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THE OLD TESTAMENT INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES SERVE AS A FORERUNNER IN REGARD TO THE NEW TESTAMENT MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

The Bible is a Christ-centered book. Jesus Himself said the Old Testament spoke of Him. (John 5:39). The following is a brief panorama of His story in history, as demonstrated by some Old Testament men and women. Events in their lives remind us of some aspect in the Savior's New Testament ministry.

- Adam – His headship over a new creation (Gen. 1:28; Rom. 5:17-19; 1 Cor. 15:22, 45, 47; Heb. 2:7-9)
- Moses – His prophetic ministry (Deut. 18:15-18; Heb. 3:5-6)
- Melchizedek – His priestly ministry (Gen. 14:18-20; Psa. 110:4; Heb. 5-8)
- David – His kingly ministry (2 Sam. 7:1-17; Mark 11:10; Rev. 5:5; 22:16)
- Jeremiah – His sorrows (Jer. 3:20; 5:1-5; 8:20-22; 9:1; 10:19; 11:19)
- Joseph – His sufferings (the most perfect type of Christ in the Old Testament)
 - A. Hated without a cause (Gen. 37:4, 8; John 15:25)
 - B. Ridiculed (Gen. 37:19; Luke 22:63)
 - C. Plotted against (Gen. 37:20; John 11:53)
 - D. Stripped of his robe (Gen. 37:23; John 19:23-24)
 - E. Sold for silver (Gen. 37:28; Matt. 26:14-16)
 - F. Lied about (Gen. 39:14; Matt. 26:61)
 - G. Placed in captivity with two guilty men (Gen. 40:1-3; Luke 23:32-33)
 - H. Unrecognized by his own (Gen. 42:8; John 1:11)
- Isaac – His death (Gen. 22:2, 8, 10; Matt. 26:36, 42-43)
- Jonah – His resurrection (Jonah 1:17; Matt. 12:40; 16:4; Luke 11:29)
- Joshua – His victorious life (Joshua 1:3, 5-6, 8-9; John 10:17-18; 19:30)
- Noah – His saving life (Gen. 6:13-14, 17-18; 1 Pet. 3:18-22)
- Abraham – His father (Gen. 22:7-8; Matt. 26:36, 42-43)
- Daniel – His acceptance by the Father (Dan. 9:23; 10:11, 19; Matt. 3:17; 17:5)
- Elijah – His forerunner (Isa. 40:3-4; Matt. 17:11-12)
- Elisha – His miracles (2 Kings 2:9; John 3:2): Elisha performed 14 miracles, nearly double those of any other Old Testament man, except Moses.
- Ezekiel – His parables (Ezek. 17:2; 20:49; Matt. 13:3): There are sixty-nine parables in the Old Testament; twenty-three are to be found in Ezekiel's book alone.
- Ruth – His church (Ruth 2; 2 Cor. 11:2)
- Boaz – His love for the church (Ruth 2-4; Eph. 5:25-27)

- Ezra – His zeal for the Scriptures (Neh. 8; Matt. 21:42; 22:29; Mark 12:10, 12:24; Luke 4:21; 24:27; John 10:35)
- Nehemiah – His zeal for the Holy City (Neh. 1-2; Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 19:41)
- Absalom: His opposition
 - A. From Judas – Absalom was a betrayer and member of David's inner circle, as was Judas of Jesus' inner circle (2 Sam. 15; Matt. 26:14).
 - B. From the coming Antichrist – Absalom plotted against the Davidic throne, as will the Antichrist (2 Sam. 15; Rev. 13)
- Solomon – His wisdom (1 Kings 3:11-13; Luke 4:22; John 7:46)
- Lot – His backslidden followers (Gen. 19; 2 Pet. 2:7)