

IS JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

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TO THE READER: A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. Where was Jesus during the history of the Old Testament? What was He doing? (5-6)
2. What would you say is the #1 reason God gave us the Bible? Once you think through that, read Luke 24:25-27. Did reading this change your answer? (6-9)
3. From your understanding of question 2, how can you see Jesus in the Old Testament Law? (9-12)
4. What difference does it make to look for Christ throughout the pages of the Old Testament? Or, put it this way: Daniel was a great role model, but are we to be like Daniel? (12-16)
5. Since Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament, do we need it anymore? (16-18)
6. What is the purpose of studying history, not just studying biblical history, but all history? (18-24)

7. With your answer to question 6 in mind; write how you would explain to a non-Christian how God was at work through each of the following events in the OT. (24-28)

Creation (Genesis 1-2) –

The Fall (Genesis 3) –

God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 17) –

God's Covenant at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19-24) –

God's promise to keep His Covenant and bring His people back from captivity (Daniel 9:2) –

God's promise to keep His Covenant even after 400 years of silence (Malachi 4:4-6) –

8. What does the Bible mean when it calls Jesus the "Second Adam?" Read Romans 5:12-21. (28-30)

9. Can you think of any of the events in Jesus' life that has parallels in Israel's history? For example: Israel is called out of Egypt and so is Jesus. (30-34)

After going through these questions, read the text and fill in the answers in preparation for class, noting other questions you might have. [By the way, if you do have any other questions about what you read, write them down here so you remember them at class time.]

APPLICATION

Before we came to Christ we were God enemy – the enemy of the King. (Romans 5:10) (34-37) Now, in Christ, we have peace with the King. All creation is part of His Kingdom, but only some obey the King. As His obedient servants, we have two responsibilities: the first is to reflect the image of our King by the way we live, and second, to proclaim the greatness of the King to those who live in His Kingdom but don't acknowledge Him as their King.

Therefore, how shall we then live?

- a. What things need to change in your life for you to be that shining example to others in the Kingdom? What can you begin to do to see this change happen?
- b. Who can you list as those you know who need to hear about this great King? Set up a date, this week, to meet together to share this glorious news.

For Further Study

Dr. Duguid gives a very helpful list for further study, to which one more is added:

Heirs of the Covenant: A Biblical Legacy of Faith for All Generations, Susan Hunt. Great Commission Publications, 2014.

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