

Lessons from the Life of Elijah



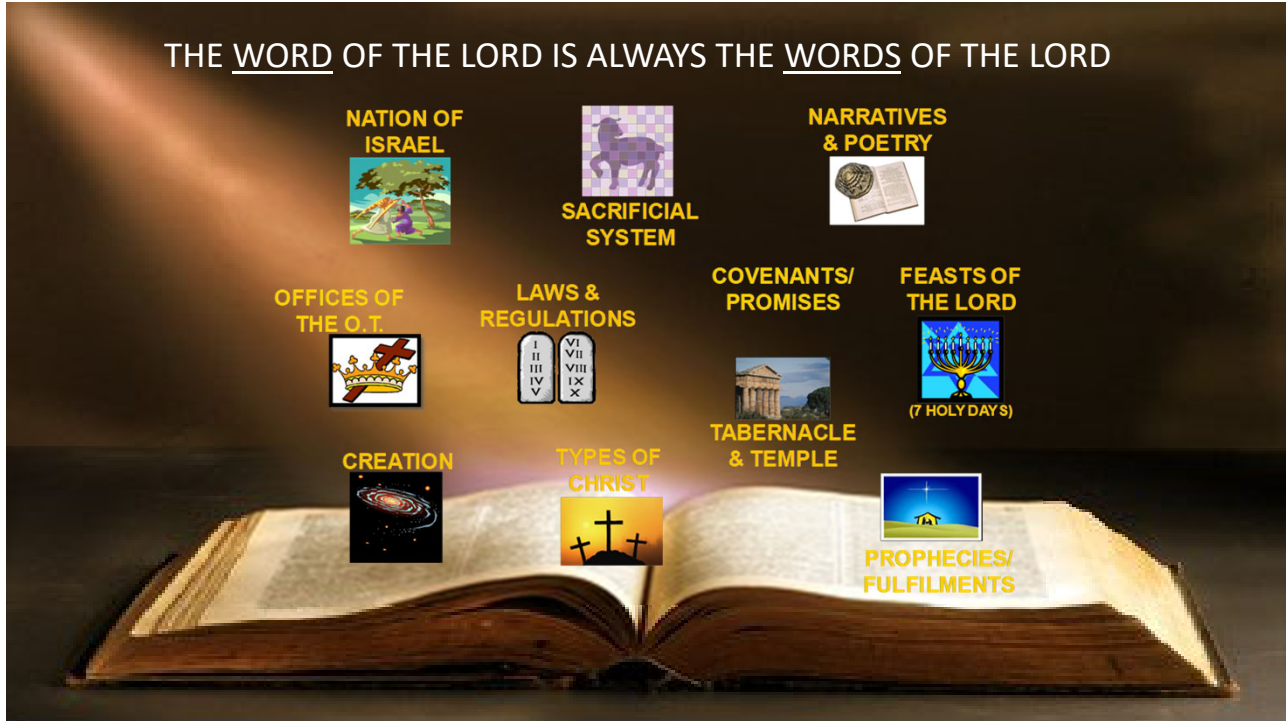
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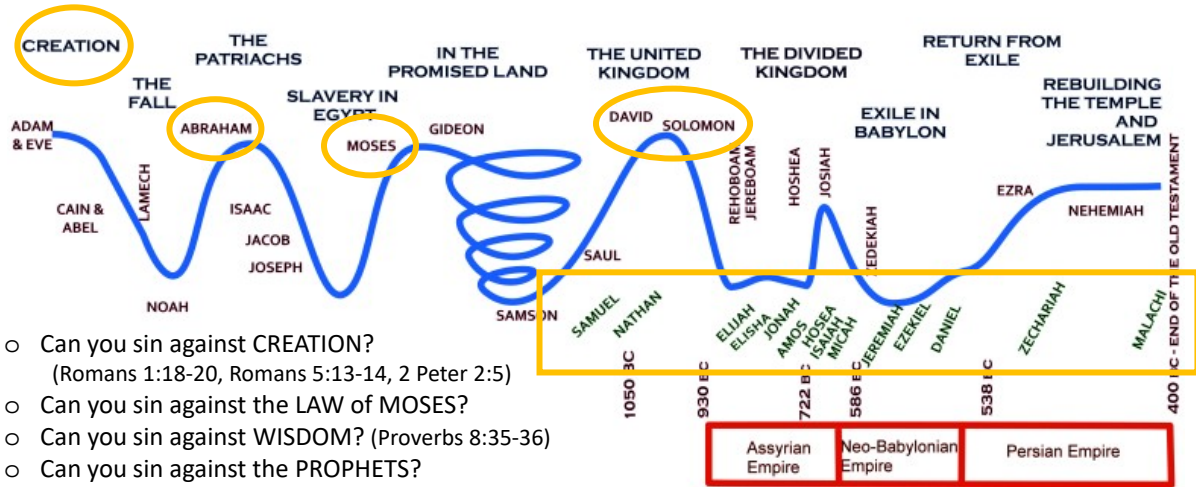
THE WORD OF THE LORD IS ALWAYS THE WORDS OF THE LORD –
BUT THE LORD’S REVELATION OF HIMSELF CONTINUES TO GROW

The evolution of the Word of the Lord in Scripture. The Word of God grows from . . .

- Creation
- To the Law of Moses
- To the entirety of Scripture
- To the Words of Jesus (an acknowledgement that Jesus is God and His words deserve to be canonized)
- To the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- In this way, the locus of the Word of God shifts from the Mosaic Law in the OT to Jesus Christ in the NT.



WHAT DID THE WORD OF GOD LOOK LIKE UNDER THE OLD COVENANT (OT)?



- Can you sin against CREATION?
(Romans 1:18-20, Romans 5:13-14, 2 Peter 2:5)
- Can you sin against the LAW of MOSES?
- Can you sin against WISDOM? (Proverbs 8:35-36)
- Can you sin against the PROPHETS?
- Can you sin against the GOSPEL of CHRIST?

WHY? BECAUSE THESE ARE ALL TRANSGRESSION OF THE WORD OF GOD!



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Jesus fulfills—fills out—the entire OT.

- ο γίνομαι **gínomai, ghin'-om-ahee; G1096**, **to cause to be ("gen"-erate)**, i.e. (reflexively) **to become (come into being)**, used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):—**arise, be assembled**, be(-come, -fall, -have self), **be brought (to pass)**, (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, + God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, **be made, be married, be ordained to be**, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, **be showed**, × soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought. (636X in NT)
- ο πληρώω **plērōō, play-ro'-o; from G4134**; **to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task)**, verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:—accomplish, × after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply. (90X in NT)



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Now all this was done, [G1096] that it might be fulfilled [G4134] which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. —

Matthew 1: 22-23

Now all this was [brought into being, generated, brought to pass, assembled] that it might be [verified, finished, completed, crammed full, ended, perfected, supplied] which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, . . . — Matthew 1: 22

WHEN THE LORD IS SPEAKING, WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

John 5:39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me (OT)

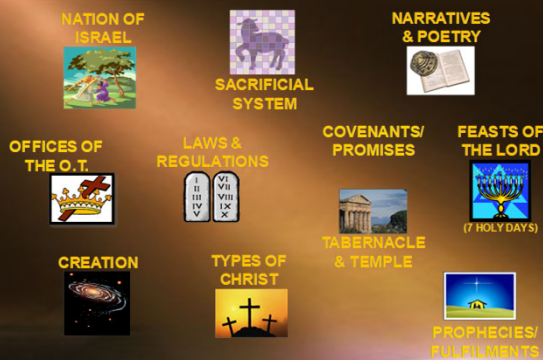
John 10:25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me (new acts of creation)

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John 15:26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father--he will testify about me. (Holy Spirit)

John 8:18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me. (God the Father)

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But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

– Hebrews 8:6 (see 6-13)



APOSTOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS THROUGH PROPHECIES FROM THE OT

Direct prophecies – those in which the OT author looked directly at the messianic age and his readers understood it as a prophecy about the Messiah

- Example 1: Micah 5:2 birthplace of Messiah would be in Jerusalem
- Example 2: Malachi 3:1 a messenger would announce the coming of the Messiah,
- Example 3: Zechariah 9:9 Zion's king would enter the city riding on a donkey
- The point with these prophecies is that their fulfillment was readily apparent and fairly uncomplicated. These are the most straightforward



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Typical prophecies – those in which the immediate reference by original readers was separate from that to which the type ultimately pointed

- Persons, institutions, events divinely designated in the OT text to be models, previews, or pictures of something to come in the days of the Messiah
- Example: Exodus 25:8-9, 40, Acts 7:44 parts, services, and attendants of the tabernacle (cf Hebrews 8:5) – the tabernacle structure was a “pattern” of the reality
- God suggests that these copies will be replaced as soon as the actual shows up
- These require explicit notification that they are divinely designated
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Jesus brings **more** grace than Adam (Rom 5:17)
And He has a **greater** dignity than Abraham (John 8:53)
Jesus has a **greater** love than Jacob (John 4:12)
And **greater** wisdom than Solomon (Luke 11:31)
By which He builds a **greater** temple (Matt 12:6)
He has a **greater** testimony than Jonah (Luke 11:32)
And **more** glory than Moses (Heb 3:3)
For Jesus has a **greater** tabernacle (Heb 9:11)
Offering a **better** sacrifice (Heb 9:14)
Jesus has **more** excellent priesthood than Aaron (Heb 8:6)
And administers a **better** covenant with **better** promises (Heb 8:6)
He comes with a **mightier** ministry than John the Baptist (Matt 3:11, Mark 1:17, Luke 3:16)
For He has a **higher** rank of being (John 1:30)



THE POETRY OF CHRIST – 4 EXAMPLES

1. The Apostle John organizes his entire gospel as an orderly walk through the tabernacle of Moses in order to show how Jesus tabernacled among us – John 1:14
2. Christ washes His disciples' feet – John 13:2-5, 15 John 20: 1-16
3. Jesus as the New Adam
4. The Seven Feasts of the Lord (see handout)