

How the Old Testament Shapes John's Gospel

John's gospel is firmly based in the narrative world of the Old Testament. But what does this look like and how does it work throughout the book? By looking at the ways that the Old Testament has shaped John's symbolic world, we start to see to what extent the Old Testament shapes the flow of the story and how this further demonstrates and supports John's stated purpose of the book.

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1) Introduction

- a) Main Thesis: The Old Testament provides the categories in which the glory of the Son of God is understood

2) First level: Talking about the Scriptures

- a) Jn 1:45
- b) Jn 2:17, 22

3) Second level: Citing the Scriptures

- a) The narrator citing Scripture
 - i) Jn 12:14
 - ii) Jn 12:38
- b) Jesus citing Scripture
 - i) Jn 13:18
 - ii) [Jn 15:25]
- c) The climax of the fulfillment

4) Third level: Scripture saturating John's language

- a) Jn 1:1
- b) Nicodemus
- c) Woman at the well
- d) etc.

5) Fourth level: Scripture structures the Gospel

- a) Numbering of the signs
- b) Number of signs given to Moses
- c) What to do if the signs do not convince?
- d) The sign of water and blood

6) Fifth level: The words of Jesus and the words of Scripture