

# Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

## INTRODUCTION

Jesus Christ is the key to what God had been pointing to in all the history of God's people. One way to see this is to examine parallels between the Old Testament people, events and things with the life of Jesus in the New Testament.

## JOSHUA (Numbers 27:12-23; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; and Joshua)

Joshua, whose Hebrew name is "Yoshua" was one of the 12 spies that Moses sent to explore the land of Canaan. Only he and Caleb encouraged the people to trust God and take possession of the land of Canaan, which God had promised to Abraham. When Moses died, Joshua became the leader who brought Israel into the Promised Land of Canaan.

### Joshua

1. Joshua's name is the same name as Jesus only in Hebrew "Yehoshua" or "Yeshua" for short and means "The Lord saves."

2. Joshua was God's appointed prophetic leader to replace Moses.

#### Joshua 1:1-5

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now then,, As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

3. Joshua parted the Jordan river so that Israel could cross over on dry land.

#### Joshua 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.... <sup>13</sup> And as soon as

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1. Jesus' name is the Greek form of the name "Yeshua".

2. Jesus is God's anointed leader who fulfilled Moses' prophecy.

#### Acts 3:22

For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.

3. Jesus walked on water and called others to come over to Him.

#### Matthew 14:25-29

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to

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the priests who carry the ark of the LORD--the Lord of all the earth--set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

#### 4. Joshua led God's people into the Promised Land, the inheritance God promised to Abraham

##### Joshua 1:2-3

Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them--to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised [Abraham.].

#### 5. Joshua's army pulled down earthly strongholds.

##### Joshua 6:1-2, 16

Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men....<sup>16</sup> The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!

#### 6. Joshua's army was arrayed in earthly armor.

##### Joshua 6:9, 20

The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this

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them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

#### 4. Jesus leads God's people into the eternal Promised Land—Heaven, as our spiritual inheritance.

##### Matthew 25:34

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

#### 5. Jesus' army, the Church, will pull down satanic strongholds.

##### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

#### 6. Jesus' army is arrayed in spiritual armor from God.

##### Ephesians 6:11-18

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not

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time the trumpets were sounding....<sup>20</sup> When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

### 7. Joshua described himself as a servant of God.

#### Joshua 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

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against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

### 7. Jesus described Himself as a servant of God.

#### John 13:12-16

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.<sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.<sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.<sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.<sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is

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### 8. Joshua led God's people to rest in the Promised Land.

#### Joshua 21:44-45

The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their forefathers. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD handed all their enemies over to them.<sup>45</sup> Not one of all the LORD's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

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a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

### 8. Jesus' followers are led into rest in the new and heavenly Promised Land.

#### Hebrews 4:8-11

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.<sup>9</sup> There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;<sup>10</sup> for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.<sup>11</sup> Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.