

# Jesus through the Bible

The entire Bible is about Jesus. He's its subject and its author. God planned Jesus to be our redemption from before the beginning of the world<sup>1</sup>, and He will return at the end to bring us to be with Him forever<sup>2</sup>. He can be seen in every book of the Bible in one form or another – by name or by title (Messiah), in direct narrative, in prophesy, in metaphor or poetry. The Old Testament points to Jesus, the Gospels are narratives of His life on Earth, and the rest of the New Testament explains and points back to Him.

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<sup>1</sup> **Jesus from before the beginning:** [Revelation 13:8](#) (KJV) -- And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of *the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*.

[Revelation 13:8](#) (NIV) -- All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast -- all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, *the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world*.

[Ephesians 1:4](#) – For *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world* to be holy and blameless in His presence. In love

[2 Timothy 1:9](#) – *He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time eternal*.

[Titus 1:2](#) – In the hope of *eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began*.

[Matt 25:34](#) – Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom *prepared for you from the foundation of the world*.’

[Rev 17:8](#) – The beast that you saw—it was, and now is no more, but is about to come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. And those who dwell on the earth whose names were not *written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world* will marvel when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet will be.

<sup>2</sup> **Jesus will come at the End to take us to be with Him:** [John 14:1-3](#) – “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going away to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am.

[Acts 1:11](#) – “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.”

[1 Thessalonians 5:2](#) – For you are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

[John 3:16](#) – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

[Romans 6:23b](#) – ... the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here are just a few of the ways we can see Jesus in the books of the Bible (there are many, many more!)<sup>3</sup>.

<b>In</b>	<b>He is</b>
<b>Genesis</b>	Our creator God and the Seed of the woman (and more)
<b>Exodus</b>	Our Passover lamb sacrificed for us
<b>Leviticus</b>	Our great High Priest and sacrifice for sins
<b>Numbers</b>	The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night
<b>Deuteronomy</b>	The Prophet like unto Moses
<b>Joshua</b>	The captain of our salvation
<b>Judges</b>	Our trusted prophet and deliverer judge
<b>Ruth</b>	Our kinsman-redeemer
<b>1 &amp; 2 Samuel, 1 &amp; 2 Kings, 1 &amp; 2 Chronicles</b>	Our great King
<b>Ezra</b>	
<b>Nehemiah</b>	Our restorer and rebuilders of the broken-down walls of personality
<b>Esther</b>	Our advocate, our Mordecai
<b>Job</b>	My Redeemer Who lives, the One to whom Satan must bow
<b>Psalms</b>	The LORD our Shepherd and our All in All
<b>Proverbs</b>	Our wisdom
<b>Ecclesiastes</b>	Our wisdom and reason for living
<b>Song of Solomon</b>	The One who's altogether lovely, the lover of our souls
<b>Isaiah</b>	The wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the Prince of Peace, the Messiah
<b>Jeremiah</b>	The master potter and righteous Branch
<b>Lamentations</b>	The weeping prophet
<b>Ezekiel</b>	The Son of Man
<b>Daniel</b>	The fourth man that goes through that furnace and the stone that crushes the idol statue
<b>Hosea</b>	The faithful husband, and healer of the backslider
<b>Joel</b>	The Holy Spirit, poured out upon all flesh; our restorer

<sup>3</sup> Primary source: the Bible itself and my own research. Background idea based in part on: Henrietta C. Mears, [What the Bible is All About](#); Larry Tomczak, "Geared for the times in which we live"; and Stephen Troxel, [Jesus from Genesis to Revelation](#).

<b>Amos</b>	Our burden-bearer and heavenly husbandman
<b>Obadiah</b>	Our savior and messenger unto the nations
<b>Jonah</b>	Our resurrection and life, our great foreign missionary
<b>Micah</b>	The ruler that's going to come from Bethlehem
<b>Nahum</b>	The avenger of God's elect and strongman in day of trouble
<b>Habakkuk</b>	The God of our salvation Who makes our feet like hind's feet to walk on high places
<b>Zephaniah</b>	The LORD thy God in the midst of us Who is mighty
<b>Haggai</b>	The restorer of God's lost heritage and desire of all nations
<b>Zechariah</b>	The righteous Branch who moves the mountain by His Spirit
<b>Malachi</b>	The sun of Righteousness that rises with healing in His wings
<b>Matthew</b>	Our promised Messiah
<b>Mark</b>	The servant of God
<b>Luke</b>	The Son of Man
<b>John</b>	The Son of God
<b>Acts</b>	The Holy Spirit and living Lord
<b>Romans</b>	Our righteousness and our justifier
<b>1 Corinthians</b>	Our foundation and our Lord
<b>2 Corinthians</b>	Our sufficiency, the God of all encouragement
<b>Galatians</b>	Our liberty and redeemer from the curse of the Law
<b>Ephesians</b>	The Head of the church which is His body; our all in all
<b>Philippians</b>	Our joy; the One who supplies all of our needs
<b>Colossians</b>	Our life; the One in Whom all the fullness of God dwells, Who holds all things together
<b>1 &amp; 2 Thessalonians</b>	The soon-coming King and returning Lord
<b>1 Timothy</b>	Our teacher
<b>2 Timothy</b>	Our example
<b>Titus</b>	Our faithful pastor and pattern
<b>Philemon</b>	Our Lord and Master, the blessed controller of all things
<b>Hebrews</b>	The One who upholds the universe with the word of His power
<b>James</b>	Our pattern and our healer
<b>1 &amp; 2 Peter</b>	Our Shepherd who's soon coming
<b>1, 2, &amp; 3 John</b>	Everlasting love
<b>1 Peter</b>	The coming Shepherd and the precious cornerstone of our faith
<b>2 Peter</b>	our strength

<b>1 John</b>	Everlasting love; our life
<b>2 John</b>	The truth
<b>3 John</b>	The way
<b>Jude</b>	Our keeper and coming Shepherd with ten thousand angels
<b>Revelation</b>	The first, the last, the living one; our triumphant, returning King

## Suggested Reading

Schank, Karl, 2024. *Jesus Saves ... but How?* available inexpensively as both papergack and Kindle eBook from Amazon.com (see also <https://kspubs.com/welcome/books/>)

Mears, Henrietta C., 2016. *What the Bible Is All About NIV: Bible Handbook*. Tyndale House Publishers. 832 pgs. ISBN: 978-1496416049. Henrietta Mears's Sunday School lessons for every book of the Bible. An excellent book, though at over 800 pages, not exactly short.

Troxel, Steve, 2013. *Jesus from Genesis to Revelation*. San Antonio, TX: Disciple Daily Publishing. ISBN: 978-0-9912151-1-9. <https://shepherdssupport.org/jesus-from-genesis-to-revelation/>