

## Lesson 7

### God The Son His Past – Part 1

1. God the Son is THE CENTRAL FIGURE of all SCRIPTURE.
2. Jesus appeared in the Old Testament in PRE-INCARNATE manifestations called THEOPHANIES.
3. A THEOPHANY is a VISIBLE manifestation of deity.
4. God the Son, Jesus Christ, is CO-EQUAL with the Father. See John 1:1&2
5. Because God is ALL-KNOWING He knew that man would sin and would require a plan of REDEMPTION even before He created him. See Revelation 13:8; Philippians 2:6-8; and Ephesians 1:4
6. Whenever you see THE ANGEL OF THE LORD in the Old Testament it is a THEOPHANY. An appearance of Christ before His INCARNATION.

#### Special Notation

Jesus manifested (showed) Himself to all the following:

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| A. <u>ABRAHAM</u>   | Genesis 18:1-10; 22:11&12; and 22:15&16   |
| B. <u>ISAAC</u>     | Genesis 26:2-5 and 24 & 25  |
| C. <u>JACOB</u>     | Genesis 32:24-32 (The “man” of verse 24 was the Angel of the Lord - see Hosea 12:3&4) |
| D. <u>MOSES</u>     | Exodus 3:2-14   |
| E. <u>JOSHUA</u>    | Joshua 5:13-15  |
| F. <u>ISAIAH</u>    | Isaiah 6:1, 5&8   |
| G. <u>ZECHARIAH</u> | Zechariah 1:8-13; 2:1&9, 3:1-10 and 6:12-15   |

**Discussion question:** Exodus 33:20: God says, “No man shall see Me and live.” How can that be, given that all these men claimed to have seen Christ?

**ANSWER:** **WHEN THESE MEN SAY THEY HAVE SEEN GOD, THEY MEAN THEY HAVE SEEN A DIVINE PERSONAGE, NAMELY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN PRE-INCARNATE FORM USUALLY REFERRED TO AS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.**

7. God is a SPIRIT. Jesus was the only VISIBLE manifestation of God.
8. Many other scriptures intimate the PRE-EXISTENCE of Christ. See: Psalm 110:1; Daniel 3:25; Exodus 14:19; John 1:15 and Colossians 1:15-19 to list a few.
9. The coming of GOD THE SON was prophesied innumerable times throughout the OLD TESTAMENT.

## Special Notation

A small number of prophecies of the coming of Christ include:

- A. The oldest, Genesis 3:15 where He is the “SEED OF THE WOMAN.”
  - B. The “seed” continued through ABEL, SETH, & NOAH’S son SHEM.  
Genesis 6:8-10
  - C. God selected a NATION to produce the “Seed.” Genesis 9:26; 11:10-26
  - D. The “Seed” of Abraham who was the first man to be called a HEBREW.  
Genesis 12:2&3; 14:13; see also: Galatians 3:14-29. Galatians tells us that Jesus is that “Seed.”
  - E. He would come through ISAAC. Genesis 17:26
  - F. He would come through Jacob, also called ISRAEL. Genesis 28:10-15
  - G. The tribe that would produce the “Seed” was JUDAH. Genesis 49:10;  
Hebrews 7:14; and Revelation 5:5.
  - H. The “Seed” would come from one family, the house of DAVID and would be heir to DAVID’S throne. 2 Samuel 7:12-15 and Romans 1:3
  - I. The “Seed” would be born in BETHLEHEM. Micah 5:2
  - J. The “Seed” would be born of a VIRGIN. Isaiah 7:14 and Genesis 3:15
  - K. The Old Testament not only prophesied the birth of the Son of God but also His DEATH. Isaiah 55:1-12
10. The theme from MOSES to MALACHI is the MESSIAH.
11. Not only did the PROPHETS witness the coming of Jesus the first time, but so did the ANGELS.
12. GABRIEL announced that JOHN THE BAPTIST would prepare the way for the coming of the MESSIAH. Luke 1:11-19
13. GABRIEL also announced to the VIRGIN MARY that she would have a Son and call His name JESUS. Luke 1:26-35
14. An angel also told JOSEPH about the coming of Jesus. Matthew 1:19-25

### Special Notation

There are many, many names for Christ and each tells us something about His eternal being as well as what He is like.

- A. Jesus is the PERSONAL name for the Lord and it means JEHOVAH OUR SAVIOR. It is Greek for the Old Testament JOSHUA which is Hebrew. The name JESUS was used mainly before salvation was COMPLETED.
  - B. Christ means "THE ANOINTED ONE" and is the same as MESSIAH. See Daniel 9:25 and John 1:41. Messiah is also the prominent name after CALVARY. Acts 2:36 - We get our name from this name. We are called CHRIST-IANS.
  - C. Lord is His title for DEITY and AUTHORITY and comes from the Greek word "Kurios" which is translated as: LORD, GOD or MASTER. See Romans 10:9&10
  - D. I AM includes all His names. It was His use of this name in JOHN 8:58 that caused the Jews to try to kill Him.
  - E. The SON OF GOD is His title of DEITY and GLORY. Luke 1:35 and John 19:7
  - F. EMMANUEL means GOD WITH US. Isaiah 7:17 and Matthew 1:23
  - G. SAVIOR refers to His ability and desire to SAVE FROM SIN. Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:11
  - H. His full New Testament title is THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Ephesians 1:3
15. There are 207 names for Christ throughout the scripture. See how many you can find.

### Conclusion

Jesus was in eternity past; in the beginning with God, the Father! John 1:1&2 - He had to be before all creation because He was the Creator! See John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; and Colossians 1:16&17. He appeared in the Old Testament on several occasions as, among other titles, The Angel of the Lord. He tells us He is eternal in Revelation 22:13 and that the Scriptures tell of Him - Hebrews 10:7 - quoting Psalm 40:7. All scripture, history, Psalms and prophecy converge toward one central person Jesus Christ, the Son of God.