

# The Old Testament

# What Is the Old Testament?

- Christian terminology for referring to the Hebrew Tanakh.
- To Jews, a collection of promises and things to come:  
Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31
- To us, a collection of promises kept.  
Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31
- But also a collections of warnings:  
1 Corinthians 10:6

# Warnings From the Past

Now these things took place as examples for us,  
so that we will not desire evil things as they did.

1 Corinthians 10:6 (CSB)

# The Old Testament Points to Christ

He told them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Luke 24:44 (CSB)

# The Masoretic Text



# The Isaiah Scroll





# Isaiah 53

[illegible]

# The Names of God (CSB)

English (Translated)	English (Literal)	Hebrew
God	Elohim	אֱלֹהִים
LORD	YHWH	יְהוָה
Lord	Adonai	אֲדֹנָי
Lord GOD	Adonai YHWH	אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה
LORD of Armies	YHWH Sabaoth	יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
God Almighty	El Shaddai	אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי



# Rest vs. Rebellion

- Rest requires **obedience**.
- Obedience requires **faith**.
- Rebellion comes from **disobedience**.
- Disobedience comes from **unbelief**.

# Adam

- Created in perfect rest.
- Responsible for maintaining the Garden of Eden.
- He had literally **one rule** to follow.
- He was warned of the consequences for disobedience.
- He did it anyway!

# Eve

- Already had the image of God.
- Had dominion over the serpent.

# Abraham

- Selected as the patriarch of God's new nation.
- Gets told to pack up and leave Haran for Canaan.
- Accepts God's promise, but puts limits on God's ability to fulfill it.
- Makes things harder.
- God's original timeline maintained despite this.

# Melchizedek

- King of Salem  
Literally: “King of Peace”
- Jesus had the likeness of Melchizedek.  
Hebrews 7:15
- Jesus was of the priestly order of Melchizedek.  
Hebrews 7:17, Psalm 110:4



# Sacrificing Isaac

- Abraham believed Isaac would be raised from the dead.  
Hebrews 11:17
- Ishmael and Hagar had already been sent away.

# Finding Rebekah

- Abraham's servant asks God to indicate the one He's already appointed.

Genesis 24:14

- Attempted delays are not tolerated.

Genesis 24:56

# Jacob

- God revealed His plan to Jacob before Jacob even professed Him as his God.  
Genesis 28:10-22
- King David (and the Messiah) did not descend through the wife Jacob valued more.
- Jacob remained steadfast in following God's directions even in the face of certain annihilation.  
Genesis 32:6-12

# Simeon and Levi

- These two acted out of human anger at Shechem.  
Genesis 34:25
- God protected Jacob and his sons as they left the area, as a promise was made earlier to Abraham.  
Genesis 35:5
- Jacob later remembers Simeon and Levi had done.

# Reuben

- He slept with Bilhah (his father's concubine) and Jacob found out.

Genesis 35:22



# Joseph

- Made sure his superiors didn't have to worry about anything.
- Did so with consistent integrity.
- Sent to Egypt to ensure that Jacob (Israel) and his clan survived the famine, thereby ensuring the covenant survived.

Genesis 45:5-8