

In The Volume Of The Book It Is Written of Him

I. Introduction: *March 29th article will touch on a couple of similar points...

A. When you open your copy of the Scriptures you see an Old and New Testament. We do not live under the authority of the Old (**Colossians 2:6-15**).

1. The “Law of Moses” wasn’t intended to be the Law for all people nor was it intended to last (**Deuteronomy 4:44**, **Nehemiah 8:1**, and **Jeremiah 31:31-34**).

2. You can see the Law and the prophets coming to an end in authority and when the Law changed (**Luke 16:16** and **Hebrews 9:15-17**).

3. There is a clear distinction in what was taught during “Old Testament times” and from the first century forward. What Christ began (**John 1:17**) was taught to EVERYONE (**Matthew 28:16-20**).

B. So often, people think of the “Old Testament” and the “New Testament”. That is not wrong, as there are the Old and New Testaments (**II Corinthians 3:6; 14**).

1. What is wrong is to fail to recognize both Testaments as the words of our Lord (**Genesis 15:1**, **Deuteronomy 5:5**, and **I Samuel 15:10**).

2. It is wrong to fail to realize the value of all Scriptures (**II Timothy 3:15-17**).

3. It is also wrong to confuse the change in authority means the words are gone (**Psalms 119:89**).

4. Furthermore, as we are about to examine, we ought not think that time spent in the Old Testament is time spent away from learning about Christ.

II. Body: Our Lesson Is About Seeing Jesus In Both Covenants (**Psalms 40:6-8** and **Hebrews 9:28-10:10**).

A. Jesus taught of Himself using Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms (**Luke 24:27** and **Luke 24:44**).

1. Moses spoke of Christ (**Deuteronomy 18:15-19**; cf. **Acts 3:18-26**).

2. The prophets spoke of Christ (**Isaiah 53:1-12**; cf. **Acts 8:25-39**).

3. The Psalms spoke of Christ (**Psalms 2:7**; cf. **Acts 13:32-33**).

4. Can you separate Jesus from “the word”? When Jesus came into the world, it was said that “the Word was made flesh” (**John 1:14**).

B. Jesus has always been “the word” (**John 1:1-14**).

1. Jesus has been active since the creation (**Ephesians 3:9**, **Colossians 1:12-18**, and **Hebrews 1:1-11**).

2. So, whether we talk about the beginning or even to the end, you cannot remove Jesus (**Revelation 22:12-16**).

3. What does that information do to **Genesis 1:1** or **Psalms 19:1**?

4. Can you really “see Jesus” without the whole picture that goes back to Creation (**Hebrew 2:9-10**).

5. His identity, even now, continues to be “the Word” (**I John 5:7**).

C. What about the activities of Christ with Israel (**I Corinthians 10:1-4**)?

1. He was that Rock that went with them (**Exodus 13:21**).
2. Think about how that information enlightens us as we consider the Shepherd of the Sheep throughout the entirety of the Scriptures (**Psalms 77:20, Isaiah 63:11-13, John 10:11, and I Peter 2:21-25**).
3. It certainly fits (**Ezekiel 34:11-16 and Luke 19:1-10**).

III. Conclusion: If you want to know Jesus, the whole book is necessary (**John 5:39**).