

CHRIST IN THE
OLD
TESTAMENT

Church Founded on Preaching of Messiah & His Kingdom in O.T.

- Apostles: Acts 28:23b “From morning till evening he explained and declared to them the the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.”
- Jesus: Luke 24:27, 44 “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” 44 “He said to them, “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.”

III. The Study of Messianism

- The Term Messiah (Christ)
 - The “Anointed One”
 - **King** — *Luke 23:1-3 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse hem, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.” So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. Rev. 1:5 “Jesus Christ . . . The ruler of the kings of the earth.”*
 - **Priest** — *Heb. 2:17 “For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.”*
 - **Prophet** — *John 4:19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.”*

III. The Study of Messianism

- Interpretation Criteria
- Unity of the Bible

GENESIS

1. God Created the heavens & earth (Gen 1:1)
2. Sun, moon & stars govern the earth (1:14-16)
3. Sun the greater light and moon the lesser (1:16)
4. Darkness called night (1:5)
5. Waters called seas (1:10)

REVELATION

1. A new heavens & a new earth the old earth passed away (Rev 21:1)
2. Sun, moon & stars connected with the earth's judgment (6:13; 8:12; 16:8)
3. No need for sun & moon – the glory of Lord provides light (21:23)
4. No night there (22:5)
5. No more sea (21:1)

GENESIS

6. A river for the earth's blessing (2:10-14)
7. Curse pronounced (3:14-17)
8. Death entered creation (3:19)
9. Man separated - driven out of Eden (3:24)
10. Tree of Life guarded (3:24)
11. Sorrow & suffering enter (3:17)

REVELATION

6. A river of water of life from the throne of God (21:1,2)
7. No more curse (22:3)
8. No more death (21:4)
9. Man restored – “the dwelling of God is with men” (21:3)
10. Man has “Right to the Tree of Life” (22:14)
11. No more sorrow or tears (21:4)

GENESIS

12. Nimrod, rebel anti-God pagan king, founder of Babylon (10:8,9)
13. The rainbow, the token of God's covenant with the earth (9:13)
14. Sodom & Egypt, places of corruption and temptation (13&19)
15. Marriage of the 1st Adam (2:18-23)
16. The doom of the old serpent pronounced. (3:15)

REVELATION

12. The Beast, anti-Christ, the reviver of Babylon (13-18)
13. "A rainbow, [God's remembrance] encircled the throne" (4:3)
14. "... The great city which is figuratively called Sodom & Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified" (11:18)
15. Marriage of last Adam – "For the wedding of the Lamb has come" (19)
16. The doom of the old serpent executed. (20:10)

GENESIS

17. Sun, moon, and stars,
associated with Israel (37:9)

18. Abraham's seed extended to
all nations and numerous as stars
in sky and sand on sea shore
(22:17)

15. "Why do the nations rage &
the people conspire against God's
anointed . . . For His wrath can
flare up in a moment." (Ps. 2: 1,
11)

REVELATION

17. Sun, moon, and stars,
associated again with Israel (12)

18. "After this I looked and there
before me was a great multitude
that no one could count, from
every nation, tribe, people and
language, standing before the
throne and in front of the Lamb."
(7:9)

15. "The nations were angry; and
your wrath has come" (11:18)

D. The Promise-Plan of God

- Not scattered predictions
- Prediction or promise
- Separate or cumulative
- Temporal or eternal
- Universal or nationalistic

E. Some Problems in Messianic Interpretation

- Double Meaning
- Prophetic ignorance

F. Three Types of Prophecy

- Direct
- Applications
- Typical

IV. Christological Typologies in *The Lord of the Rings*