



Portraits of

CHRIST

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament

Bible Reading Plan

Week 1 – January 4/5

THE SECOND ADAM

***For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
(1 Corinthians 15:22)***

Consider as you read:

What impact did Adam have on humankind? What impact did Jesus have on humankind? How did Jesus reverse the curse on Adam? What are the implications for you?

Day 1: Read Genesis 2 and 3.

Day 2: Read Genesis 5:1-5; Romans 5.

Day 3: Read Romans 6:9; Isaiah 53:11.

Day 4: Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-47.

Day 5: Read Psalm 51.

Week 2 – January 11/12

PROPHET

The great prophet in the history of Israel was Moses, although before he died, he prophesied of a future Prophet whom the Jews came to understand to be the coming Messiah.

Consider as you read:

From your readings in the Old Testament, how did Jesus function as a prophet? In John 4, What does Jesus say to the Samaritan woman to make her believe He was a prophet? In John 4:23, Jesus makes a prophecy; what do you think this means?

Day 1: Read Deuteronomy 13.

Day 2: Read Deuteronomy 18:15–22.

Day 3: Read Hebrews 1:1-2; Acts 3:22.

Day 4: Read John 12:44–50; John 4:1-44.

Day 5: Read Psalm 105.

Week 3 – January 18/19

PRIEST

The High Priest played a critical role in the life of Israel. Jesus became a better High Priest with His once-and-for-all sacrifice.

Consider as you read:

Aaron and the High Priests that followed had serious responsibilities in the Holy of Holies. What does this tell you about the nature of God's presence? What is the sacrifice that Jesus, the great and perfect High Priest, offers?

Day 1: Read Genesis 14.

Day 2: Read Exodus 28.

Day 3: Read Hebrews 5; 6:16-20.

Day 4: Read Hebrews 7.

Day 5: Read Psalm 110.

Week 4 – January 25/26

KING

The Old Testament regularly referred to a king in the line of David whose throne would last forever. Jesus is the King of Kings.

Consider as you read:

Make a list of the glimpses and qualities of the Kingship of Jesus.

The description of King Jesus in Revelation 19 is very different from the nature of His ministry leading up to the cross.

What surprises you about this picture? How does this passage impact your worship of Jesus?

Day 1: Read Isaiah 9:1-7.

Day 2: Read Jeremiah 33.

Day 3: Read Zechariah 9; Matthew 21.

Day 4: Read Daniel 2:44-45, 7:13-14; Revelation 19.

Day 5: Read Psalm 89.

Week 5 – February 1/2

THE BRONZE SERPENT

Have you ever thought of Jesus as a serpent? Jesus did! “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

Consider as you read:

What do you learn about Jesus’ saving work from Isaiah 53?

What are the parallels between Jesus and the incident with the bronze serpent?

Have you personally “looked upon the Son of Man” for healing and forgiveness? Can you share about this with someone this week?

Day 1: Read Numbers 21:1-9.

Day 2: Read John 3:1-21; 8:21-30.

Day 3: Read Isaiah 53.

Day 4: Read 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 12:1-2.

Day 5: Read Psalm 119:1-40.

Week 6 – February 8/9

THE PASSOVER LAMB

The Passover in Exodus points to Jesus, and because of Him we are freed from God's righteous judgment.

Consider as you read:

Write down how Jesus is like the Passover lamb.

How does this story help the people of Israel, and you, understand better the saving work of Jesus?

Day 1: Read Genesis 22:1-19.

Day 2: Read Exodus 12.

Day 3: Read Exodus 13.

Day 4: Read John 1:29; I Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5:6-12.

Day 5: Read Psalm 22.

WEEK 7 – February 15/16

ROCK, LION, GROOM

A Rock, a Lion and a Groom. These symbols of Jesus in the Old Testament all speak of Jesus' role in future times. They fill us with hope that cannot be destroyed.

Consider as you read:

From Daniel 2, how does Jesus function as the rock in this dream?

What do you think Paul means by drinking from the spiritual Rock of Christ in 1 Corinthians 10?

Which portrait of Christ gives you the most hope?

Day 1: Read Daniel 2.

Day 2: Read Exodus 17; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5.

Day 3: Read Genesis 49:8-12; Revelation 5.

Day 4: Read Revelation 19.

Day 5: Read Psalm 45.

Week 8 – February 22/23

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

Consider as you read:

In Ezekiel 34, God gives a pronouncement against the shepherds of Israel. Who are these shepherds? God describes what He is going to do; how does Jesus relate to God's work?

How has Jesus been your shepherd?

Day 1: Read Ezekiel 34.

Day 2: Read John 10.

Day 3: Read Micah 5.

Day 4: Read 1 Peter 5.

Day 5: Read Psalm 23.

WHAT'S NEXT



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