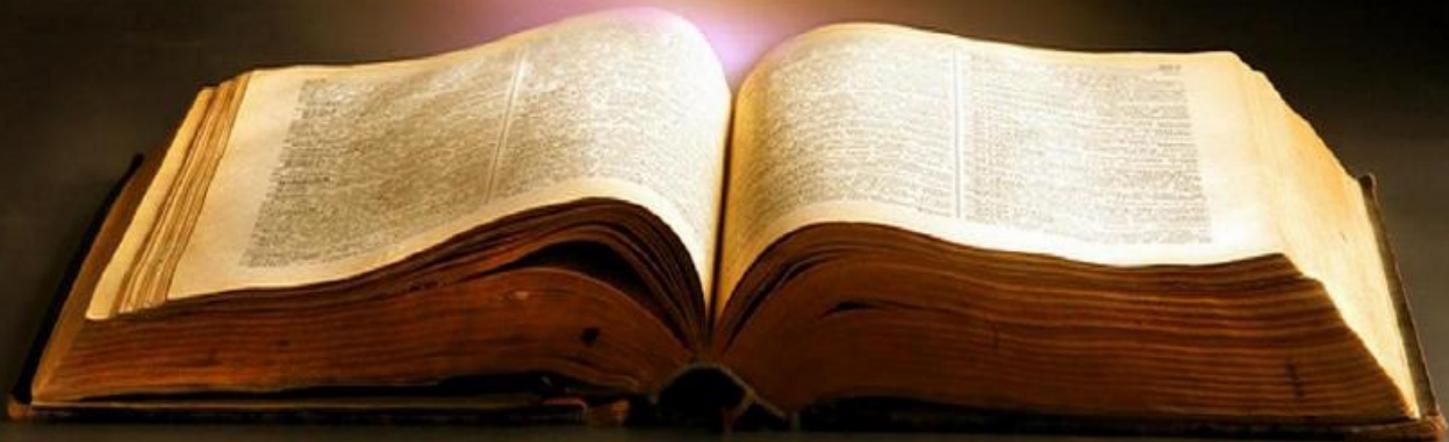


# SANDERSTEAD BIBLE WEEK

*'Finding Jesus Christ in the Hebrew Scriptures'*

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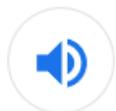


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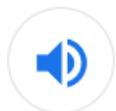


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**personare = per + sonare**

- 1. per = through, by means of**
- 2. sonare = make a sound, utter a voice**

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit  
the Old Testament prophets  
sometimes "personate" Jesus.

This means that instead of speaking *about* Jesus,  
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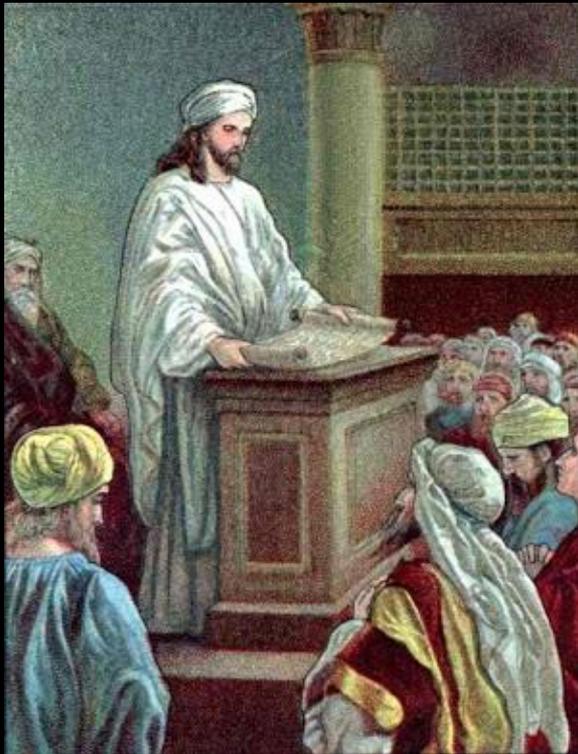
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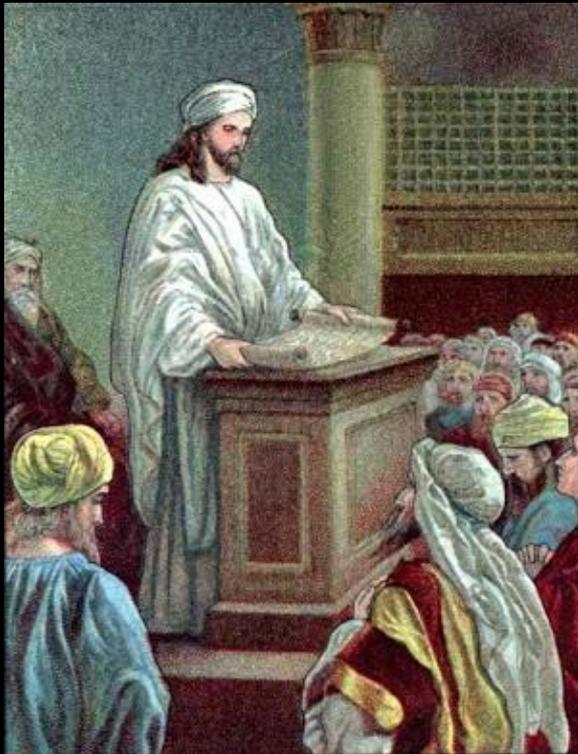
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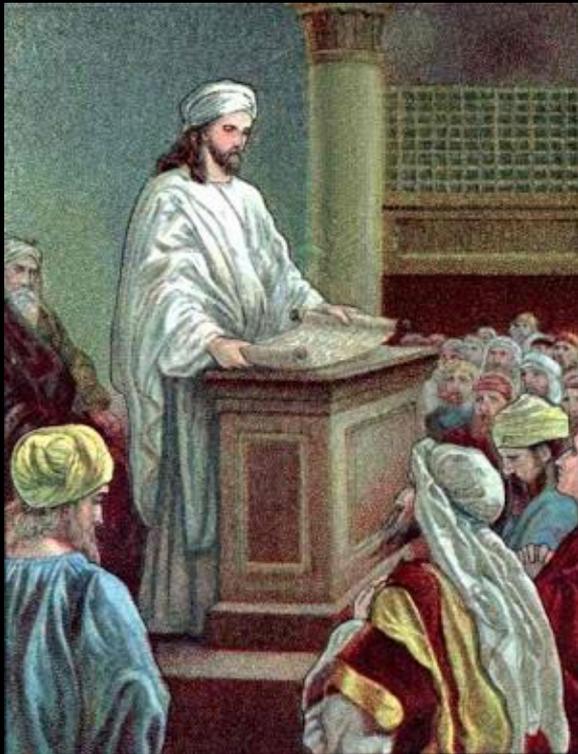
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# Peter's Pentecost Speech [Acts 2]



Joel 2, to explain the coming of the Spirit

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## Psalm 16

***A miktam***<sup>[a]</sup> **of David.**

1       Keep me safe, my God,  
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Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:41



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**Psalm 16:10 = Acts 2:27**

## Acts 13:35-37

<sup>35</sup> So it is also stated elsewhere:

“You will not let your holy one see decay.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup> But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.



Psalm 22:22 = Hebrews 2:12

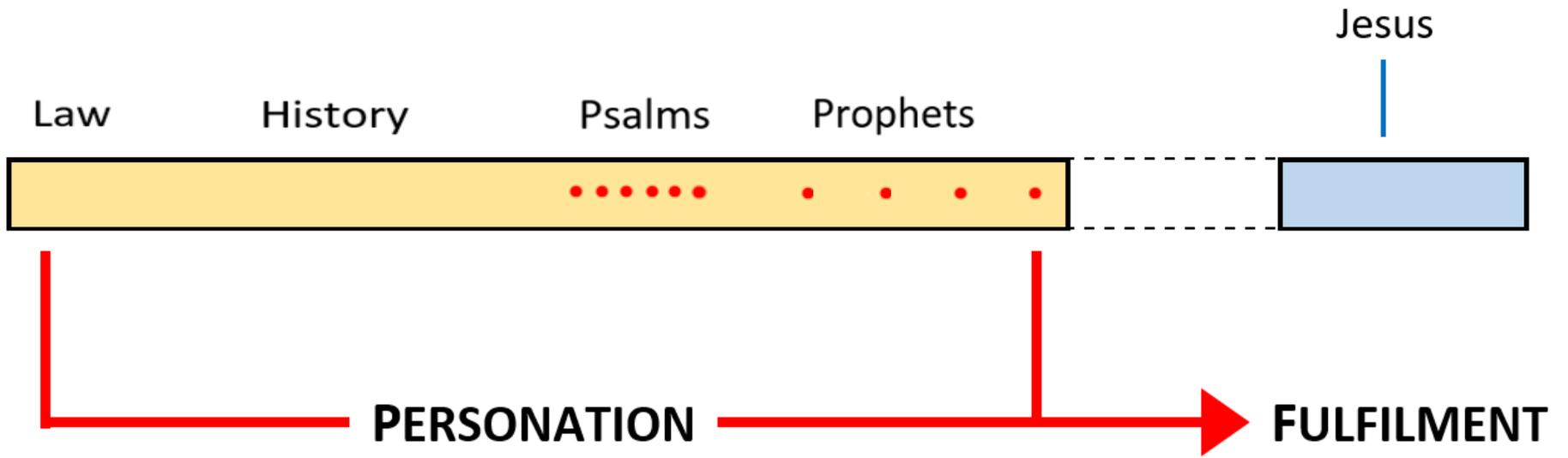
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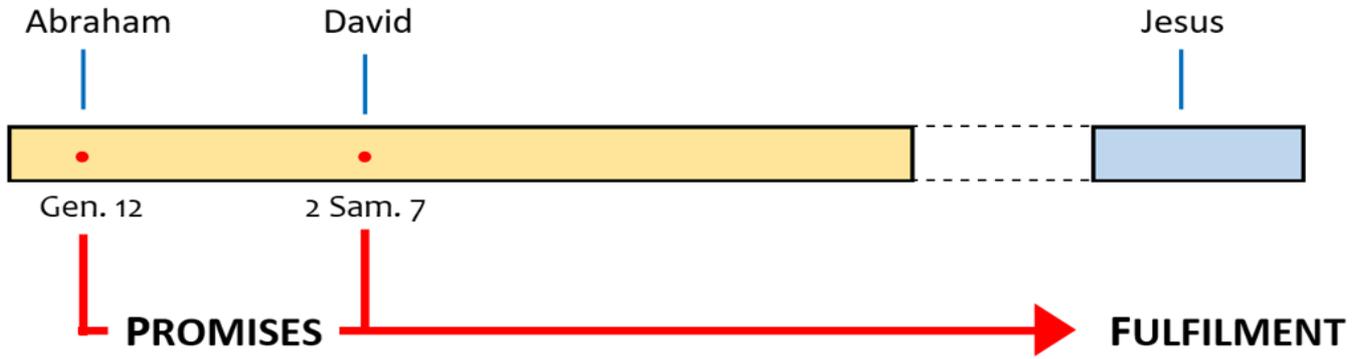
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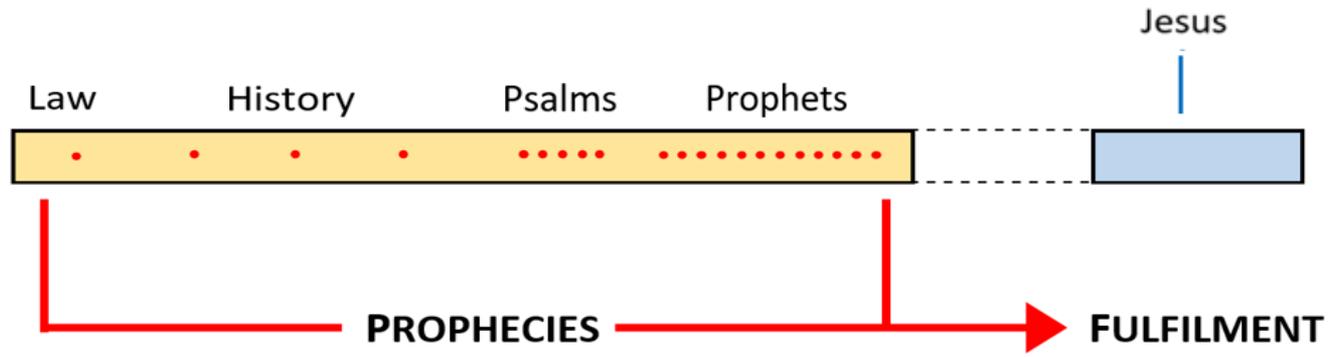
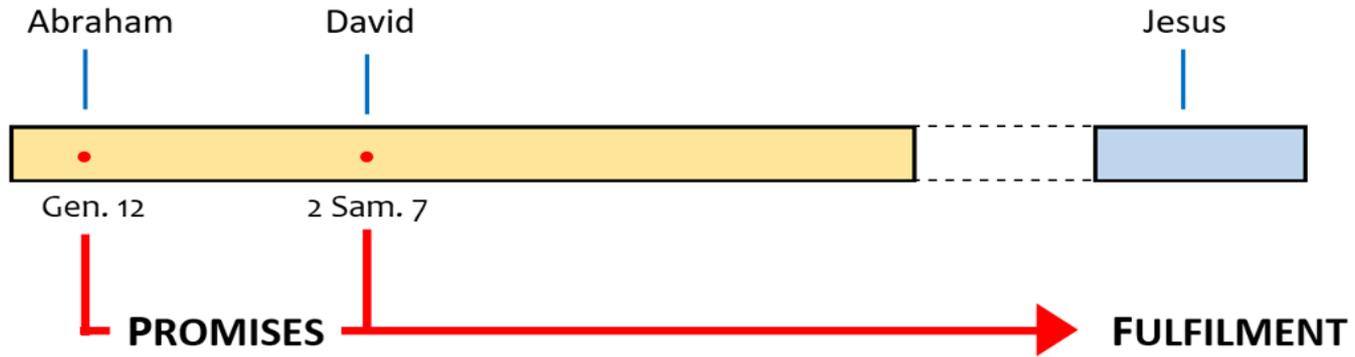
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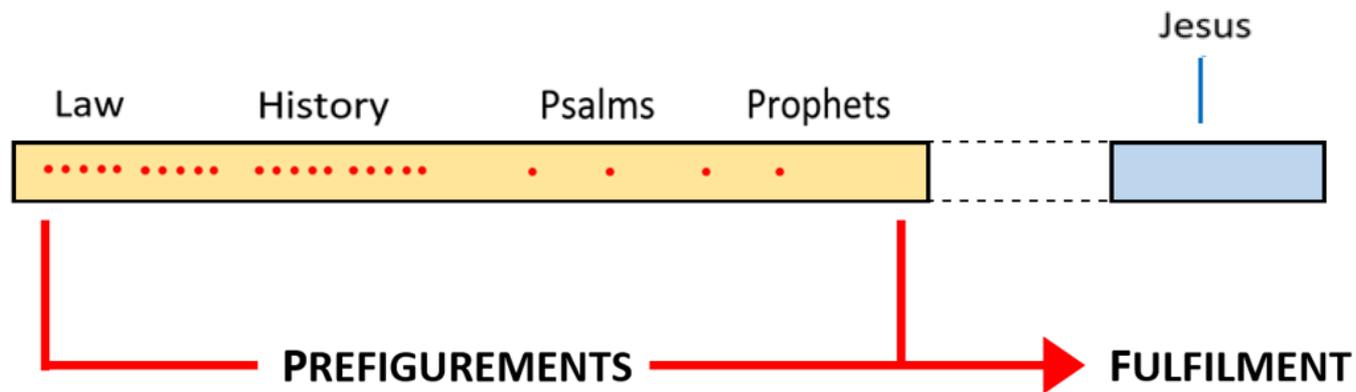
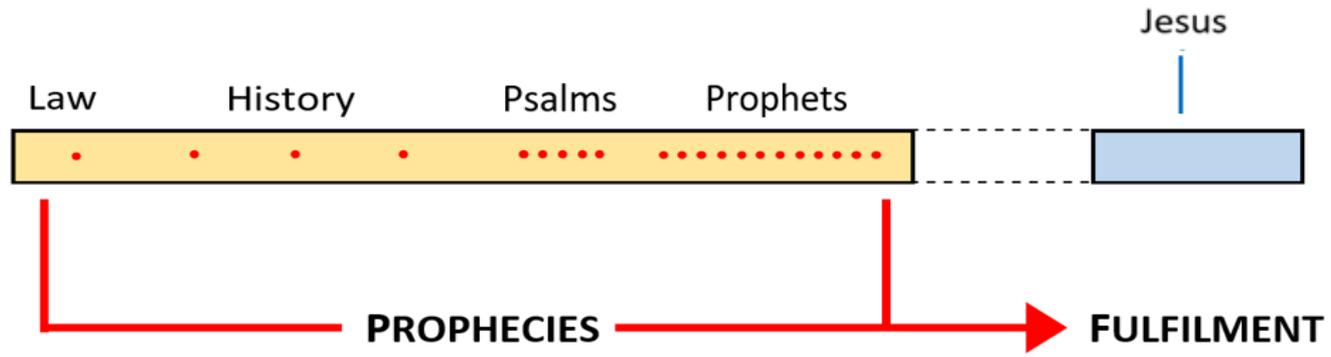
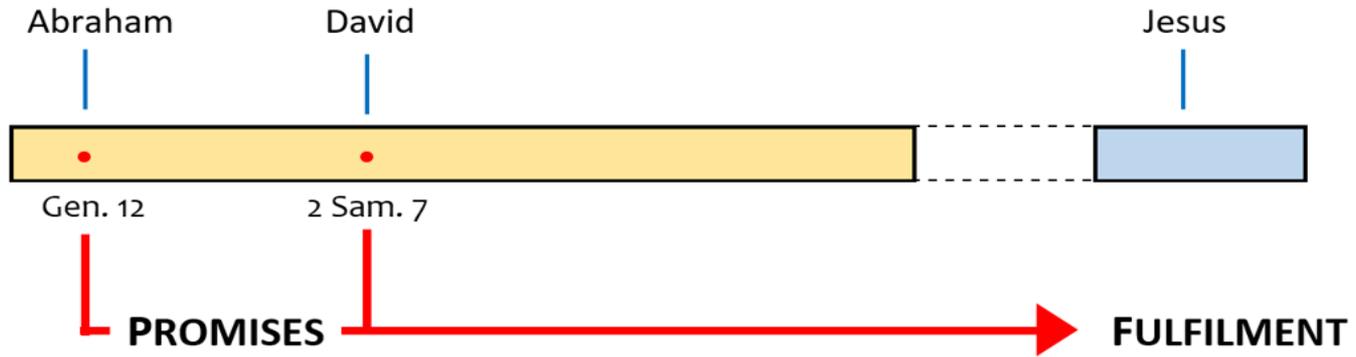
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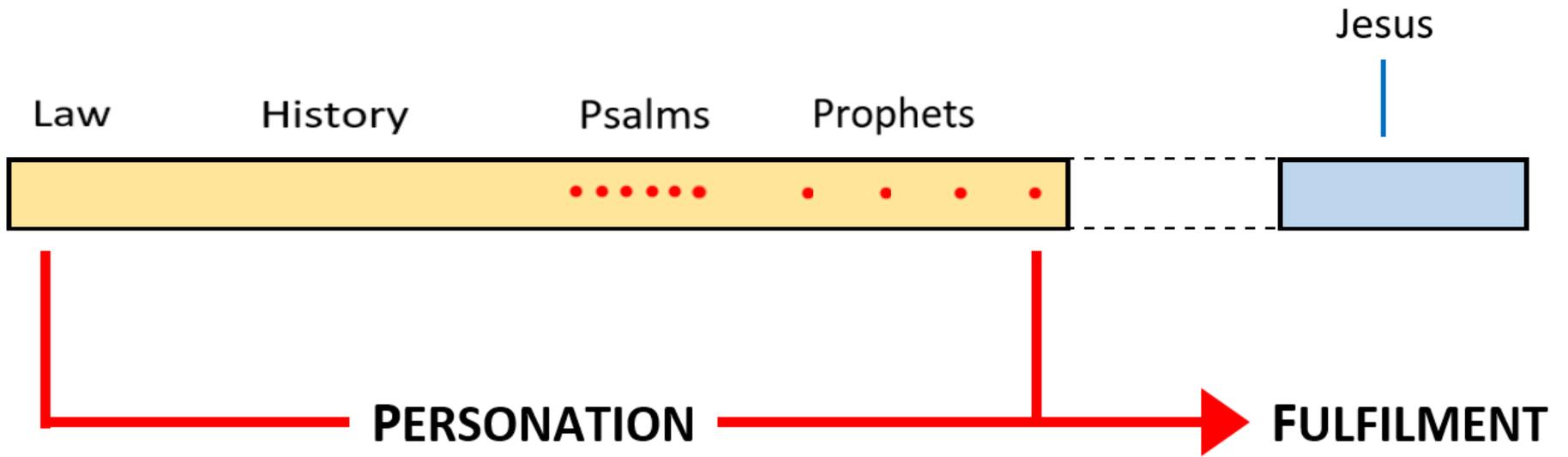
‘the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me’











- **Prophecy** – speaking about the Christ to come
- **Prefiguration** – showing the Christ to come
- **Personation** – speaking as the Christ to come

John 5:46

‘If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me’.

Luke 24:44

‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms’.

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