

# THE BOOK OF JESUS CHRIST

There are doubtless many believers in the world who view the Old Testament as a somewhat obsolete collection of tales, poems and prophecies from the Old Covenant era, and who find it accordingly difficult to relate to the subject matter, or appreciate its ongoing relevance. Indeed, there are many who admit to struggling to read anything before Matthew in their Bibles. Then there are those who are aware of the reality of Jesus Christ permeating through both testaments, and hence we have sayings such as "*the Old Testament is Christ concealed, and the New Testament is Christ revealed.*" And indeed, such assertions are wholly true. However, the matter is often left at that, as a rather abstract concept that is not fully fleshed out, nor learned from as much as it might be. So then, it seems appropriate to give an overview of exactly how Jesus Christ is foreshadowed, concealed and signified in the Old Testament, to establish and further investigate this important truth. With this purpose in mind, I have compiled a basic list of various Old Testament persons, and the manner in which they foreshadow Jesus Himself. This is not an exhaustive list, nor are people the only instrument by which Christ is foreshadowed in type - for He is present in many other ways, from Noah's Ark to the Ark of the Covenant. And more obviously, when moving beyond types and shadows, He is ever present in the multitude of prophecies throughout the Old Testament that point to Him. This list of people is collated in order to elaborate on the theme of His continued presence from Genesis to Malachi, and present it in such a way as to put the matter beyond refutation and lend it further emphasis by placing so many significant characters together. The character descriptions are combined with the fulfillment of Jesus Christ Himself, to show both type and antitype together.

It is worthy of remark that there are some characters (and some individual parts within a character's narrative) that provide more of a foreshadowing (such as the life given by the bones of Elisha), whereas some also provide a contrast between the carnal and the spiritual, the Law and the Spirit, and the old and new Covenants. For instance, Samson's death is a wonderful illustration of the aforementioned contrast, inasmuch as he was blind, and stretched out his arms while asking God for revenge upon his enemies, destroying the temple and killing many more by his death than in his life. This provides a startling contrast to Jesus Christ, who was (and is) full of spiritual sight, and stretched out His arms upon death while asking God to forgive His enemies, allowing His own temple to be destroyed and saving many more by His death than in His preceding life. This contrast between old and new finds mention in Paul's second letter to the saints at Corinth:

*And we have such trust through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; **for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.** (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)*

It is also summed up in the remarkable parallel between the day the Law was given, and the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was given:

### **The day the Law was given:**

*...then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.<sup>27</sup> And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'"<sup>28</sup> So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And **about three thousand men of the people fell that day.** (Exodus 32:26-28)*

### **The day the Spirit was given:**

*Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."<sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."<sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly<sup>[g]</sup> received his word were baptized; **and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.** (Acts 2:38-41)*

Let us then explore some of the characters of the Old Testament, see how they relate to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**ADAM:** The man made in the image of God, whose bride came from his own body, from whom a new race of men came. The man whose single act had consequences for the whole human race.

### **Adam:**

*Then God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all<sup>[b]</sup> the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."<sup>27</sup> **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;** male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;<sup>3</sup> **who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person,** and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself<sup>[a]</sup> purged our<sup>[b]</sup> sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,<sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (Hebrews 1:1-4)*

**Both:**

*But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)*

**ABEL:** The shepherd, and bringer of the perfect offering, the sacrificial lamb, murdered by his jealous brother/fellow Jews.

**Abel:**

*Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering. (Genesis 4:2-4)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. (Hebrews 7:26-27)*

*But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup> Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:11-14)*

**Both:**

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24)*

**ENOCH:** Walked with God, and taken into heaven/received testimony from heaven as pleasing unto Him.

**Enoch:**

*By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; <sup>[a]</sup> for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God (Hebrews 11:5)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He<sup>c]</sup> saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:16-17)*

**NOAH:** His righteousness and obedience brought forth a place of safety from the aforementioned judgment (which is Christ Himself, typified by the Ark) - a new creation was bound up within that place of safety, bringing the promise of a new earth.

### **Noah:**

*Then God spoke to Noah, saying, <sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” (Genesis 8:15-17)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup> Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)*

**ABRAHAM:** The friend of God and man of faith who left the glory of his father’s house, so that there might come forth a people of promise, too numerous to count.

### **Abraham:**

*Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— <sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” (Genesis 22:15-18)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:9-10)*

**ISAAC:** The miraculous son and promised seed. Offered as a sacrifice and received back from the dead (metaphorically in the case of Isaac).

**Isaac:**

*And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.*

<sup>10</sup> *Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac.”* <sup>11</sup> *And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son.* <sup>12</sup> *But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.”* (Genesis 21:9-12)

**Jesus Christ:**

*Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.* <sup>16</sup> *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed, <sup>[d]</sup> who is Christ.”* (Galatians 3:16)

**Isaac:**

*By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,* <sup>18</sup> *of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”* <sup>[d]</sup> <sup>19</sup> *concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.* (Hebrews 11:17-19)

**Jesus Christ:**

*Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.* <sup>30</sup> *But God raised Him from the dead.* <sup>31</sup> *He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.* <sup>32</sup> *And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.* <sup>33</sup> *God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus.* As it is also written in the second Psalm:

*‘You are My Son,*

*Today I have begotten You.* <sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>34</sup> *And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’* (Acts 13:29-34)

**JACOB:** Received the birthright that the natural man (typified by Esau) despised. Saw/spoke of angels ascending and descending from heaven. Labored in love for His promised bride. Brought forth twelve sons/apostles.

**Jacob:**

Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and **behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.** (Genesis 28:10-12)

**Jesus Christ:**

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **hereafter<sup>[j]</sup> you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**" (John 1:50-51)

**JOSEPH:** Betrayed by his brothers/Pharisees at the behest of Judah/Judas (which is the same name in Hebrew) into suffering unjustly, for a price of silver. Raised up to the throne of God (typified by Pharaoh). Entered in upon his ministry around thirty years of age.

**Joseph:**

**So Judah said to his brothers,** "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. <sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and **sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver.** And they took Joseph to Egypt. (Genesis 37:26-28)

**Jesus Christ:**

Then one of the twelve, called **Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests** <sup>15</sup> and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And **they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.** <sup>16</sup> So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. (Matthew 26:14-16)

**Joseph:**

**Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.** And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)

**Jesus Christ:**

Now **Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age,** being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph. (Luke 3:23)

**BENJAMIN:** The son of sorrow (Ben-Oni), who became the son of the right hand.

**Joseph:**

Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor. <sup>17</sup> Now it came to pass, when she was in



hard labor, that the midwife said to her, “Do not fear; you will have this son also.” <sup>18</sup> And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni (literally: Son of sorrow) but his father called him Benjamin (literally: Son of the right hand). (Genesis 35:16-18)

**Jesus Christ:**

*He is despised and rejected by men,*

*A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.*

*And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;*

*He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (Isaiah 53:3)*

*So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.* (Mark 16:19)

**MOSES:** Rescued from a genocide of children, to become the deliverer of God's people from their bondage, and their leader in the wilderness places. Visited with the glory on the mountain top, and relayed the law of God to the people. His face glowed after the divine encounter.

**Moses:**

*Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.* <sup>30</sup> *So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.* <sup>31</sup> *Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.* <sup>32</sup> *Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.* <sup>33</sup> *And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.* <sup>34</sup> *But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.* <sup>35</sup> *And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him. (Exodus 34:29-35)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup> and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.* <sup>3</sup> *And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.* <sup>4</sup> *Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us <sup>[a]</sup> make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”* <sup>5</sup> *While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:1-5)*

**Both:**

But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that **the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,**<sup>8</sup> how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?<sup>9</sup> For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.<sup>10</sup> For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.<sup>11</sup> For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—<sup>13</sup> unlike Moses, **who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.**<sup>14</sup> But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because **the veil is taken away in Christ.**<sup>15</sup> But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.<sup>18</sup> But **we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:7-18)

**AARON:** The high priest. Made sacrifices for sin on behalf of the people, and ministered to God in the tabernacle. Appeared in the Most Holy Place once a year.

#### **Aaron:**

*The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should sanctify the most holy things, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him, and to give the blessing in His name forever. (2 Chronicles 23:13)*

#### **Jesus Christ:**

*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)*

#### **Both:**

*For **every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God,** that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.<sup>2</sup> He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.<sup>3</sup> Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.<sup>4</sup> And no man takes this honor to himself, but **he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.***

<sup>5</sup> So also **Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:**

**“You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.”**<sup>[a]</sup>



<sup>6</sup> As He also says in another place:

**“You are a priest forever**

*According to the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 5:1-6)*

**JOSHUA:** Same name as Jesus (Hebrew: Yeshua) The forerunner, whose leadership/ministry began at the River Jordan, bringing God's children into their inheritance, which the law (typified by Moses) was unable to accomplish. Removed the existing sin and carnality (typified by the nations of Canaan) from the chosen people (typified by the land).

**Joshua:**

*The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and **you shall dispossess them.** **Joshua himself crosses over before you,** just as the LORD has said. (Deuteronomy 31:3)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*Thus God, determining to show more abundantly **to the heirs of promise** the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, <sup>18</sup> that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might<sup>[e]</sup> have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup> This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, <sup>20</sup> where **the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus,** having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:17-20)*

**Joshua:**

*So the LORD was with Joshua, and **his fame spread throughout all the country.** (Joshua 6:27)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority<sup>[f]</sup> He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” <sup>28</sup> And immediately **His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.** (Mark 1:27-28)*

**EHUD:** Slew the flesh/carnality of man (typified by Eglon) with the double edged sword, the word of God.

**Ehud:**

*Now Ehud made himself **a dagger (it was double-edged** and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh. <sup>17</sup> So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now **Eglon was a very fat man.**) (Judges 3:16-17)*

Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. (Judges 3:21)

**Jesus Christ:**

He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. (Revelation 1:16)

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.<sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. (Revelation 19:20-21)

**GIDEON:** The obscure Israelite who came with the trumpet sound to subdue the nations (typified by Midian), breaking them as pitchers/pottery upon the ground.

**Gideon:**

So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.<sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!” (Judges 7:19-20)

**Jesus Christ:**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—<sup>27</sup> ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ (Revelation 2:26-27)

**SAMSON:** Miraculous birth. Mighty man who took the gates of his enemies. Reached out his arms in death, asking for forgiveness (and in Samson’s case, vengeance) upon His enemies, and destroying His own temple (typified by the pagan temple in Samson’s narrative), to achieve more by death than by the preceding life, destroying enmity (in Samson’s case, enemies) that separated man from God in his mind.

**Samson:**

When the Gazites were told, “Samson has come here!” they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, “In the morning, when

*it is daylight, we will kill him.”<sup>3</sup> And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. (Judges 16:2-3)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:17-18)*

**BOAZ:** Kinsman redeemer, who redeemed an alienated people (typified by Ruth the Moabite) to become his bride.

**Boaz:**

*Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.<sup>8</sup> Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself.” So he took off his sandal.<sup>9</sup> And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech’s, and all that was Chilion’s and Mahlon’s, from the hand of Naomi.”<sup>10</sup> Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife ...”(Ruth 4:7-10)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:17-19)*

*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

**SAMUEL:** Miraculous birth, devoted to God from birth. A prophet-judge., who taught the people in a circuit.

**Samuel:**

*And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. <sup>16</sup> **He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places.** <sup>17</sup> But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. (1 Samuel 7:15-17)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” <sup>5</sup> Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And He marveled because of their unbelief. **Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.** (Mark 6:4-6)*

**DAVID:** From Bethlehem. A man after God's own heart, who received the testimony that he would do all of the divine will. Faithful shepherd and warrior-king who slew the defiant self-rule of the carnal man (typified by Goliath), and established Jerusalem as the city of God, making His fortress in Zion, the pinnacle of the Kingdom.

**David:**

*After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup> And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup> And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, **‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’** (Acts 13:20-22)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. <sup>30</sup> I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and **My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.** (John 5:26-30)*

**SOLOMON:** The king of peace and man of wisdom, to whose kingdom the wealth of the nations flowed. Built and dedicated the temple of God.

**Solomon:**

*And **God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.** <sup>30</sup> Thus **Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.** <sup>31</sup> **For he was wiser than all men**—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. <sup>32</sup> He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and*

five.<sup>33</sup> Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.<sup>34</sup> **And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.** (1 Kings 4:29-34)

#### **Jesus Christ:**

When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother<sup>11</sup> did not know it;<sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.<sup>45</sup> So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.<sup>46</sup> Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.<sup>47</sup> **And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.** (Luke 2:43-47)

**ELIJAH:** Rebuilt the broken altar of true worship. Opposed false religion. Fed miraculously. Raised the widow's dead son. Taken up to heaven while his follower(s) looked on.

#### **Elijah:**

Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, **have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?**"<sup>21</sup> And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."<sup>22</sup> **Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.**<sup>23</sup> And **Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"** (1 Kings 17:20-23)

#### **Jesus Christ:**

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, **a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow.** And a large crowd from the city was with her.<sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."<sup>14</sup> Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. **And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."**<sup>15</sup> **So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.** (Luke 7:12-15)

**ELISHA:** Came after a forerunner was sent before him (Elijah/John the Baptist), but received a greater portion of spirit. His ministry began at the River Jordan. Raised the dead. Fed miraculously. Cured leprosy. Saw the divine protection that others could not see. Others were raised to life by his death.

#### **Elisha:**

Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup> And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup> So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. **And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.** (2 Kings 6:14-17)

#### **Jesus Christ:**

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. <sup>51</sup> And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish<sup>[1]</sup> by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Or **do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?** <sup>54</sup> How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" (Matthew 26:50-54)

#### **Elisha:**

Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. <sup>21</sup> So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and **when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.** (2 Kings 13:20-21)

#### **Jesus Christ:**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that **I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,** <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:7-11)

**HEZEKIAH:** Cleansed the temple. Restored worship. Set in order the service of the house of God.

#### **Hezekiah:**

In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. <sup>4</sup> Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square, <sup>5</sup> and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, **sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place.** <sup>6</sup> For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have forsaken Him, have



turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and turned their backs on Him. (2 Chronicles 29:3-6)

### **Jesus Christ:**

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. <sup>15</sup> When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. <sup>16</sup> And He said to those who sold doves, "**Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!**" <sup>17</sup> Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten<sup>[a]</sup> Me up." (John 2:13-17)

**JOSIAH:** Found the book of the Law/brought to light the true will of God, restored true worship, removed the high places and desecrated the false idols in the Valley of Hinnom (Gehenna/Hell, man's false idea of God's wrath and judgment) and purged the holy city..

### **Josiah:**

For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year **he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.** <sup>4</sup> They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. (2 Chronicles 34:3-4)

### **Jesus Christ:**

"I know your works, love, service, faith,<sup>[b]</sup> and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow<sup>[c]</sup> that woman<sup>[d]</sup> Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce<sup>[e]</sup> My servants to commit sexual immorality and **eat things sacrificed to idols.** <sup>21</sup> And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>22</sup> Indeed **I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their<sup>[g]</sup> deeds.** <sup>23</sup> I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. (Revelation 2:19-23)

**ZERUBBABEL:** The leader of the faithful remnant, builder and restorer of the fallen temple.

### **Zerubbabel:**

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:  
'Not by might nor by power, but **by My Spirit,**'

*Says the LORD of hosts.*

<sup>7</sup> *'Who are you, O great mountain?  
Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!*

**And he shall bring forth the capstone**

*With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"*

<sup>8</sup> *Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:*

<sup>9</sup> *"The hands of Zerubbabel*

**Have laid the foundation of this temple;<sup>[a]</sup>**

**His hands shall also finish it.**

*Then you will know*

*That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. (Zechariah 4:6-9)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,** <sup>21</sup> in whom **the whole building,** **being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,** <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God **in the Spirit.** (Ephesians 2:19-22)*

**JOSHUA:** Same name as Jesus (Hebrew: Yeshua). The high priest has seven eyes (typified by the stone which Joshua received), which are the seven spirits of God.

### **Joshua:**

*'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest,*

*You and your companions who sit before you,*

*For they are a wondrous sign;*

*For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.*

<sup>9</sup> **For behold, the stone**

**That I have laid before Joshua:**

**Upon the stone are seven eyes.**

*Behold, I will engrave its inscription, '*

*Says the LORD of hosts,*

*'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. (Zachariah 3:8-9)*

### **Jesus Christ:**

*And I looked, and behold,<sup>[c]</sup> in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, **having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.** (Revelation 5:6)*

**JOB:** The afflicted one, who was restored and raised to even greater glory than before His suffering.

**Job:**

And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. (Job 42:10-11)

**Jesus Christ:**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name. <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

**JEREMIAH:** The “weeping prophet” who mourned over disobedient Jerusalem and prophesied its doom.

**Jeremiah:**

“Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered.’” (Jeremiah 35:17)

**Jesus Christ:**

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” (Luke 19:41-44)

**DANIEL:** No fault could be found in him by the conspirators. Went down to the grave (typified by the pit of lions) and was raised up again unharmed because God found no fault in him.

**Daniel:**

*So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. (Daniel 6:4)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.” (John 19:6)*

**Daniel:**

*Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.” <sup>23</sup> Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God. (Daniel 6:21-23)*

**Jesus Christ:**

*“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—<sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken<sup>[c]</sup> by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. (Acts 2:22-24)*

**JONAH:** The one who was in the belly of the earth (typified by the great fish) three days and three nights, who then arose and proclaimed the message of God to an evil people, who were then shown divine mercy. Brought healing to the turbulent sinful nature of man, typified by calming the sea.

**Job:**

*And he said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.” <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, “We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it*

pleased You.”<sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, **and the sea ceased from its raging.** (Jonah 1:12-15)

### **Jesus Christ:**

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.  
<sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”<sup>39</sup> **Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.**<sup>40</sup> But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”<sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “**Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!**” (Mark 4:37-41)

### **Both:**

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”<sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah.**<sup>40</sup> For **as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**<sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; **and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.** (Matthew 12:38-41)

So then, we clearly have a "cloud of witnesses" to the foreshadowing of Jesus Christ among the characters of the Old Testament. Indeed, some are more obvious than others, but the thread is so evident and continuous, that no man could gainsay the picture of Christ that is built from the various peoples, prophecies, psalms, songs, types, shadows, proverbs and events of the Old Testament. In the words of Jesus Himself:

*You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me.*** (John 5:39)

Amen!