- Four passages from Genesis that help us understand prophecies of Jesus:

ESV **Genesis 3:15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

ESV **Genesis 9:25** he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers." [26] He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. [27] May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant."

ESV Exodus 29:44 I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. [45] I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. [46] And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

ESV **Genesis 12:1** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

ESV **Genesis 49:10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

NIV Genesis 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

NIV Ezekiel 21:27 A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to him I will give it.'

Understanding our responsibility to Jesus and the Bible…

ESV **Hebrews 2:1** Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. [2] For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, [4] while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

- You have a responsibility to diligently and carefully understand Jesus from the Bible.
- You have a responsibility to effectively and affectively respond to Jesus because of the Bible.

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CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3 | The Seven Days of Creation
Genesis 2:4-25 | Man and Woman in the Garden

CORRUPTION

Genesis 3:1-24 | The Fall of Man
Genesis 4:1-5:32 | The Progress of Sin
Genesis 6:1-8:22 | The Judgment of God
Genesis 9:1-11:32 | The Necessity of Covenant

COVENANT

Genesis 12:1-25:18 | Abraham
Genesis 25:19-37:1 | Isaac
Genesis 37:2-50:26 | Jacob

CREATION (1:1-2:25) **> CORRUPTION** (3:1-11:32) **> COVENANT** (12:1-50:26)

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How does Jesus relate to Genesis?

Asking the question…

- The question clarified—not, is the name “Jesus” in Genesis (or the OT)
- The question behind the question—the NT’s relationship to the OT
- The spectrum of answers—Jesus is nowhere to Jesus is everywhere

  Example Genesis 22
- The burden of the question—wanting to take Scripture seriously

ESV **Luke 24:25** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

ESV **John 5:39** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, [40] yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

ESV **John 5:46** If you believed **Moses**, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

ESV **John 8:56** Your father **Abraham** rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.

A few reminders…

- Truths about Jesus:

  He is the Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man!
  He is God, One with the Father and the Second Person of the Trinity
  He is testified in the Old Testament and manifested in the New Testament
  He is the focus of what God is doing with all creation

  ESV **Romans 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

  ESV **2 Corinthians 1:20** For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

  ESV **Ephesians 1:9** making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

  ESV **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

- Truths about Scripture:

  Scripture as the **revelation** of God
  Scripture as a demonstration of **progressive** revelation
  Scripture as including **mystery**
  Scripture as a **unified** whole

Understanding His relationship to the Old Testament…

- Passages that reveal **points of contact** between Jesus and Genesis:

  Creation | ESV Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him.

  Adam | ESV 1 Corinthians 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

  Offspring | ESV Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

  Serpent | ESV Revelation 20:2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

  Noah | ESV Luke 17:26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. [27] They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

  Abraham | ESV Hebrews 2:16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. [17] Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

  Melchizedek | ESV Hebrews 6:19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, [20] where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

  Circumcision | ESV Colossians 2:11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

  Israel | ESV Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' [23] Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

  Judah | ESV Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

- Passages that demonstrate the **different ways** Jesus relates to the OT:

  as an illustration | 2 Corinthians 11:1-4

  as the ultimate human descendant | Matthew 1:1-17

  as the fulfillment of promises | Galatians 3:16

  as the referent of prophecies | Matthew 1:22

  as the end of the old covenant | Romans 10:4

  as the one ultimately behind certain events | 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

  as the clarity of God's mystery | Ephesians 3:4-6

  as the way God now speaks | Hebrews 1:1-3

  as the ultimate bearer of certain names | John 8:28

  as the substance of prior shadows | Hebrews 10:1

- One passage from the NT that helps us understand Jesus and the OT:

  Luke 24:1-53

  -- Their response to the death (and resurrection) of Jesus Christ revealed that they were misunderstanding His identity.

  -- They should have known both the reality of His suffering and resurrection because of His word and the Scriptures.

  -- They demonstrated they were operating out a mixture of truths and partial truths, assumptions and expectations.

  -- Jesus Christ indicated that their issue was unbelief and not understanding the things in the Scriptures concerning Him.

  -- They ended up still needing Jesus Christ's help to understand both the significance and application of the Scriptures' witness to Himself.

We need to: (1) diligently and carefully study the OT; (2) avoid reading our hopes into the OT; (3) recognize that our spiritual condition and disposition affects our understanding and reception of the OT (and the NT); (4) humbly seek God's help to rightly perceive and respond to the OT (and the NT); (5) follow Jesus' lead in interpreting the OT—it testified of His suffering and resurrection *before* He came, and yet its testimony is given greater clarity *after* He came through His suffering, resurrection, ascension, and return.