

**Foundations of the Faith 103**  
**Systematic Theology**  
**“Christology”**  
**Pt. 16**

## **Old Testament Prophecies of Christ**

**Introduction** - Viewing the Old Testament Christocentrically is for the Christian a divine imperative. On five different occasions Jesus claimed to be the theme of the entire Old Testament.

1. Matt. 5:17
2. Luke 24:27
3. Luke 24:44
4. John 5:39
5. Heb. 10:7

Each passage stresses a different sense in which Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

See Luke 24:25-27 & vv. 39-47.

*And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself (Luke 24:27).*

*The he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled” (Luke 24:44).*

*Then I said, “Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,” as it is written of me in the roll of the book (Heb. 10:7).*

*Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them (Matt. 5:17).*

*You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me (John 5:39).*

## FOUR CHRISTOCENTRIC VIEWS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage	Approach: Christ Viewed as Fulfilling Old Testament	Where Illustrated	Christ Viewed as
Luke 24:27, 44	Messianic Prophecy	Luke and Acts	Messiah and King
Heb. 10:7	Levitical Priesthood	Hebrews	Priest and Sacrifice
Matt. 5:17	Moral Precepts	Matthew	Prophet and Teacher
John 5:39	Salvation Promises	John and Revelation	Saviour and Lord

I want to survey the Old Testament's messianic prophecies. In the Old Testament, believers looked for the coming of a Saviour or Messiah from the very beginning. Even though the word "Messiah" (anointed one) was first used by Hannah in her song, I Samuel 2:10:

*"The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed."*

### I. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Lineage

1. Virgin Birth, Gen. 3:15
2. Line of Shem, Gen. 9:26
3. Line of Abraham, Gen. 12:2
4. Line of Isaac, Gen. 17:17
5. Line of Jacob, Gen. 25:23; 28:13
6. Line of Judah, Gen. 49:10
7. Line of David, II Sam. 7:12-16

## **II. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Birth**

1. The Manner, Isa. 7:14
2. The Place, Mic. 5:2

## **III. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Life**

1. His Forerunner, Isa. 40:3
2. His Mission, Isa. 61:1
3. His Ministry, Isa. 53:4
4. His Teaching, Ps. 78:2
5. His Presentation, Zec. 9:9
6. His Rejection, Ps. 118:22

## **IV. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Death**

1. A Painful Death, Ps. 22
2. A Violent Death, Isa. 52 & 53

## **V. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Victory**

1. His Resurrection, Ps. 16:10
2. His Ascension, Ps. 68:18

## **VI. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Reign**

- Ps. 2 & Isa. 9:6-7

## FULFILLED PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST

Topic	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
Line of Abraham	Genesis 12:2	Matthew 1:1 ; Galatians 3:16
Line of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2
Line of David	2 Samuel 7:12-16	Matthew 1:1
Virgin birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Birthplace: Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:6
Forerunner: John	Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:3
King	Numbers 24:17; Psalm 2:6	Matthew 21:5
Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Acts 3:22-23
Priest	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:6-10
Bore world's sins	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Ridiculed	Psalm 22:7, 8	Matthew 27:39, 43
Hands and feet pierced	Psalm 22:16	John 20:25
No bones broken	Psalm 22:17	John 19:33-36
Soldiers gambled	Psalm 22:18	John 19:24
Christ's prayer	Psalm 22:24	Matthew 26:39; Heb. 5:7
Disfigured	Isaiah 52:14	John 19:1
Scourging and death	Isaiah 53:5	John 19:1, 18
Resurrection	Psalm 16:10; 22:22	Matthew 28:6; Acts 2:27-28
Ascension	Psalm 68:18	Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11B

