

Of What Value is the  
Old Testament to the  
Christian?

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Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, **2** all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **3** all ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **5** But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. **6** Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

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**7** And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” **8** Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; **9** nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; **10** nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. **11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition,** upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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## 2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NKJV)

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, **15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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# Luke 24:44–48 (NKJV)

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” **45** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. **46** Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, **47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** And you are witnesses of these things.

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**Acts 2:16 (NKJV) — 16** But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**Acts 2:30–32 (NKJV) — 30** Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to [David] that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, **31** he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

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**Acts 8:34–35 (NKJV) — 34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

**Acts 9:22 (NKJV) — 22** But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

**Acts 10:43 (NKJV) — 43** To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

**Acts 18:28 (NKJV) — 28** for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

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# Hebrews 6:13–19 (NKJV)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, **14** saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” **15** And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. **16** For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. **17** Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, **18** that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. **19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

# Deuteronomy 7:9–11 (NKJV)

“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; **10** and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. **11** Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.

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# The Beginning

**Genesis 2:8–15 (NKJV) — 8** The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. **9** And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ... **15** Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

**Genesis 3:24 (NKJV) — 24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

# Revelation 22:1–5 (NKJV)

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **4** They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. **5** There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

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