

“WORD OF LIFE”

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44. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (24) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

23. A **Star** out of Jacob

Hymns: #210 / #112 / #39

✚ “In my heart I have treasured up Your word...” (Psa. 119:11)

[Type/Figure – the **Star** out of Jacob]

Num. 24:17 - I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near. There shall come forth a **Star out of Jacob**,
And a Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

[Fulfillment – His star]

Matt. 2:2 - Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His **star** at its rising and have come to worship Him.

✚ “...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, ...” (Isa. 11:9)

❖ The **Star** out of Jacob refers to **Christ**.

- The **Star** is the heavenly Christ, and the greatest **blessing** to the children of Israel is Christ.
 - As the **Star** and the Scepter, Christ will be the almighty One with all-inclusive power and authority.
- The **fulfillment** of this type of **Christ** is found in the word of the **magi** from the east (Matt. 2:2).
 - The **Jews** had the Scriptures concerning Christ and knew where He would be born (Matt. 2:4-6).
 - They had the **knowledge in letters** concerning Christ.
 - The star **did not** appear to any of the people of Israel.
 - The **magi** saw the star of Christ.
 - These learned men from the east received a **living vision** concerning Him.
 - The star was **shown to them**.
 - Eventually the **star** led them to the place where Christ was (Matt. 2:9-10).

✚ “And having gift that differ..., let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;” (Rom. 12:6)

✚ Although **Christ** is the **real Sun** (Mal. 4:2), He does not appear as the Sun during this age of night. Rather, He **shines** as a **star**. A **star** shines at night, but it indicates that day is coming.

- ✓ When Christ came the **first time**, He appeared **openly** as a **star**.
- ✓ But when He comes the **second time**, He will be the **morning star** (Rev. 2:28; 22:16) to us, who watch for His coming. To all others Christ will later appear as the **sun**.

✚ The **morning star** will be a reward to us overcomers. Christ’s being the bright **morning star** is related to the church and the rapture. The **morning star** appears before the darkest hour, prior to the dawn. The great tribulation will be this darkest time, after which the day of the kingdom will dawn.

- ✓ In the kingdom the Lord will appear **publicly** to His people as the **sun**,
- ✓ but **before** the **great tribulation** He will appear **privately** to His overcomers as the **morning star**.
- ✓ At His coming back Christ will be the **rising sun** to His people **generally**
- ✓ but the **morning star** to His **watching lovers** **particularly**.

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Hymn 210

- 1 I've found a friend in **Jesus**,
He's **everything** to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul;
The Apple-tree of trees,
in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse
and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort,
in trouble He's my stay,
He tells me every care on Him
to roll:
He's the Apple-tree of trees,
the Bright and **Morning Star**,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul.
- 2 He all my griefs has taken,
and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong
and mighty tower;
I've all for Him forsaken,
and all my idols torn
From my heart, and now
He keeps me by His power.
Though all the world forsake me,
and Satan tempt me sore,
Through **Jesus** I shall
safely reach the goal:
He's the Apple-tree of trees,
the Bright and **Morning Star**,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul.
- 3 He'll never, **never leave me**,
nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith
and **do His blessed will**;
A wall of fire about me,
I've nothing now to fear,
With His manna
He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory
to see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight
shall ever roll:
He's the Apple-tree of trees,
the Bright and **Morning Star**,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul.

Hymn 112

- 1 How sweet is the story
of **Christ's** boundless **love**,
That brought Him to suffer
from glory above!
He **died** in our stead
upon **Calvary's tree**,
Obtaining **redemption**
that we might be free.
- Chorus:**
Sound His praise! Sound His praise!
All the work has been done;
Praise His name! Praise His name!
Jesus, God's blessed Son.
We give Him the glory,
our **Savior** and **Friend**;
Our song is of **Jesus**
and never will end.
- 2 How wondrous the story!
the law's holy claims
Were met by the **blood**
which **redemption** proclaims.
The judgment of sin
has been borne by the **Son**,
Who glorified **God**
in the work He has done.
- 3 How brilliant the glory
where **Christ** is enthroned
How rightly His name
above others is owned!
Yes, **Jesus**, the **Savior**,
the glory-crowned **Lord**,
Is worthy by all to be ever adored.

Hymn 39

- 1 To **God** be the **glory**,
great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His **Son**,
Who **yielded His life**
our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.
- Chorus:**
Praise the **Lord**, praise the **Lord**,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the **Lord**, praise the **Lord**,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the **Father**,
through **Jesus** the **Son**,
And give Him the **glory**;
great things He hath done.
- 2 Oh, perfect **redemption**,
the **purchase of blood**,
To every believer
the promise of **God**;
The **vilest offender**
who truly believes,
That moment from **Jesus**
a **pardon receives**.
- 3 Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through **Jesus** the **Son**;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when **Jesus we see**.