Messianic Prophecy Season 4: Does the Hebrew Bible Matter

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Scripture

- **Genesis 18:1-9**
  
  Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” He said, “I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old?’ Is anything too difficult for the LORD?”

Other Scriptures

- John 14:6
- John 8:24
- Matthew 7:22-23
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 1:8
- Romans 1:16; 9:1-3; 11:13-14
- Luke 23:34
- Matthew 7:14
- John 15:20
- Leviticus 17:11
- Genesis 22:18
- Galatians 3:16

Main Points

1. **Tanakh** = Torah (teaching, Nevi'im (Prophets), K'tuvim (Writings).
2. Jesus used the Hebrew Bible to show that He was the Messiah.
3. There is only one God, and He has only made One way to Him.
4. Hypostatic Union— a term to describe the combination of divinity and humanity in the person of Messiah Jesus.
5. Historical similarity between Jesus and Israel:
   a. Wilderness experience
b. Associated with Egypt
c. Blood sacrifices

6. Messiah Jesus filled Israel’s history up with meaning by going through the same things in His own life.
7. The principle of supernatural birth was deeply rooted from Israel’s foundation.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the Old Testament important to our understanding our faith?

2. Why is embracing Jesus a Jewish thing? Is it important to share Jesus with Jewish people, as well as Gentiles? What makes Jesus different than any other religion in the world?

3. How would you explain Rabbi’s words that Jesus, as Israel’s divine representative, filled full Israel’s history?

4. What example of supernatural birth did Rabbi point out that looked forward to Jesus’ birth generations later? How does this provide evidence for the virgin birth of Jesus?

5. What concept motivated you the most from this lesson? Write about it.