

Christology
Lesson 4

Old Testament Appearances of Christ

Theophany means an Old Testament appearance of God (theo).

Christophany is by definition an Old Testament appearance of Christ, the second person of the Trinity.

In John 8, Jesus made the statement that Abraham rejoiced to see His day. We asked the question, "Did Abraham meet the pre-incarnate Jesus?" (Pre-incarnate = before the incarnation, or before Jesus' birth by Mary in Bethlehem.)

In this chapter we will investigate that question.

In the Old Testament we run across a mysterious "being" in numerous places who is most often called, "The Angel of Jehovah." He is a mysterious "being" because he is like no other angel we meet in the Old Testament.

He is identified with God

Genesis 16:7-13

Genesis 22:15-18

Genesis 31:11-13

Exodus 3:1 ff

Acts 7:30-35

Exodus 13:21

Exodus 14:19

Judges 6:11-23

Judges 13:9-20

He is also revealed to be a distinct Person.

Genesis 24:7 , 40

Numbers 20:16

Zechariah 1:12-13

The Angel of Jehovah no longer appears after the Incarnation.

Both are sent by God the Father to reveal truth and lead and protect Israel.

No one has seen God the Father, John 1:18

Old Testament references to the Trinity.

Genesis 1:26 "Let **us** make man in **our** image."

Genesis 2:24 "They shall be **one** flesh."

Deuteronomy 6:4 "One" = "Unity"

Genesis 3 God walking in the Garden. Who was that?

Begin looking for Jesus in your Old Testament.