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John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Refers to Jesus ('the Word became flesh', v 14). Our savior Jesus did not start his existence in Bethlehem 2000 years ago - he is from the beginning.

John 8:56 (NKJV)

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

John 8:57 (NKJV)

Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

John 8:58 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Therefore, Jesus is present although not just the New but the Old Testament as well. In the OT, we see him in three different ways:

1. Image Prophecies

Old Testament people who are experiencing and going through things that we later understand points to Christ. These are like prophecies acted out. Examples:

Joseph (Genesis 37–45)

the father’s special son, clothed in a robe, betrayed by his brothers, cast into a pit ('he descended into hell'), exalted and honored among the gentiles before his own, 'God sent me... to save your lives by a great deliverance.'

Abraham & Isaac (Genesis 22)

Genesis 22:2

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.

Mount Moriah - three days' journey away - is the location of Calvary.

Genesis 22:13

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Remember '*Abraham saw my day*'? Refers to his death on the cross.

2. Apparitions

Times when we can assume - though not know 100% - that Jesus actually appears in the OT.

The Fourth Man in the Fire (Daniel 3)

Daniel 3:25 (NKJV)

"I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

The Commander of the Lord

Joshua 5:13 (NKJV)

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

Joshua 5:14 (NKJV)

So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Joshua 5:15 (NKJV)

Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

How can we know this is not just an angel? An angel would never receive worship! One angel once wanted to, and that did not end well at all...

Revelation 22:8

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

Revelation 22:9

But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

3. Spoken Prophecies

Balaams prophesy (Map of Egypt/Israel - cue: '*take a look at this map*')

Numbers 24:17 (NKJV)

"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.

The only Messianic prophecy ever to have been spoken east of Israel. Almost 1500 years later:

Matthew 2:2 (NKJV)

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Wise men not motivated by astrology but prophesy. '*Born in the sign of the Cross*'
The shepherds and the wise man, the first two groups to worship Christ. Why?
The shepherds represent the low and poor, the wise men the rich and mighty.
Christ is the Savior of both. The shepherds represent the Jew, the wise men the gentiles. Christ is the Savior of both.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Wonderful

Means not just 'awesome' or 'great', it means: Wonderful means

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Full of Wonders

Whatever is your situation, he has a wonder - a miracle - for you!

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Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

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