

Theme: Christ is the focus and fulfillment of the entire Old Testament. The major people, places, and events in the Old Testament are types and shadows of the reality that is found in Christ, and through Him all believers inherit the Old Testament promises.

## I. Intro – Review and chart

- A. Lunatic, liar or Lord?
- B. Chart in handout contains key ideas/verses
- C. Hope it helps to remind you & to explain
- D. Today: wrap up series

## II. Jesus: the Focus & Fulfillment of OT

- A. Focus & fulfill of all OT – not just “messianic” parts
  - 1. Focus - John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27; 2 Tim 3:15
  - 2. Fulfillment – Mt 5:17; Acts 13:32-35
- B. He is central figure & message of OT
  - 1. Go thru each book – let them see Him!
  - 2. To miss Him is to miss everything!
  - 3. Like discussing weather – no mention of hurricane
- C. Jesus is reality – all other shadows! (Col 2:16-17)

## III. The Church: Heir of All Promises Thru Christ

- A. 2 Cor 1:20 – **All** God’s promises Yes “in Christ”

- B. The key: OT type > Christ fulfill > Church inherit
- C. **All** God’s promises fulfilled in Christ, inherited by church

## IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. A proper way to read Scripture
  - 1. Not about people & places – Christ our Hero
  - 2. Not about laws & morals – Christ the Righteous Lawgiver
  - 3. Not about types & shadows – Christ the reality
- B. A proper way to see God’s promises
  - 1. They all belong to Christ
  - 2. They all apply to us as we are in Him
- C. A proper way to see life
  - 1. Jesus is the meaning of life
  - 2. He’s not a peripheral add on – He is Life itself!

Christ the Reality

John 5:36-40

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2 Corinthians 13:14

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27

From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' So it is stated elsewhere: 'You will not let your Holy One see decay.' Acts 13:32-35

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:16-17

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Genesis – seed of woman, Abraham coming to save  
Exodus – Passover Lamb slain for us  
Leviticus – Our Great High Priest  
Numbers – a Pillar of cloud and fire to guide God's people  
Deuteronomy – the Great Lawgiver  
Joshua – Captain of our salvation leading us into our Promised Land  
Judges – great Deliverer of God's people  
Ruth – Our Kinsman-Redeemer  
Samuel – David's Greater Son, who is Shepherd over God's people  
Kings – One Wiser than Solomon, the builder of the Temple of God  
Chronicles – Our Great King, who leads, protects, and restores us  
Ezra – the Great Teacher of God's Word  
Nehemiah – the builder of God's City  
Esther – the One Who pleads before the King for us  
Job – Our Great God Whose wisdom is beyond our grasp  
Psalms – the Righteous Sufferer who teaches us how to pray  
Proverbs – Our Wisdom from God  
Ecclesiastes – the Wise teacher who causes us to number our days  
Song of Songs – the Great Lover who woos His church  
Isaiah – the suffering Servant who redeems His people  
Jeremiah – the Great Prophet calling us back to God  
Lamentations – One laments our sin and reminds us of God's faithfulness  
Ezekiel – God's new and greater Temple  
Daniel – the fourth Man walking in the fire with God's children  
Hosea – the faithful husband of an unfaithful bride  
Joel – the One Who brings the Promised Spirit  
Amos – the Roaring Lion who destroys wickedness  
Obadiah – the Destroyer of God's enemies  
Jonah – he is God's prophet calling out to the lost  
Micah – the Promised Ruler from Bethlehem  
Nahum – the Avenger of God's people  
Habakkuk – He is God Who strengthens His weak people  
Zephaniah – He is the One Who has taken away our punishment  
Haggai – He is the Desired of all nations  
Zechariah – A fountain in the house of David to cleanse from sin  
Malachi – the Sun rising with healing in his wings