



# Do I Have to Read the Old Testament Too?

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You mean the  
Old Testament, too?

Yep!

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It all starts in  
the beginning.



Debunking myths of why  
you should NOT read  
the Old Testament ...  
regularly ... often!

DON'T READ IT...

It's  
old.

YES, READ IT!!!

- It's God's

Word.

- God is old  
compared to  
you.

- Does that mean

## DON'T READ IT...

It's  
boring.

## YES, READ IT!!!

- It's way more exciting than any blockbuster movie ever made.
- It is a TRUE story.

# DON'T READ IT...

It's hard to understand.

# YES, READ IT!!!

- Yes, it can be.
- Often important things in life are not easy.

## DON'T READ IT...

- I've read it already.
- I know it.

## YES, READ IT!!!

- We don't read it for knowing ABOUT God and His Word, but for KNOWING God THROUGH His Word.
- AND (No, you don't.)



## DON'T READ IT...

I like the New Testament stuff about Jesus better.

## YES, READ IT!!!

- The Old Testament IS ALL ABOUT JESUS.
- Jesus is all about the Old Testament.

**“The New Testament  
lies hidden in the Old,  
and the Old becomes  
manifest in the New.”**

-St. Augustine

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“It follows powerfully and irrefutably that the God who led the people of Israel out of Egypt and through the Red Sea, who guided them in the wilderness through the pillars of cloud and fire, who nourished them with heavenly bread, and who performed all the miracles Moses describes in his book, who also brought them into the land of Canaan and then gave them kings and priests and everything is therefore God and no other than Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the Virgin Mary, whom we call Christ and our God and Lord...”

Luther 1534, On the Last Words of David).

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# Luke 24

## The Road to Emmaus

**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.



# Luke 24

## Jesus' First Easter Teaching

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.



# Jesus in Prophecy

A spoken word comes true.

- **Genesis 3:15** – A son of Eve will crush the head of the serpent
- **Genesis 12:3** – A son of Abraham will bless all families of the earth
- **2 Samuel 7:12-13** – A son of David will sit on God's throne forever
- **Isaiah 7:14** – A virgin will give birth to a son and call Him Immanuel
- **Zechariah 9:9** – Rejoice Oh Jerusalem, your King comes

# Jesus in **Typology**

A person, place, or thing that really happened, but is greater fulfilled in Jesus.

- **Adam** – the Son of God (Romans 5:14)
- **The Ark** – saving from God's wrath and destruction
- **Moses** – delivering out of slavery
- **Joshua** – leading into the Promised Land
- **The Promised Land** – a place of rest
- **The Tabernacle/Temple** – a place where God dwells on earth
- **The Sacrificial Lamb** – who takes away or atones for sins
- **David the King** – who will rule in righteousness and justice

# Pre-incarnate Jesus in action

- Genesis 1:1 The Word
- Genesis 14 Melchizedek
- Genesis 22 The Angel of the LORD
- Genesis 28 The ladder to heaven
- Genesis 32 The wrestler with Jacob
- Exodus 3 Speaking to Moses from the burning bush
- Exodus 14 Leading and protecting across the Red Sea
- Joshua 5 Commander of the LORD'S army
- Daniel 3 One like the Son of God in the furnace
- Daniel 7 One like the Son of Man before the Ancient of Days



Develop a deeper love for God's way of doing things: **Language**

(Which has its roots all in the Old Testament.)

# Word Pairs

- Life and Light
- Covenant and Blessing
- Slavery-Exile and Salvation
- Land and Rest
- Offspring-Child and Inheritance
- Righteousness and Justice
- Truth and Faithfulness

# Other Categories:

- Create, Form, Build, Plant
- Buy, Redeem, Ransom, Clothe, Called
- Save, Inherit, Victory
- Father, Shepherd, Prophet, Priest, King
- Trees, Stones, Donkeys

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**“Be still and KNOW that I am God” – Psalm 46:10**

**“For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my WORD be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” – Isaiah 55:10-11**

**“The FEAR of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge/  
wisdom...” – Proverbs 1:7; 9:10**



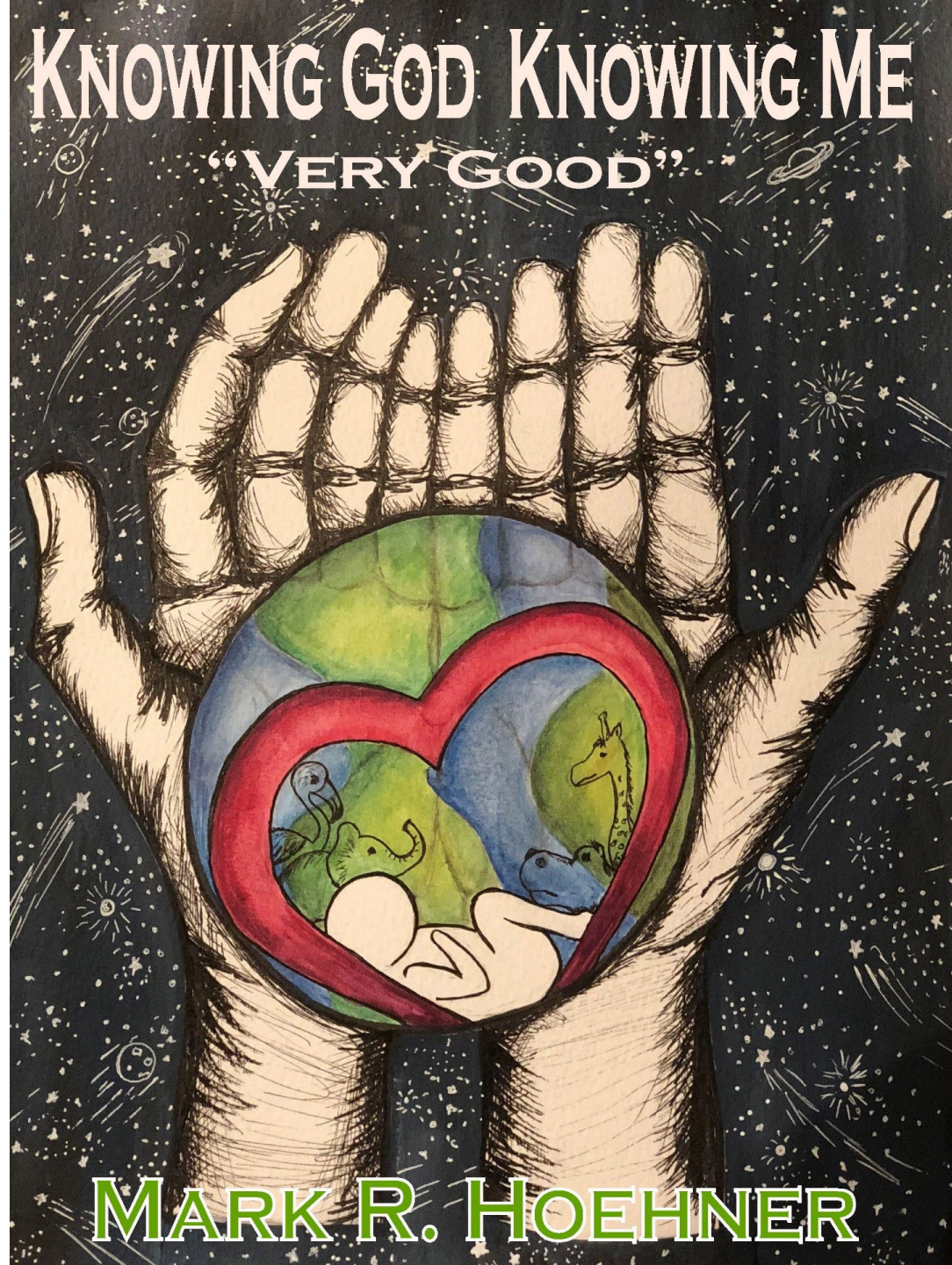
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Chapters 1 – 11:9



Book Two  
“God Laughed”

Genesis  
Chapters 11 - 50





# KNOWING GOD KNOWING ME

“GOD SAVED”



Book Three

“God Saved”

Exodus



Book Four

"The Eighth Day"

Leviticus