

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A classical painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left, wearing a red cloak over a dark tunic, holds a staff and looks towards the other two. The man in the center, with long hair and a beard, wears a light-colored robe and points his right hand towards the sky. The man on the right, also with a beard and wearing a brown and red robe, looks on. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a dense forest of large, leafy trees. In the background, a small town or village is visible through the trees. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

God's Redemptive Plan

Genesis 26-50

So far...

- Seed of Eve (Gen. 3:15)
- Thru Seth (5:3-32)
- Thru Shem (9:26-27)
- Thru Abraham (12:2-3)
- Thru Isaac (17:19, 21; 26:1-5)
- Thru Jacob (28:14)

Thru Jacob

- Jacob had 12 sons (Gen. 35:22-26)
- At the end of his life he *blessed* his sons (49:1-33)
 - Judah was set apart as the one thru whom the Promised One would come (49:8-12)

Thru Jacob

- Jacob's blessing on Judah:
 - “your brothers shall praise you”
 - Victory over his enemies
 - Preeminence
 - “the scepter” & “the ruler's staff”
 - Prosperity, abundance, richness

Thru Jacob

- “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.” (49:10)

Thru Jacob

- *Until Shiloh comes*
 - *Shiloh = to whom it rightfully belongs* (cf. Ezek. 21:27)
 - “and to him” -> *Messiah*
 - “the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah” (Rev. 5:5)

Thru Jacob

- *Until Shiloh comes*
 - *Until = up to and beyond*
 - Judah would rule the nation
 - When Shiloh comes, the rule will expand from one to all nations (cf. Matt. 2:6; Rev. 12:5; 19:15)

Who Was That?

- With whom did Jacob wrestle?
(32:24-32)
 - “So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, ‘I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved.’” (32:30)

Who Was That?

- Who spoke with Hagar? (16:7-14)
 - “Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, ‘You are a God who sees’; for she said, ‘Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?’” (16:13)

Who Was That?

- Samson's parents? (Judges 13)
 - “Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the Lord. So Manoah said to his wife, ‘We will surely die, for we have seen God.’”(13:21b-22)

Who Was That?

- “the LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1)
 - A *man* who walks, talks, eats
 - Knows the future; human thoughts
 - Presented as *YHWH* (18:13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26, 33)

Who Was That?

- *Theophany – a manifestation of God in a tangible / sensible form*
 - “No one has seen God at any time” (1 John 4:12; cf. 20)
 - “whom no man has seen or can see” (1 Tim. 6:16)



Who Was That?

- “No one has seen God at any time”
(John 1:18)

Who Was That?

- “No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.” (John 1:18)
- “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9)

Who Was That?

- “For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer (John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17)
- Jesus has “all authority” (Matt. 28:18)

Who Was That?

- Many OT references to *YHWH*, *El*, or *Elohim* are ascribed to Jesus in the NT (e.g. - Hebrews 1:8-12)
 - “before Abraham was born, I AM.”
(John 8:58; cf. Ex. 3:14)

Who Was That?

- *Christophany – a pre-incarnate appearance of the second member of the Trinity*
 - “they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.” (1 Cor. 10:4)

Who Was That?

- *YHWH* is often associated with redemption in the OT
 - Nearness, guidance, provision, direction, law, judging, salvation, righteousness, etc.

Who Was That?

- The evidence suggests Jesus is *YHWH*
 - OT God vs. NT God???
 - *YHWH* spoke the law (Ex. 19-20)
 - Unity of God's redemptive plan
 - Unity of Scripture

So What?

- God has had only one redemptive plan from before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8)
- Jesus is the Focus, Mediator, and fulfillment of that plan! (1 Pet. 1:17-21)