

Christ in the Old Testament

- Why look for Christ in the OT? Because of the nature of redemption history and its record in Scripture.
- The Bible is a book whose contents can be summarized briefly as “The history of redemption”. It can be simply outlined as:
 - Preparation for Redemption - the OT
 - Manifestation of Redemption - the Gospels
 - Proclamation of Redemption - Acts
 - Explanation of Redemption - the Epistles
 - Consummation of Redemption - Revelation
- Out of all events since the creation of the world, the Holy Spirit selected only those pertinent to redemption to be recorded in Scripture.
- Since that redemption focuses on a Redeemer, it should be no surprise that Christ, the Messiah-Redeemer, is seen at the center of redemption’s stage.
- There is built into redemption’s history at places a reflective and pictorial character that focuses on Christ, the central figure of redemption.
- The Spirit of God, in His providential arrangement of history, also provided in due time the gift of writing that redemption’s history might be recorded for the benefit and edification of the saints.
- Among the selected redemptive occurrences are certain activities, certain events, certain individuals and certain things that are reflective both of the Redeemer and His redemption.