

God Spoke in Times Past

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Old Testament.

B. Jesus' explanation of the Old Testament after His resurrection caused the disciples' hearts to burn. (Luke 24)

II. The Old Testament is incomplete.

A. There are unfulfilled sacrifices.

B. Its divisions.

1. A sign for a priest—the Pentateuch.

2. An outspoken cry for a king—the historical books.

3. A quest for a prophet—the prophetic books.

III. The New Testament fulfills the Old Testament cries.

A. God spoke in the Old Testament in various ways.

B. It was all intended to prepare men for the voice of the Son of God.

IV. The Old Testament helps us to understand the New.

A. To lay hold of all that is in Christ one must wrestle with the Ten Commandments.

B. The Old Testament is an experience book designed to portray graphically what we are in order to prepare us for the Holy Spirit in the New.

C. The Old Testament gives us a preview and understanding of Jesus even before He came. (Isaiah 53)

Application questions:

1. How would you describe the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament?

2. How does the Old Testament prepare us for Christ?

3. Why do you think that Christ is so central to the Old Testament even before He is fully revealed?
