

# **“Jesus in the Old Testament”**

## **Select Key Verses**

There is a misguided view that some portions of God’s Word are more significant than others. Some Christians relegate the Old Testament to historical context offering no insight to the Gospel presented in the New Testament. Others revere the “red letters” that have been identified as the words of Jesus in the New Testament, without considering that “all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

It is with reverence for the whole counsel of God that we undertook a lengthy examination of “Jesus in the Old Testament.” We did so believing Revelation 19:11—that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” We also agree with Brock and Bodie Thoene’s assertion that “everything means something.” In other words, every story, every character, and every utterance of God is included to help unfold God’s revelation. And, the entire narrative culminates in the Person of Jesus Christ.

With that in mind, we also realized from the beginning (pun intended) that it would be easiest to see the trajectory of His story if we pulled out Key Verses from each book. Arranged in chronological order, they serve as sign posts pointing to the Messiah—especially for those with the advantage of hindsight and the determination to let the Holy Spirit illuminate our hearts.

It is our prayer that having completed this overview of the Old Testament, your appetite will be whet and you will want to dive into the study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and from Beginning to End. If you do, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, your heart will burn within you as your eyes are opened to the things concerning our Savior and Lord in the Scriptures (Luke 24:27-32).

May it ever be so—until our Lord comes.

Godspeed!

The following represent the Old Testament “Key Verses” selected by Tim Moore and Nathan Jones, arranged according to the books in chronological order:

- Genesis**
- 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- 1:27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 1:31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- 3:9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.
- 3:17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil will you eat of it all the days of your life.”
- 6:5-6, 8 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD."
- 18:14 Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you...
- 15:6 Then he believed in the LORD, and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.
- 22:8 Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the burnt offering.”
- Job**
- 13:15 Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.
- 19:25-27 And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God; Whom I myself shall behold, and Whom my eyes shall see and not another.

- Exodus** 3:7 I have surely seen the affliction of My people...and have given heed to their cry.
- 3:14-15 I AM WHO I AM. "I AM has sent me to you."; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you." God, furthermore, said to Moses, :Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is my memorial-name to all generations."
- 34:5-7 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD GOD, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth, who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."
- Leviticus** 10:3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, 'By all who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored.' "
- Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants...
- 19:2 You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
- Numbers** 14:20 ...as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.
- Joshua** 24:15 ...choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- Judges** 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; every did what was right in their own eyes.
- Ruth** 4:14 Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name be famous in Israel.
- 1 Samuel** 2:35 But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always.

- 2 Samuel** 7:12-13 I will raise up your descendant (David's) after you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me.
- Psalms**
- 2:10-12 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him.
- 14:7a Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
- 22:30-31 Posterity will serve Him; it will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. They will come and will declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has performed it.
- 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates, and lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.
- 46:10-11 Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strength.
- 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.
- 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!
- 1 Chronicles** 16:11, 23-25 Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually... Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods.
- Proverbs**
- 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- Song of Solomon** 2:4 He has brought me to His banquet hall, and His banner over me is love.
- 6:3 I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine.

- Ecclesiastes 12:13b** For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.
- 2 Chronicles 7:19** But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My Name I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.
- 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.
- 1 Kings 9:4-5** ...if you walk before Me as you father David walked...then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever... You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.
- 18:21 How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.
- 2 Kings 17:13-14** Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.
- Obadiah 15** For the day of the Lord draws near on all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head."
- Joel 2:1** For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem...
- 2:12-13 "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.
- Jonah 2:9** Salvation is from the Lord.

<b>Amos</b>	5:6	Seek the LORD that you may live....
	5:24	...let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
<b>Hosea</b>	3:5	Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness in the last days.
	2:23 **	I will say to those who were not My people, "You are my people!" And they will say, "Thou are my God!"
<b>Micah</b>	7:19	He will again have compassion on us, He will tread our iniquities underfoot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
<b>Isaiah</b>	1:18	Come now, and let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.
	12:2	Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.
	42:1	Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen One in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him, and He will bring forth justice to the nations.
	53:4-6	Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
	61:1-2	The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God...
<b>Nahum</b>	1:7	The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.

- Zephaniah** 1:7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near, for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, He has consecrated His guests.
- Jeremiah** 18:11 Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds.”
- 25:5-6 Behold, the days are coming when I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His Name by which He will be called, “The Lord our righteousness.”
- Habakkuk** 1:5 Look among the nations and watch—Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you.
- 2:4 Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the righteous will live by faith.
- Lamentations** 3:21-24 This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The LORD’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I have hope in Him.”
- Daniel** 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will endure forever.
- Ezekiel** 18:32 “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord, “Therefore, repent and live.”
- 34:11, 15, 23 Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out... I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest. I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick... Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant...
- 48:35 ...and the name of the city from that day shall be, “The LORD is there.”

- Ezra** 6:21-22a The sons of Israel who returned from exile... to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate the Passover. And they observed the feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice
- Haggai** 2:4-5 But now, take courage... take courage and work; for I am with you... My Spirit is abiding in your midst, do not fear!
- Zechariah** 1:3 Therefore say to them, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts.
- 14:5, 9 Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.
- Esther** 4:14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?
- Nehemiah** 9:20 You gave Your good spirit to instruct them...
- Malachi** 4:1-2 For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff, and the day that is coming will set them ablaze...so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My Name the sun (Son) of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.