

Jesus in the Old Testament: The World Jesus Would Enter

"The Grand Narrative of Jesus" Series

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To understand Jesus, you must understand the backdrop of history that he stepped into. What did it mean to be Jewish? What had happened to them as a nation prior to Jesus birth, and what made the timing of his coming so perfect? There has never been a nation so unique as the nation of Israel, and it would be through this nation that all the nations of the world would be blessed!

A Nation Established Like No Other

- God calls a old pagan couple to join Him in the impossible
- God makes impossible promises that require great faith

A Nation Led Like No Other

- From unbearable bondage to miracle soaked freedom
- Led to know God through the Law and Tabernacle
- 40 years of wilderness wandering culminate in taking the Promised Land

A Stubborn Nation Unfaithful to God

- Success leads to pride, anarchy, idolatry, and servitude – the crazy cycle
- Israel rejects God: the move from theocracy to monarchy
- A Temple is built to honor God, but Israel worships the Temple
- God sends prophets, but they are rejected – a once proud nation is carried away captive

A Nation on the Edge of Extinction: Will God Remember His Promises?

- Gloom...distress...darkness...what hope is there?
- The people still pray and dream and hope for the promised Messiah