

Christophanies In Genesis – Part 2 – 1/26/2023

Review: All OT appearances of God or the Lord are Christophanies

Definition: In a Christophany the Lord appeared in one location in an actual visible definite way. They are not permanent or lasting, but temporary to that moment of history. Christophanies are not an incarnation but a presentation. He appeared as a human or angel but did not become human or angel. He temporarily took the form but not the nature of a man or an angel.

Christophanies in Genesis: Continued

Genesis 16:6-14 - The Angel of the Lord rescues Hagar

The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness
So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her...

Presentation: The Lord as Comforter

Purpose: The Lord is gracious and merciful to the Covenant family

Genesis 17:1-14 - The Lord commands circumcision as the Covenant sign

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram

Presentation: The Lord as Covenant partner

Purpose: The Lord establishes Covenant obligations

Genesis 18:1-22 - The Lord eats with Abraham

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre

Three men were standing in front of him

He stood by them under the tree while they ate

Presentation: the Lord as Friend

Purpose: The Lord shares Covenant fellowship with Abraham

Genesis 18:23-33 - The Lord negotiates with Abraham

Abraham stood before LORD / Abraham drew near / LORD went his way

Presentation: The Lord as Negotiator

Purpose: The Lord involves His Covenant people in His decisions